

# Kyle Kuch Followup

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My new bedroom does not come with the cute nurses of Randall Children's Hospital but it is still great. I finally moved in on Sept. 2nd and spent the first night in my room with my cat Simba sleeping next to me.

## Publisher's Note:

Last month we featured two stories about Kyle Kuch, a young, local man who sustained quite serious injuries from being struck by a vehicle as he was crossing a Boones Ferry crosswalk and currently uses a wheelchair as a result. One story was an extremely heartfelt letter from his mother, Deborah, describing the events moments after his accident to the time he was released from the hospital last month. The other was about how local contractors, orchestrated by neighbor and local businessman Jay Malhi, rallied around the Kuch family to convert a downstairs space into an ADA compliant bedroom and bathroom, along with a ramp in the garage to assist Kyle getting in and out of his family home.

Kyle is now home and utilizing his new room and wanted to reach out to the people who helped in this process. The smile on his face says it all, but we are all glad to see that he is now home and hopefully recovering a little more each day.

I want to thank all those involved in making this ADA bedroom/bathroom suite possible. I was really happy to be able to stay in this house because I really love it. I can easily roll in to my new shower while on my shower chair and the bedroom is directly connected to the new bathroom. The suite is on the first floor, which is great, and it is right around the corner from the garage door. A long ramp was made inside the garage to get me and my wheelchair in and out of our house. The lights come on automatically when the door opens so it is really easy for me. When I am walking again in the future, I am sure my parents will want this bedroom, but I am not giving it up because it is too nice.

The past few months have been challenging for me and the events have definitely changed my life. I need help with just about everything and it takes much longer to get dressed. Through this experience I have learned to appreciate my friends and family more. I am grateful to live in a country where I can get the medical help I need along with equipment to make my daily living easier.

Thank you again to all involved with our house project and to those that have expressed concern and interest in my story.



**ABOVE:** Kyle thanking the community for its support and retrofitting his home to accommodate his wheelchair. **BELOW:** ADA compliant ramp, bathroom and bedroom

