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New Transitional Home Awaits Tenants

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Las Trampas Incorporated, the non-profit supporting people with developmental disabilities in Lafayette since 1958, is putting the

final touches on a completely remodeled home located in downtown Lafayette. It was designed and specially outfitted to allow some of the

young adults who are served by the organization to achieve independence. Building to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) specifications

and employing elements of what is now called Universal Design – creating environments that are usable by all people – gives a feel of spaciousness and normalcy to the home.

“This project was made possible by a Community Development Block Grant from the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development,” says Bonnie Peacock, the Development Director at Las Trampas. The non-profit got \$165,000 to remodel the property they owned but that was completely inadequate for disabled adults to live in independently. The entire inside space was redone within their budget and features four bedrooms and two baths.

“Some of the counters are lower than is the custom,” says Las Trampas Associate Executive Director Ron Kilgore, “and that height is quite convenient for anyone prepping food, independent of their posture. Some of the drawer block units are on wheels and can be removed to either allow someone in a wheelchair to get closer, or to create a separate island.” There is also space under the sink that allows for easy wheelchair access.



Dan Hogue demonstrates the shower in Las Trampas' newly remodeled home.

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