Easy Home Modifications

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS AND DEVICES THAT ARE AT LOW COST TO MODIFY YOUR HOME:

• **LEVER HANDLES** can replace round knob fixtures to help with individuals who have arthritis.

• **CLAPPER or REMOTE CONTROL** can be used to turn lights, television or stereo on or off. These devices are helpful for various disabilities.

• Install **AUDIO OR VISUAL ALARM SYSTEMS** for someone who has a hearing or vision loss.

• **TTY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM** is provided by some phone companies to help people who have communication difficulties or hearing loss.

• **REACHER** is handy to retrieve items up high or down on the floor. This is helpful for a person with a bad back, in a wheelchair or with arthritis.

• For **BATHROOM NEEDS**, one can use **PORTABLE COMMODES, GRAB BARS** by the toilet or bathtub and **BATHTUB SEATS**. Some of these items you can get on loan at a local **LOAN CLOSET**.

• **FRONT LOADER WASHING MACHINE AND DRYER** would be helpful if someone is in a wheelchair.

• **OUTSWING DOORS** are helpful for wheelchair access.

• Add **EXTRA LIGHT FIXTURES** for people who have vision loss.

• **BRAILLE OVERLAYS** for appliances are available from some manufacturers for people who have vision loss.

• Locate an **ALTERNATE EMERGENCY EXIT** that is safe for a person with a disability.

• For individuals who use a wheelchair and would like to be transferred to a couch or chair, it is best if the furniture is the same height as the wheelchair. If new furniture can not be purchased, you can place **BLOCKS OF WOOD** under furniture to give it more height.

• **MANY LOW COST MODIFICATIONS** can be used in your home for access and getting around your house.

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