



Man fixes ramp, restores freedom

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (WIVB) - Western New Yorkers are coming together, to help a man with disabilities. His wheelchair was damaged in a car crash, and now a man is offering the victim help and hope.

He thought he lost his freedom, but after our original story aired Heliberto Sanchez's life is starting to get back to how it used to be. Double amputee Heliberto is getting his independence back.

Over the weekend Sanchez's wheelchair ramp was nearly destroyed when a car slammed into it and then into the home next-door. Sanchez says he thought he lost his freedom.

Heliberto said, "I'd probably have to have somebody help me up and down the stairs constantly."

Sanchez lost his legs following complications from a car accident back in 1995. He's been through a lot and didn't know what to do, but his worries quickly went away.

First a construction worker made some temporary repairs, then Heliberto says, "A gentleman Greg Stone from Amramp came through and called Channel 4 and said he was more than willing to help."

Stone says, "After seeing Mr. Sanchez's situation, I felt it was the right thing to do."

Greg Stone is a local AmRamp franchise owner. He saw our story on WIVB.com and called us, because he wanted to fix the ramp for free. He says it will be a permanent fix for the ramp.

Stone said, "Mr. Sanchez doesn't have insurance and he says replacing this ramp himself would have cost him around \$6,000."

Now he won't have to pay a penny to fix it. Monday he got to meet and thank the man who began making the repairs on Monday at his Clinton Street home in Buffalo.

Heliberto said, "Thank you very much, greatly appreciated, greatly appreciated."

Stone said, "It's one of the joys, one of the reasons I got into the business."

Heliberto said, "Thank you Channel 4 for airing it, greatly appreciated."

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