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Good Things Happening

Teenager's wish comes true

Nancy and Joe Scott wanted their son Daniel's wish to come true. Jim Cutter from Cutter Construction in Cold Spring made it happen.

The 16-year-old wished for a special place, a sanctuary, where he could hang out with his friends. He wanted a room to rest and relax following long days at school and the treatments he underwent while fighting non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

A 475-square-foot space in the basement was the perfect spot.

The Scotts sent Daniel's wish to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Ohio in Cincinnati. The foundation sent letters and placed calls to local businesses that might be able to help.

Jim Cutter from Cutter Construction in Cold Spring received one of the letters. Following conversation with his co-workers, Cutter sponsored the entire project.

"Once we decided to get involved with this worthy cause, the guys in the company stepped up and the project took off," Cutter said.

After Cutter employees told others about the project, many of their suppliers and subcontractors expressed interest in getting involved too.

The project grew to include Moore's Home Improvement, Cincinnati Drywall, Jansen Insulation and Shelving, Northern Kentucky Electrical, Arronco HVAC, At Home Integrations, McSwain Flooring, Builders Cabinet Supply, Sherwin Williams Paint, Landrum Construction, and Lighting EFX.

With \$23,000 donated by Cutter and the additional donations, workmen built a 15-by-15 foot entertainment center and two closets, and installed recessed lighting, a ceiling fan, a built-in computer desk, oak handrails and a private entrance.

Daniel was aware that the project was taking place, but he was not allowed to see it until it was revealed Oct. 24.

When Daniel entered the room, he was shocked and pleased to see a plasma TV, DVD player and surround-sound system, his mother said.

"It was very touching to see his reaction," Cutter said. "It just makes you feel good being a part of something like that and knowing we could help. That's what we're supposed to do."



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Jim Cutter (left) headed up the effort to remodel Joe and Nancy Scott's Dry Ridge basement as an entertainment center for their son Daniel who has non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

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