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Christmas Wishes Do Come True

Room makeover lifts spirits of homesick Cadillac woman

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CADILLAC — A 71-year-old Cadillac woman can't stop talking about her new living quarters thanks to a wish submitted by her sister.

Paula Dewey said her sister, Maggie Crawford, recently had to move from her apartment into her youngest sister's home.

The move was made due to health issues that Maggie has been dealing with; because of some of the particulars of the situation, she wasn't able to bring all her possessions with her.

"She had to pretty much leave everything behind," Dewey said. "She's always been proud to live on her own, so she's

been upset and depressed about it. She was very upset to leave her apartment that she lived in for 16 years ... It's been a rough couple of years."

All her life, Maggie has helped people and taken care of children, Dewey said.

"She's the sweetest most genuine person," said Dewey, who knew about the Cadillac News Believe ...



Maggie Crawford stands in her renovated room next to Ben Banks and Robb Vancil, with Cadillac Area Habitat for Humanity. Banks and Vancil did the majority of renovation work.

Christmas Wishes Do Come True campaign and nominated her sister for a room makeover.

"The room she's staying in at my sister's house could use a freshen up," Dewey said. "I felt like maybe if

she had her room redone, it would make her feel like it's more her place."

Dewey's wish was for new carpet, paint and blinds in Maggie's room.

Cadillac Area Habitat for Humanity granted Dewey's wish ... and more.

Maggie's room was repainted; the old flooring was pulled up and new carpet tiles installed; and Habitat was able to fill the room

with new furniture, including a bed and two dressers.

In addition, the room was furnished with new blankets, pillows, a lamp and curtains for the windows.

ReStore Manager Ben Banks said given how much the community supports Habitat for Humanity's mission, they enjoy giving back whenever they can.

"We feel fortunate to be able to help out and spread some cheer over the holidays," Banks said. "We deal in smiles at the ReStore and everyone can use an extra reason to smile during the holidays ... We're really happy to be able to do this."

Dewey said Maggie talks about the makeover all the time.

"She crowing about it to everyone," Dewey said. "She's very happy about it."

Maggie told the Cadillac News she's thrilled with how the room turned out and really appreciates the gesture.

"It's beautiful the way they decorated it," said Maggie, who already has made the room her own with pictures of family members and Jesus above her bed.

"I'd like to say, 'Merry Christmas and thank you very much.' Thank you guys for giving me a beautiful Christmas gift."

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As we pause to reflect on our year, we can't help but be moved by the goodwill and generosity of this community. We feel blessed to have friends and neighbors like all of you, and we thank you for giving us so much to celebrate.

With a prayer for peace and gratitude in our hearts, glory to God and Merry Christmas to all!



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