

In March 2013, Summit Housing got a call from Gary Vierstra, an SSA in Hudson, regarding the living situation for 4 girls that all had I/O waivers and wanted to live in Hudson, Ohio. Their parents wanted to meet with Tom Jacobs to see if SHDC could provide the right living environment for their adult children. As you may know, Tom Jacobs is the Director of Summit Housing and has years of real estate and development experience. So Tom agreed to a meeting with the Summit DD SSA and 9 parents. After 2 such meetings, where Tom listened to the parents concerns and desires, he went to work. Tom reviewed all ranch homes in the Hudson housing market to see if any properties would meet the specific needs we were looking for.

Tom took the parents and SSA back to look at 2 properties that he felt had potential. Neither were the complete picture, but with Summit Housings vast experience in remodeling and building, we were confident we could make this a great home for everyone involved. Well, all parties agreed on a home in a nice neighborhood with over an acre and a half of land and close to town.

Then the Fun Started

Tom and SHDC staff went to work designing an addition that would include 900 additional square feet involving 2 additional bedrooms, a roll in shower ADA bathroom, along with a new extra wide hallway. In addition, Summit DD redecorated the existing home and removed a wall leading from the kitchen into the dinning area creating an open floorplan. SHDC installed numerous replacement windows, new carpet and updated cabinets in the kitchen.

Most Importantly

SHDC met with the Parents and the new tenants to pick out colors for the whole house and personalized colors for each particular bedroom. You see, we believe the clients will be much happier in a home they have some say in. In a place they helped to make what it is. A new home - A place to develop lasting friendships and in some cases, extended family. We want them to feel good about their new home.

Length of Project

From the first meeting to securing a property, building an addition, remodeling, new carpeting and moving the clients in was a grand total of 6 months. Kind of gives you an idea of what can be accomplished when someone has the right motivation..... Making a difference for your clients.

What This Means to You

Do you have clients that are ready to change their living situation? Do other SSA's share a common need in a similar area? Why not get together your clients and call Summit Housing to get the ball rolling? We will be happy to work with you to provide the living situation that can make a difference in peoples lives.

Call Tom Jacobs directly at 330-697-2164

*Referrals for residential placements in SHDC homes are made by service and support administrative coordinators and are subject to approval by the Service Utilization Department. Once approved for residential placement, we can go to work for you. Placements are determined based on availability, emergency need and/or waiting lists.

*Summit Housing attempts to secure housing for eligible individuals based on choice, need accessibility and location. Housing options must be developed in accordance with each individuals level of financial resources. Supported -Living or Medicaid-Waiver funds provide the support services (through certified providers) necessary to ensure health and safety in the homes.

...Home Highlight...



236 South Main Street, Hudson, OH 44236



Living Area—236 South Main Street, Hudson



Dining Area—236 South Main Street, Hudson