

Make It Home Projects – Fast Facts

What is Make It Home?

Make It Home is a resident-centered initiative under DDM's LEAP Program focused on making our DDM homes comfortable, functional, and joyful places to live, because home is where our residents spend most of their time.

How It Works

- Scan our Make It Home page to view each DDM residential home.
- Click into individual homes to see their specific wish list items.
- Item selection works like a *gift registry*: once an item is chosen, it is removed to prevent duplication.

Every Home Is Different

- Each home has unique wants and needs; no two wish lists are exactly the same.
- Items reflect the personalities, preferences, and daily rhythms of the residents who live there

Resident-Driven & Staff-Informed

- Residents were surveyed directly to share what would make their homes feel more *like home*.
- Staff members also provided input to identify practical needs that support safety, comfort, and quality of life.
- This ensures items reflect both resident desires and real-world functionality.

Why These Items Matter

- Our residents spend a significant amount of their time at home.
- These items are *not frivolous* as they support dignity, comfort, independence, and joy in everyday living.

Thoughtful Stewardship of Your Gift

- When you select an item to fund, your gift is used **specifically for that item**.
- DDM is committed to being good stewards of generously given funds.
- We prioritize high-quality, budget-conscious items so they last.

Impact You Can See

- Donors will receive meaningful photos showing residents enjoying their new items.
- Your generosity directly translates into visible, tangible impact in our homes.

Make It Home is about more than items, it's about creating spaces where our residents feel safe, valued, and truly at home.