

Jim Marchion served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. When he retired to his hometown of Danville, he wanted to continue to serve by volunteering. That's when he heard about OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center's "Faith in Action" program.

Launched in 1994, the program mobilizes volunteers to help seniors remain independent in their home. From raking leaves to delivering food baskets, Marchion was immediately hooked by the opportunity.

Five years later, he found himself on the receiving end of Faith in Action. On Jan. 29, 2017—Marchion's birthday—he suffered a stroke. Fellow volunteers stepped in to help, installing a custom ramp so he could recover at home.

Marchion is one of nearly 20 seniors who benefited from a new ramp in 2017. Since Faith in Action began building ramps in 2001, volunteers have helped more than 250 seniors age in place. Among them is a 95-year-old veteran who served during World War II.

For Marchion, the ramp represents freedom to pursue his passions. Less than a year after his stroke, he's back to volunteering for Faith in Action, helping others like him.

OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center spent \$158,078 on program in 2016, primarily through staff, donated supplies and in-kind support.

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