

Because of You Mary Alice can go out.

Mary Alice is wheel chair bound because of a serious car accident. She lives in a small house and can manage fine. She can scoot around like a rocket from room to room, cook, use the washer dryer. In other words, she could do all the things you do in a home.

But she couldn't go out. She wasn't able to get up or down the three steps leading to her front door. Her neighbors and friends helped her now and again to get outside. She loved that and drove her wheel chair around town with a big smile on her face. She was free.

One day when she was out she met a Kiwanis member named Al and they got talking about her problem. When she went home she thought no more about it.

Two days later Al and a number of Kiwanis members showed up at her home with a group of teenagers and lumber and tools.

"These are members of the Kiwanis Youth in Action program," Al told her, "and they're here to build a ramp from your door so that you can use your wheelchair to come and go."

Mary Alice said, "I can't afford that."

Al told her that Kiwanis would build it at no cost to her.

Well Al and the kids got to work and in three days finished the ramp.

They all gathered to watch Mary Alice make her first trip down the ramp and clapped and cheered. Mary Alice just cried with joy. She invited the crew in for some cherry pies that she had baked.

People and businesses like you provided the money so that Kiwanis could do this for Mary Alice.

Kiwanis Youth in Action completes many projects like this for people who can not afford to pay for them or are not able to do it themselves. These projects include painting homes, doing repairs, cleaning up yards for individual and cleaning up spoil islands in the lagoon as a service for the community.

While helping the Vero Beach community these projects teach the teenagers civic and social skills and groom them to be responsible citizens and valuable additions to the city of Vero Beach.