

RESTORING INDEPENDENCE WITH A BARRIER-FREE SHOWER



Access Elevator, Inc.

The Challenge

After moving into her new condominium, Shannon discovered that the existing bathroom was not accessible for her daily needs. As a full-time power wheelchair user, she had been living with a challenging shower situation since moving into her home the previous October. The traditional shower threshold prevented her from entering the shower in her wheeled rehabilitation shower/commode chair, making independent bathing impossible, and requiring alternative arrangements for personal care.

The homeowner wanted a permanent solution that would restore her independence while maintaining the beauty and value of her new home. The remodel required a fully accessible, barrier-free shower that would provide seamless entry, maximize safety, and accommodate her wheeled shower chair without compromising comfort or aesthetics.

The Bestbath Solution

To bring the project to life, Shannon partnered with Access Elevator, Inc., a trusted accessibility contractor specializing in home modifications that promote independence and aging in place. Working closely with the homeowner, Access Elevator Inc. installed a Bestbath barrier-free shower system.

The Bestbath shower features a true barrier-free entry, allowing smooth, unobstructed access with a wheeled rehabilitation shower/commode chair. Durable composite construction, grout-free walls, and a slip-resistant shower base provide a bathing environment that is both safe and easy to maintain. Factory-built quality ensured precise fit and finish, while reinforced walls allow for secure grab bar installation to meet the homeowner's current and future accessibility needs.

Together, Access Elevator Inc.'s installation expertise and Bestbath's engineered shower system transformed an inaccessible bathroom into a space that supports independence, dignity, and everyday confidence.

The Results

The completed remodel dramatically improved the homeowner's quality of life by restoring safe, independent access to her shower for the first time since moving into her condominium. With the barrier-free entry, she can now roll directly into the shower using her wheeled rehabilitation shower/commode chair, eliminating the obstacle that had previously prevented her from bathing independently.

Beyond accessibility, the new shower provides a clean, contemporary appearance with durable, grout-free surfaces that require minimal maintenance. Slip-resistant flooring enhances safety during transfers, while the reinforced walls provide added security and flexibility for grab bars and other accessibility accessories. The result is a bathroom that not only meets the homeowner's mobility needs today but is designed to continue supporting her independence for years to come.

The Homeowner Perspective

"Having a shower I can finally access has made an incredible difference in my daily life. I can shower independently again, and that has given me back a level of freedom and confidence I had been missing since moving into my home. The finished bathroom is beautiful, functional, and truly designed around my needs."