

# Just one example of your Duck Race dollars at work

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Christmas came early for Cheryl Delare when she answered her door the first week in December and heard Vince Brown, Habitat's project foreman say "I am here to build your ramp." Delare said, "I couldn't believe it." Williamston service organizations Habitat for Humanity of Williamston, **Williamston Sunrise Rotary** and **Williamston Lions Club** all joined together to make this project happen.



Delare, who was diagnosed with MS in 2001, was told this summer during a hospital stay she would need to get a ramp built because the progression of the disease was causing some balance problems and weakness making it difficult to walk on her own. Delare said, "When I was in the hospital they were working on finding someone to build me a ramp and the funding for a ramp. Well we didn't really find any funding so no ramp was built."

When Williamston Sunrise Rotary and the Williamston Lions heard lack of funding had put the ramp project on hold, they split the cost for the materials. Rotary then notified Habitat for Humanity that funding was in place so they could get the project scheduled. Williamston Sunrise Rotary also supplied volunteer labor from Bill Baughan, Jim Conroy, Merlin Hopkins, Mark Steinberg, Elgar Brown, Fred Campbell and Rodney Ray.

As the disease progressed Delare had had to move in with her mother, Mrs. Westmoreland, here in Williamston a few years ago. Delare said, "On days like today I was having a really bad morning, my legs were wobbly and I was having trouble standing up and so my friend went and got my wheel chair because I had things I had to do today and it made all the difference in the world that I could leave right out the door in the wheel chair and go up and down the ramp."

Delare said "I am so grateful to Habitat for Humanity, Williamston Sunrise Rotary and the Williamston Lions Club. I would like to thank them very much; they cannot understand what this means to me, this is the most wonderful Christmas gift."