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Volunteers Helping Crash Victim Come Home

Pollock Pines Pulls Together To Help Drowsy-Driving Accident Victim

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POLLOCK PINES, Calif. -- The victim of a drowsy driving accident will get some of his independence back thanks to the work of volunteers in his hometown.

Michael Misch, 27, was critically injured in Folsom more than a year ago, when his friend fell asleep at the wheel. He lives at a nursing home but wants to come home.

His mother, Valerie, asked the El Dorado County Builders Exchange to help knock out a wall and add a disabled bathroom to their home. The group took it further, planning a 900-square-foot addition, including a living room, sitting room, bedroom and bath for Michael.

"He was just an innocent victim in this," designer Marilyn Hicks said. "And for people, it pulls at their heart strings, and it's like, 'What can I do to help?'"

All the building materials and work are being donated. Pacific Gas and Electric is cutting down three, 100-foot-plus trees so builders can move the septic system to make room for Michael's addition.

For now, Michael has a model to look at.

"He just loves looking at it, imagining himself going in the front door himself, turning the lights on and off, take a shower, be way more independent than he is now," his mother said. The builders hope to get the permit by month's end and start working. The project will take to three to four months, and they hope to have Michael moving in by summer.

Caringbridge website (online journal of Michael's 20 month journey)

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelmischsayadoff>

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