

# Community Pulls Together for a New Deck

Nevada resident able to stay independent thanks to home improvement donation



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— Nevada Resident



Having a deck is an essential part of welcoming guests and enjoying warmer weather in Iowa, but more than that, it’s necessary for safely entering a home. So when Outreach Specialist Christina Gallup visited the home of a Nevada resident and noticed a deck in disrepair, she decided to take action!

“Our Outreach Program pulls together community resources to help seniors stay in their homes as long as possible,” said Shala Harsh, Director of Outreach. “Christina was proactive and called up the American General Contractor (AGC) group at Iowa State to see if they would help an older adult in need.”

AGC was happy to lend a hand. After inspecting the deck, the students determined the materials needed for a new deck. Christina then called Erik Munn, president of Munn Lumber. Erik enthusiastically supplied the lumber and building materials.

“I wanted to support this project from the beginning,” Munn said. “I appreciate the work that Heartland provides to the community. When I knew a senior of Story County needed help I wanted to meet her need.”



Above: Blake Gethmann and Dan Carlson, members of ISU AGC group coordinated building the deck.

So on a sunny Saturday in March, nine ISU students drove to Nevada and replaced the rotted support beams. The Outreach client was overjoyed with how the deck turned out. Grateful for the generosity of the students and Munn Lumber, she said, “Without their help and donations, I may not have been able to stay in this home much longer. You can’t imagine how much I appreciate this.”

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## THIS DECK

by the Numbers...

**35** pieces of donated lumber

**26** donated nail joist hangers

**9** ISU - AGC college students

**8** Hours

**4** Pizzas (to feed the volunteers!)

**1** very happy Story County resident

# Heartland Adult Day Center: The “Treasure of Ames”



Royce and Mimi Cornell enjoying lunch together at HSS

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— Mimi Cornell

For Mimi and Royce Cornell, marriage has been a wonderful partnership. Their story starts in the fifth grade at Gilbert Elementary, when Royce was the new kid. Now, after nearly 70 years of marriage, the Cornells are enjoying their golden years, back in their hometown area.

Today, their partnership is aided by the caring community at Heartland’s Adult Day Center. With Royce attending four

days a week, Mimi says, “He always loves going, and he says he has a wonderful time each day. I never worry about Royce while he is there, and it allows me to get the things done that I need to do. He is happy when he comes home, that is what matters.”

Mimi feels such gratitude for the intensely personal care the staff provides. “It only changed our lives! When a good friend

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