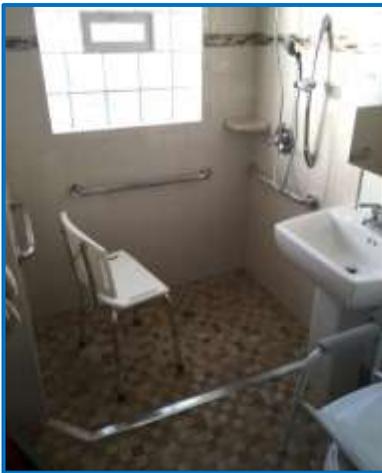


Background:

EHLS recently had the opportunity to help a United States Navy veteran and retired Chicago Firefighter. A longtime resident – he was in a nursing home because his home was not wheelchair accessible. We helped modify his house so he could come home!



Old bathroom with existing tub



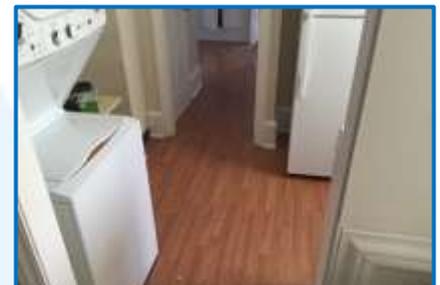
Wheelchair accessible shower with handheld showerhead and optional shower chair

Obstacles:

- **Entry:** Could not get in/out of the house in his wheelchair because of stairs
- **Bathroom:** Unsafe and he cannot bathe
- **Doorways:** Too narrow – will not allow wheelchair through
- **Laundry:** Not accessible to him - located in basement
- **Flooring:** Threadbare carpet and old flooring create wheelchair issues
- **Windows:** Deteriorated; unable to be opened and closed easily

Solutions:

- Create an accessible ramp entrance at the front door
- Remodel the master bedroom to create a fully accessible bathroom including a roll-in shower and widened doorway
- Widen bedroom doors for wheelchair access
- Furnish and install a stackable washer & dryer
- Remove carpet and replace with new flooring
- New windows throughout home



Washer / Dryer on 1st floor with new flooring. Widened bedroom door pictured below.

