



# Servants at Work Planned Giving

Consider making a lasting impact through planned giving—by naming SAWs in your will or designating a gift from a retirement account, you'll help bring freedom and life-changing accessibility to those in need for generations to come. Thank you for supporting this vital mission. For more information, please contact Tim Thurston at [tthurston@sawsramps.org](mailto:tthurston@sawsramps.org).

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# SAWs Connections

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## Happy Fall y'all...



Autumn is traditionally SAWs' busiest ramp building season. Many volunteers are back from vacations, kids and grandkids are back in school, and the weather is cooler. It is the perfect time to build a ramp!

We're incredibly grateful for the milestones we've achieved this year:

- Built our 4000th ramp in May
- Welcomed 10 new project managers to lead ramp builds
- Launched aluminum ramp installations for faster solutions
- Hosted our first-ever Ramp-a-thon, building 20+ ramps in one day and streaming it live on YouTube
- Partnered with 18 new corporations to expand our reach

I'm thrilled to announce that we've built 455 ramps so far this year, surpassing our 2024 goal

of 430—and setting a record for SAWs! This achievement highlights the dedication of our incredible volunteers and supporters.

Looking ahead, there's still important work to be done:

- Our waitlist continues to grow, and we need ongoing support to serve more individuals.
- We're expanding our project manager team and creating online training resources, including a construction manual for easy reference.
- We're hiring a Client Service Coordinator to advocate for new clients and reduce wait times.

It's a great time to be a part of the SAWs community. We will continue building ramps until the ground freezes, so you still have time to sign up for a build!

Your support powers our mission of freedom and accessibility. As we close out 2024, your end-of-year gift can bring life-changing access to individuals waiting for a ramp. Thank you for being the difference in so many lives

With a grateful heart,

**Tim Thurston**, Executive Director  
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Changing lives  
one ramp at a time



## SAWs Celebrates 4000th Ramp Milestone

SAWs has proudly completed its 4000th ramp for the Parry family in Pendleton, Indiana, built by Rehab Medical volunteers just days after our successful annual fundraiser. This ramp represents a significant step towards greater independence for Darlene Parry.

At the annual fundraiser at Plum Creek Golf Course, we raised \$55,223 to continue building ramps throughout Indiana. Scott Swan, our keynote speaker, shared his faith journey and the role of volunteering and service in faith. The silent auction was a big success, and thank you to the event committee volunteers and the National Charity League Zionsville for their support.



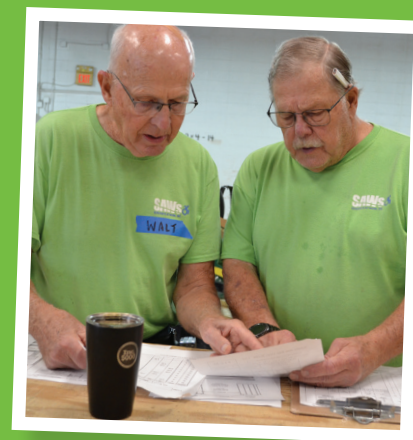
## ZUMC's Commitment to Accessibility

Zionsville United Methodist Church (ZUMC) has partnered with SAWs (Servants at Work) for their Advent project, raising \$38,124 to support the construction of 20 ramps in 2024. ZUMC volunteers have actively participated in ramp builds, both individually and as a team, successfully building several ramps that provide much-needed accessibility to their community members. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to ZUMC for their dedication and support.



## Crew Leadership

Our volunteer project managers at SAWs play a crucial role in coordinating and overseeing the construction of ramps for those with mobility challenges. In some regions, the lack of volunteer leadership poses the greatest hurdle to expanding our impact. To address this, we are launching upcoming volunteer leadership training sessions to empower new leaders. If you are interested, we would love to hear from you! Email [mpage@sawsramps.org](mailto:mpage@sawsramps.org) today.



## Building Accessible Paths

SAWs recently launched the "Building Accessible Paths" Giving Program, focused on enhancing accessibility and honoring the generosity of our supporters. This program celebrates the commitment of donors to our mission of building wheelchair ramps and creating inclusive communities. This summer, we hosted a series of virtual donor town halls, providing an exclusive opportunity for supporters to connect with our Executive Director and participate in a live Q&A session.



Additionally, Founders Club members who give at the \$10,000 level and above can contact us if they're interested in a ramp plaque to commemorate their support. **For more information, visit our website or email us at [admin@sawsramps.org](mailto:admin@sawsramps.org).**