

# RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Development Disabilities & Hospitals

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES





# Award Recipients of the Access to Independence Program



# HOME OWNERSHIP APPLICANTS

- BROOK GARON
- NATHAN O'ROARKE
- GUADALUPE FLORES

# BROOKE GARON

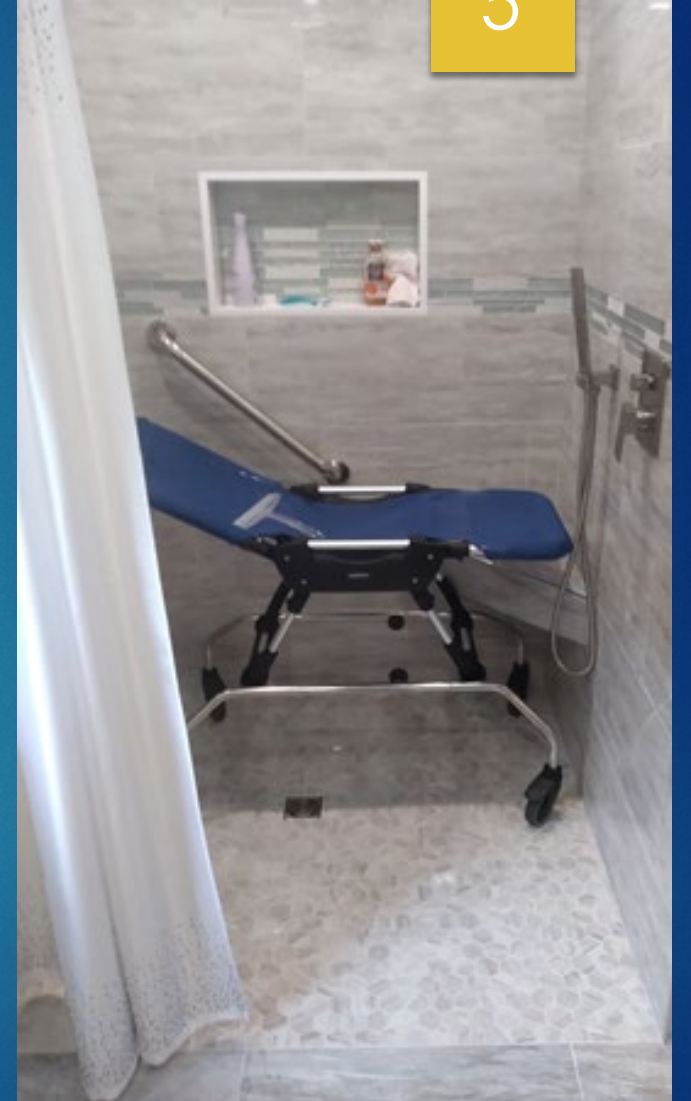


- Brooke lives with her parents in the family home in Cumberland.



# Brook Garon

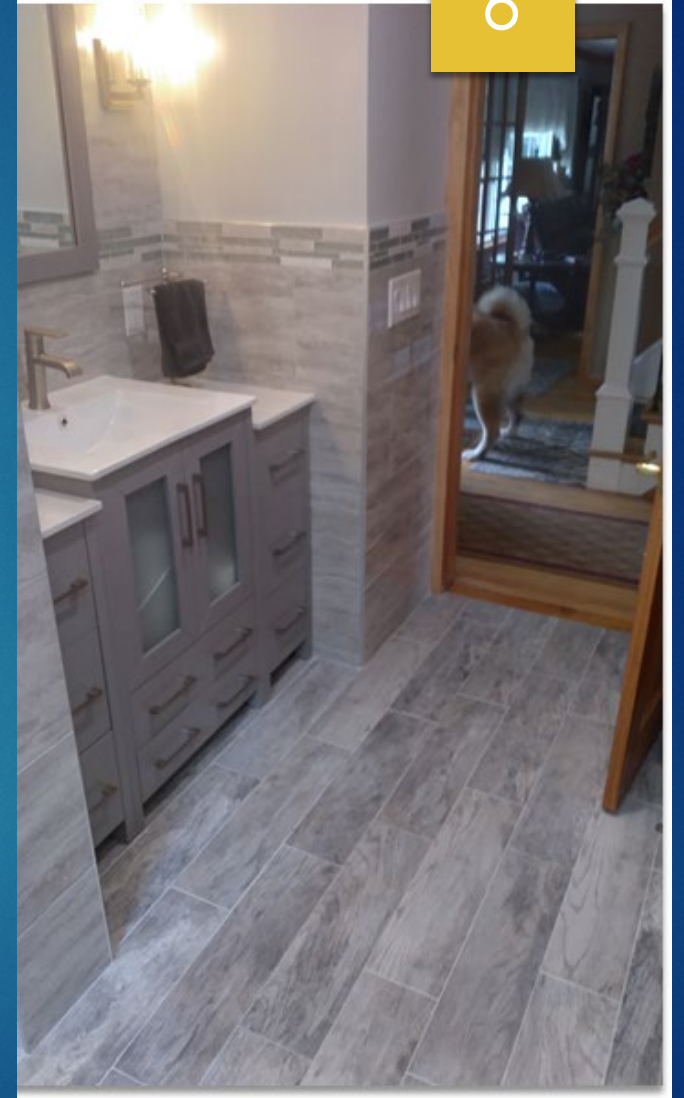
- ▶ The old bathroom was too small and the doorway was not wide enough to fit Brook's wheelchair.
- ▶ The Family decided to expand the bathroom by using half of a bedroom closet on the other side of the wall.
- ▶ The shower is now double in size and can easily accommodate the bathing chair.



## Brook Garon

The doorway was widened and a new floor was installed with a seamless transition to the hallway.

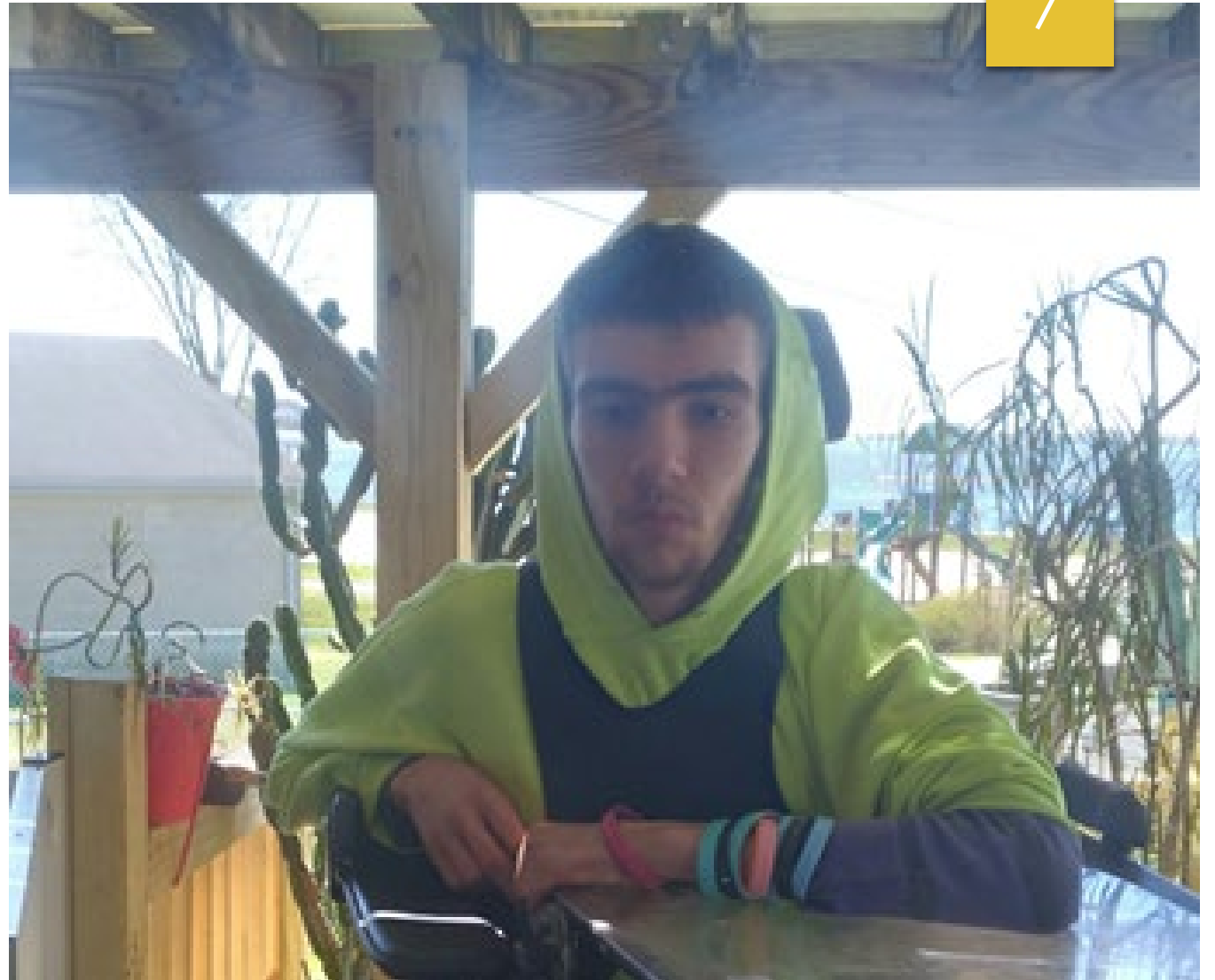
The whole family is very happy with the new accessible bathroom.



# Nathan O'Roarke



- ▶ Nathan O'Roarke has a traumatic brain injury and uses a wheelchair. He lives with his dad and brother in the family home in Riverside.
- ▶ Nathan needed equipment to help him access the community and a ceiling lift system to get into and out of his wheelchair.





A wheelchair ramp would not work for this home as there was not enough room in the front or side yard. The solution was to install a small deck off the back of the home and attach a Vertical Platform lift.





A ceiling lift was installed in the family room so Nathan could watch movies and play video games with his brother.

NATHAN'S FATHER BARRY WAS HIS FOSTER PARENT FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE ADOPTING BOTH NATHAN AND HIS BROTHER WHO ALSO HAS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

*"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING OUR LIVES MUCH EASIER AND NATE MUCH MORE INDEPENDENT."*

*-BARRY O'ROARKE*



# Guadalupe Flores



Guadalupe has Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair. She lives in her family home in Providence.

The family applied to the Access to Independence Program to Fund a roll-in shower and a ceiling lift system.





- The old bathroom was very small and not accessible, which made bathing Guadalupe very difficult.

Expanding the bathroom was not an option so the family decided to install a roll in shower in Guadalupe's bedroom.

A small sink was installed in the corner of the shower for brushing her teeth and washing her hands and face.

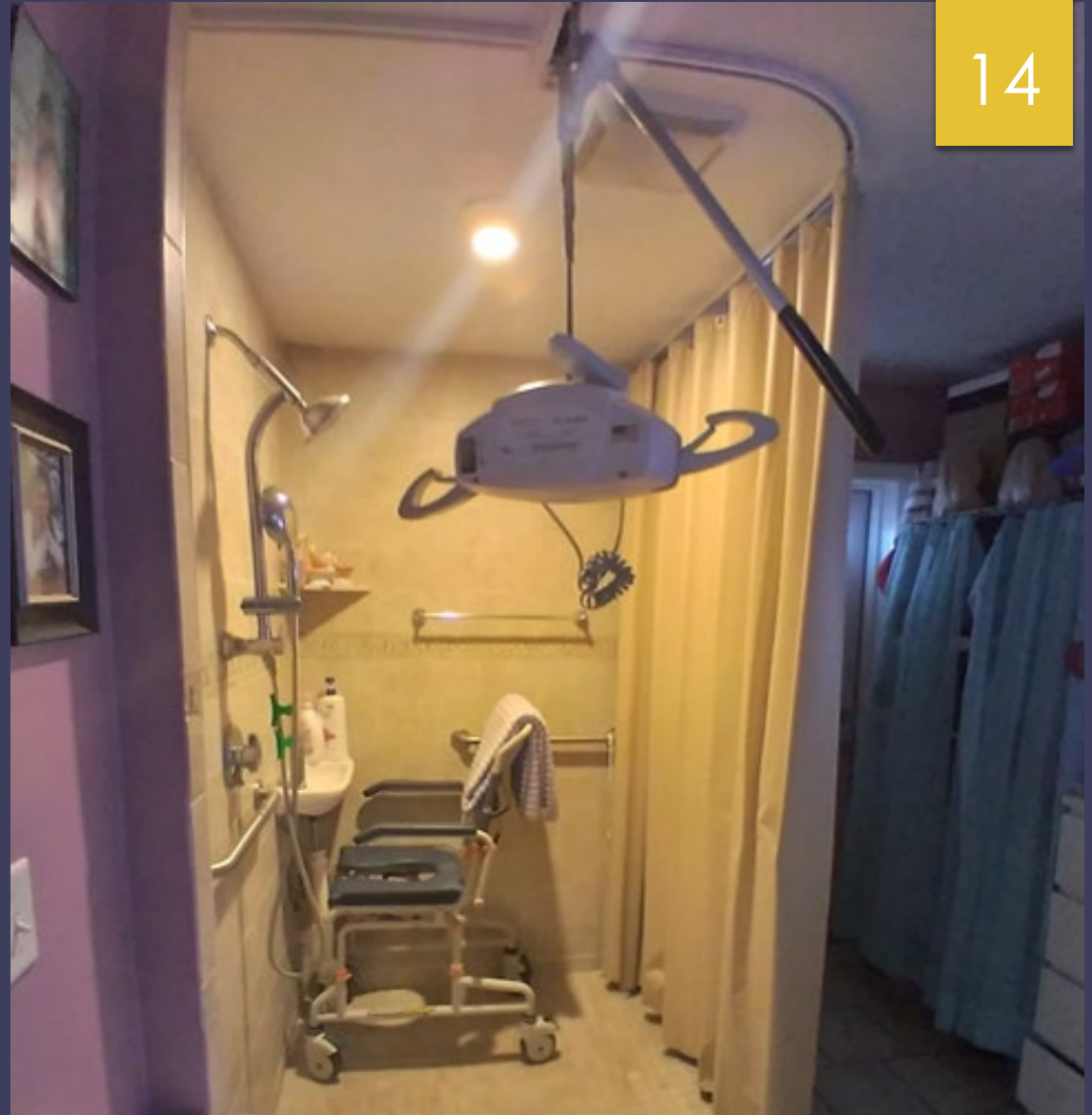




The floor was replaced with all tile and waterproofed with a sloped shower with a wide drain.



A ceiling lift was installed over the bed.



The track runs from the bed to the shower.



The home modification has been life changing for the whole family.





# RENTER APPLICANT

DANIEL BAPTISTA



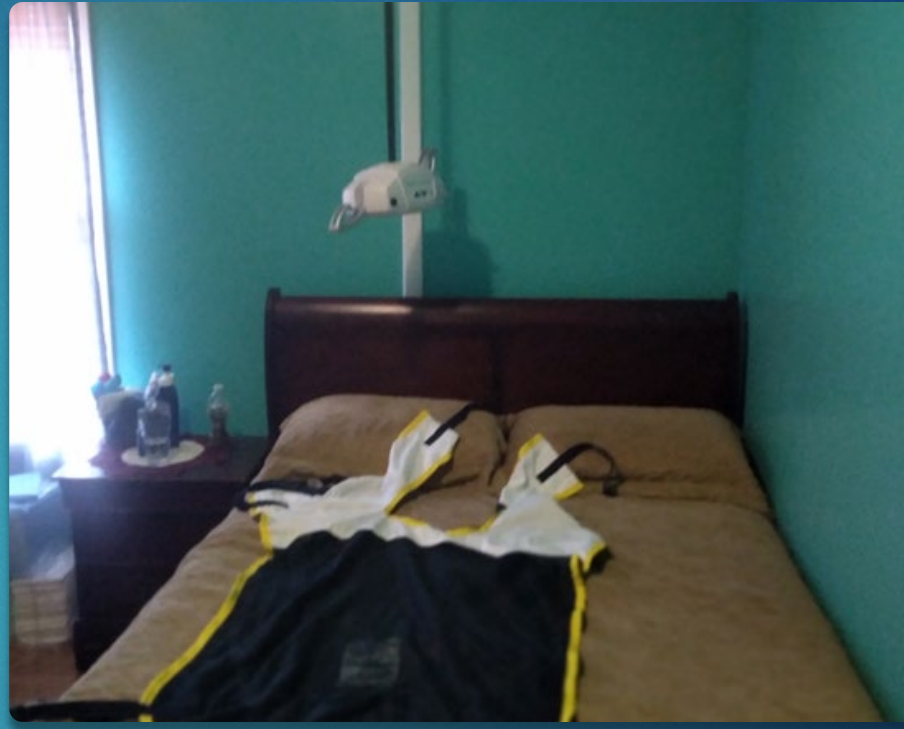
## DANIEL BAPTISTA



Daniel Baptista lives with his mother and sisters on the first floor in an apartment in Pawtucket.

Daniel uses a wheelchair and needed a ceiling lift system to get into and out of bed and a Vertical Platform lift to access the community.





BEFORE GETTING THE LIFT SYSTEM, DANIEL HAD TO BE LIFTED OUT OF BED BY HIS MOTHER AND HIS SISTERS.

DANIEL ALSO NEEDED A WAY TO ACCESS THE COMMUNITY AND GO TO DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS.

A ramp was not possible for the three family home with no front yard.



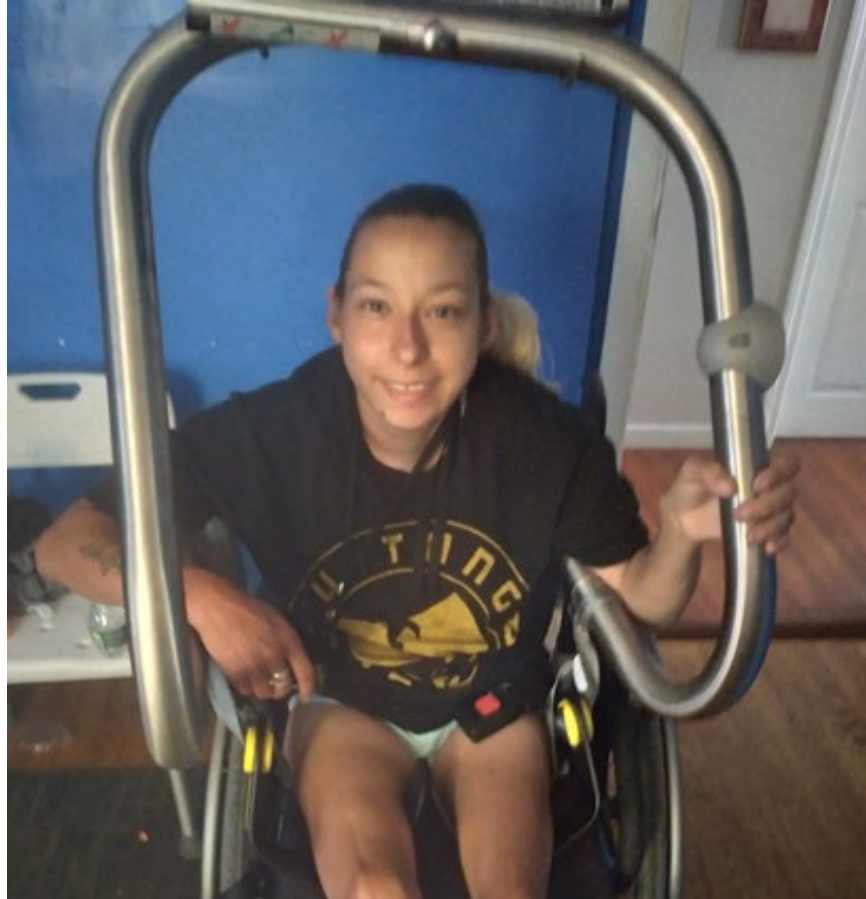
A new deck and vertical platform lift were installed.





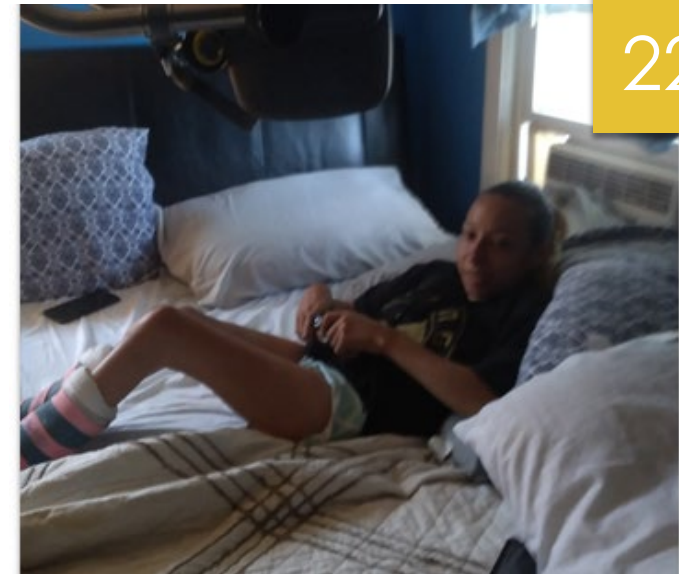
# SHARED LIVING ARRANGEMENT APPLICANT

DENISE FLYNN

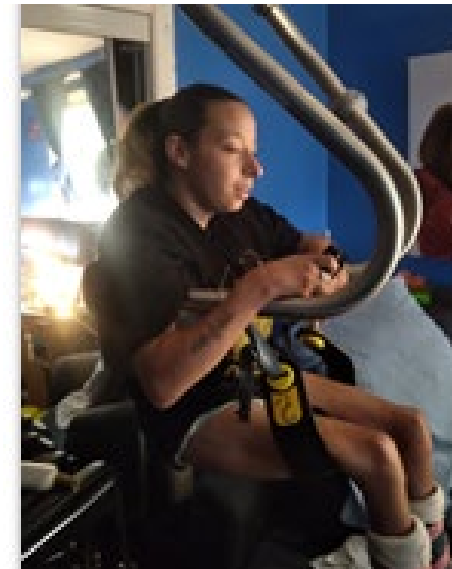


Denise lives in a Shared Living Arrangement (SLA). She has lived with the Santiago Family in Cranston for the past 3 years.

- Denise uses a wheelchair and needed a patient ceiling lift system to get into and out of bed.
- Denise is able to use the lift on her own providing her more independence. She doesn't have to wait for staff to get her out of her bed and into her wheelchair in the morning when she wakes up.



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A wheelchair ramp was installed on the side of the house next to the driveway. Denise is very happy to have to ramp to enjoy the outdoors.

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