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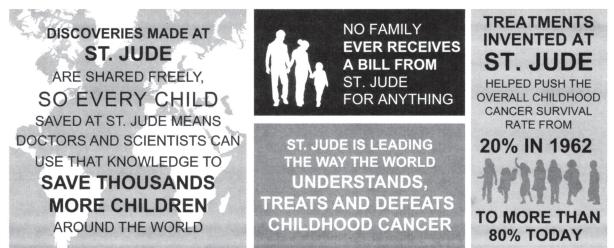


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## FRUITPORT COMMUNITY **CHURCH CONTINUES RAMP** MISSION

submitted by Ron Stroup

Since 2021, Fruitport Congregational Church has been installing, free of charge, portable aluminum ramps for people of this area. The church installs and leaves the ramp onsite for as long as the individual needs it. When no longer needed, the church will remove it and install it in another location.

To qualify, a person must be unable to obtain a rampthrough a government insurance (VA), or their private insurance. The church has an application form to fill out and, if qualified, measurements are taken and a date is set for installation. In 2022 a total of 12 ramps were installed, despite cost increases, thanks to critical donations from the Lions Club and church members.

New Creations in Christ had already shown their commitment to the local community, and their merger with Fruitport Congregational provides even more opportunity for them to serve by supporting this mission. Unified, as Fruitport Community Church, they begin the 2023 season charged with renewed enthusiasm for this critical mission. A stronger financial base, along with a larger team of volunteers gives this endeavor a huge boost!

If you know of anyone in this area in need of a ramp, or would like to make a donation, please call Fruitport Community Church (located on the corner of Park and Eighth) at 231-865-3551.









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Richard Riekse, a Fruitport Troop 1023 Eagle Scout, Fruitport K-12 graduate, and member of the Michigan Army National Guard, earned the U.S. Army Air Assault Badge in April 2023. The intensive course consisted in part of timed 2 & 4 mile runs, a rope climb, an obstacle course, several hands-on and written tests, repelling, a 6mile full rucksack march in one-and-a-half hours, and a final 12 mile / 3 hour full rucksack march starting at 3 AM. Richard is in his third year at Michigan State University in Lansing pursuing a Geo Physic Major with a Russian miner. He is also one of our elected Fruitport Township Parks Commissioners.

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