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Builders aid Fort Thomas mom

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FORT THOMAS - Bobbi Davis Brock was diagnosed with degenerative disc disease about six years ago. Despite several surgeries, physical therapy and medications, it progressed to where she will never walk again, and must use a wheelchair.

To make her family's Fort Thomas home handicapped-accessible, friends, family and area businesses gathered last winter to raise money and get commitments from people to donate time.

This week, the \$150,000 construction project started.

The renovation and addition will take about four months. When completed, the entire first floor will be handicapped-accessible, including the kitchen and entrance to the home.

"We are so appreciative of everyone's generosity," Brock said.

"It's amazing to see our friends and family, Cutter Construction, the Home Builders Association and so many others come together to help our family," added her husband, Jimmy Brock.

A fundraiser in March raised nearly \$12,000. Area contractors and businesses heard about the situation and also decided to help.

"Originally, I thought our company could help the family renovate the existing home to allow Bobbi to navigate throughout the first floor and be a part of her children's daily lives," said Jim Cutter, owner of Cutter Construction.

"When I visited with her to see just how difficult that would be, I offered to put together a team of Northern Kentucky Home Builder members to build an addition and renovate the entire home so Bobbi and her family would not have to move. Although our industry is experiencing one of the worst corrections in history, we are surrounded by individuals that understand the need to help others."

The Brocks have two children in Fort Thomas Independent Schools.

Roughly \$35,000 is still needed for the project. Cash donations can be sent to Cutter Construction at 4905 Holtz Drive, Cold Spring, KY 41076. Those wanting to volunteer on the project or donate materials can call Cutter at 859-781-6924.