

## Reaching People with Disabilities through Healthy Communities

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### **This project has impacted my life because:**

Many years ago, I suffered a traumatic brain injury after a motorcycle accident. I now live independently and I use a power wheelchair. This project has impacted my life because now we have multiple power wheelchair charging stations in my hometown. This allows me to access my community whenever I desire without worry that my wheelchair battery will go dead. I am now included and feel like I belong to my community.

### **The most influential policy, system, or environmental change of this project to me was:**

The installation of multiple power wheelchair charging stations around town because it now gives me full access to my community.

### **As a result of this, I:**

I can leave my house and go to the store, go to yard sales, visit my friends, eat at local restaurants, and attend community functions. I can charge my wheelchair at two different locations along my normal routes and make it back home safely.

### **What was the emotional connection, self-efficacy, or “ah-ha” moment for this project?**

Because of this project, I no longer have to call a tow truck to come pick me and my chair up when my battery dies.

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