



Hearts & Hammers

Ramirez Family Project Fall 2014

On June 24, Hearts & Hammers was pleased to announce that Ramon and Noemi Ramirez would be receiving our first home renovation of the year. The Ramirez's live in a split level home in the community of Pine Ridge in North East Calgary, and with the support of Hearts & Hammers will see their home made accessible.

In 2010 Ramon Ramirez was diagnosed with a disease so rare that it has not been given a formal name by the medical community in Canada. With symptoms similar to Parkinson's Disease, Ramon's condition over the past four years has degenerated to the point where it is very difficult for him to move and has rendered it nearly impossible for him to speak.

Noemi, Ramon's wife, has worked incredibly hard to preserve what she can of Ramon's way of life. Yet this task has become more difficult by the day as Ramon's condition worsens. Currently the Ramirez's have a part-time care giver to assist Noemi when she is at work. "I don't want to think about next week or a month," admitted Noemi. "We just do things one day at a time." Ramon's spirits have been greatly diminished by the ordeal of his disability. When asked by Dave Bonk, the founder of Hearts & Hammers, if the changes made to the Ramirez home would change their outlooks, Noemi responded with a resounding "Yes!"

"All the little things that can help will make it easier for Ramon," exclaimed Noemi. With your support, Hearts & Hammers plans to transform the lives of the Ramirez family. By installing ramps outside of the Ramirez home, and lifts inside, Noemi will no longer

have to carry Ramon herself when he needs to travel throughout their home or to his doctors.

We currently project that it could take as much as \$65,000 to fully transform the Ramirez home and to provide Ramon with the mobility – and dignity – he deserves. Hearts & Hammers is committed to improving the accessibility of the Ramirez home, and to providing Ramon with greater mobility. Your support of the Ramirez home renovation by Hearts & Hammers will mean transforming the lives of two very special people.

