



Volunteers review plans for repairing veteran's home in Orlando.

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Know of a Person/Family or Institution in Need?

Nominations for Operation Opening Doors may be submitted for review to AGC Charities Board of Directors. To nominate a person/family or institution, please contact Nahee Rosso at 703.837.5348 or rosson@agc. org, or visit the website at www.agccharities.org.



Volunteers stand outside the newly-renovated HUGS facility in Honolulu.



Industry leaders get a briefing on progress with the Las Vegas project.

Front Cover photo caption: *Top: Volunteers paving new wheelchair ramp for 16 year-old Ashlyn Rotta in Las Vegas. Bottom: Volunteers in Honolulu pave a new picnic area for a local charity helping families with sick children.*



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OPERATION OPENING DOORS







Volunteers in Orlando pave a new wheelchair ramp for an Orlando veteran.

ABOUT

Operation Opening Doors is a national program of AGC Charities, Inc., designed to provide remodeling services to those suffering from disabilities incurred through service to our country or unforeseen events.

Operation Opening Doors leverages the support and expertise of AGC chapters, members and partners, along with local communities, to help those in need achieve the highest possible level of independence and comfort in their daily lives.

From installing a wheelchair ramp and widening doorways to retrofitting an entire home or facility for handicap accessibility, Operation Opening Doors plays an important role in helping the disabled and their families maintain their quality of life.



A volunteer lays new tile in a newly-renovated handicap accessible bathroom for 16 year-old Ashlyn Rotta in Las Vegas.



Volunteers bring in supplies to renovate a disabled veteran's home in Orlando.

Renovations of Veterans' Homes

AGC Charities' first-ever national Operation Opening Doors event took place in Orlando on March 16, 2010. AGC member and student chapter volunteers, with the help of Turner Construction and several other AGC member companies, renovated the homes of two Orlando-area disabled veterans, installing handicap-accessible showers and toilets, tiling floors and painting.

A volunteer puts finishing touches on a new wheelchair ramp in Las Vegas.



Improving the Lives of Families with Disabled Children

Dozens of volunteer contractors renovated the home of a Las Vegas family whose 16-year old daughter is suffering from a rare form of epilepsy that is increasingly forcing her to be wheelchair bound. The contractors' volunteer efforts were supported by dozens of construction firms from around the country, who donated over \$10,000 to help purchase key construction supplies, including a new accessible shower, concrete, stucco, wood and drywall.



Helping those who Help Others

Contractors from across Oahu renovated the facility of a Honolulu-based charity group named HUGS that supports families with seriously ill children

free-of-charge. HUGS supports nearly 300 hundred local and military families across the state.

As part of the volunteer effort, contractors from dozens of local firms donated time and labor to renovate the facility including building new, more handicap-accessible play and picnic areas, widening doors, improving landscaping and



A student volunteer helps paint during the renovation of the HUGS facility in Honolulu.

making other improvements to make it easier for the group to serve families.

Future Projects

AGC Charities is always looking for great new projects. Please contact Nahee Rosso at 703-837-5348 or rosson@agc.org, or visit the website at www.agccharities.org for more information about the future projects or if you have a project you would like to nominate.



Student volunteers in Orlando renovated the homes of two disabled veterans.