

Reaching People with Disabilities through Healthy Communities

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This project has impacted my life because:

This project has impacted my life because it now gives me a better sense of belonging to my community. One of the most scary things about being in a power wheelchair is being stuck somewhere because my chair battery died and nobody is around to help.

The most influential policy, system, or environmental change of this project to me was:

The most influential project change to me was the placement of power wheelchair charging stations throughout the community. Because of these new charging stations, I am now somewhat close to where I can charge my battery when I am out and about.

As a result of this, I/we:

As a result of this, I can now spend a whole day out and about with my family and not have to worry about all of us having to go home early because my chair's batteries are old and may not carry a charge for the entire day. I no longer feel like I am an inconvenience for others.

What was the emotional connection, self-efficacy, or "ah-ha" moment for this project?

I no longer have to worry when I am by myself or with others in my community. The power wheelchair charging stations give me comfort that I am never too far away from a charge when I need one. The presence of these stations makes me feel more included in my community.

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