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**AccessAbilities
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Specialized Home Design, Inc. recently created a [blog](#). We will be periodically updating the blog on the day-to-day happenings of Specialized Home Design, Inc., new information about the **CHER®** (Comprehensive Home Evaluation Report), and much more!

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We at Specialized Home Design, Inc. hope you had a very joyous holiday season and we would like to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous new year.



We would also like to thank our

and check often for updates!

SPECIAL OFFER FOR STUDENTS and PROFESSORS!

The CHER is a great tool for teaching universal and accessible home design. If you are a professor at a college or university, ask us how you can incorporate the use of the CHER for your students. If you are a student, why not talk to your professors about using this innovative tool in your program. It is free! Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Are you interested in "Getting into Universal and Accessible Home Design"?

[Specialized Home Design, Inc.](#) (SHD) is excited to offer a one-on-one training course for those interested in becoming home modification coordinators and getting into universal and accessible home design. Scott Anderle, PT, CAPS, offers personal guidance and instruction on how to start and set up your own company, and/or set up a new division within your existing company. His years of practical work experience and knowledge in universal and accessible home design will allow you the

readers for their continued input in our monthly AccessAbilities newsletters sent out each month. We appreciate all of your ideas and insight and will strive to continue in giving our readers quality information on universal and accessible home design. For the first newsletter of the new year, we would like to focus on the garage area of the home environment.

The Garage

The garage is an area of the home that does not always get the attention it deserves. Most people think of the garage as just a place to keep our cars/trucks and store stuff we don't know what else to do with. However, the garage can be so much more than that. This article will highlight some great ideas for the garage area of the home environment.

Leviton Manufacturing (www.leviton.com) is North America's leading manufacturer of electrical wiring devices, data center connectivity solutions and lighting energy management systems. Figure 1 displays a small sampling of Leviton's residential lighting controls switches. Many options and

information necessary to make informed business decisions and proceed down the pathway of success. Below are testimonials of individuals who have taken this course.

TESTIMONIALS:

"I recently took the 'Getting into Universal and Accessible Home Design' course provided by Scott Anderle, PT, CAPS. This course was provided by telephone, in the comfort of my own home, along with a Power Point CD and manual which were sent to me in advance. As a Certified Prosthetist and Orthotist for many years, I had always worked for someone else. Scott shared his knowledge and experience with me and provided the foundation to start my own Accessibility consulting business." - Dennis Lafferty

"The three hour phone conference seminar offered advantages not possible in a large class/lecture type venue. It allowed me to engage in one on one dialog, ask questions in an ongoing manner, steer the seminar towards those goals that may work best for me, move at my own pace, and take advantage of real time integration of computer based and web based instruction including the CHER program so that I had a thorough understanding of each concept before progressing to the next. The seminar helped me

styles are available for lighted wall switches, such as: knob style, slider style, rocker switch, etc.

These switches can be applied to the operation of the lights switch, and /or to the operation of the garage door opener. The lighted features of these switches make it easier to find in the dark - perfect for those with lower vision or those that have a hard time adjusting their eyes to the dark. Those that have difficulties with fine motor control skills may find these switches easier to utilize as well.



Figure 1

One area that is appropriate for the garage section of the home is a "wipe-down station". A wipe-down station is intended to be used to clean debris (i.e. ice, snow, dirt, etc.) off the wheels of a wheelchair. One must be very careful if utilizing an electric wheelchair, secondary to electrical components. Always check with the medical team / durable medical equipment supplier of the wheelchair for recommendations. Often, many homeowners that use a wheelchair have placed their wipe-down station near the doorway that enters their home, so the wheelchair picks up as little of dirt as possible and doesn't track it into

to clearly understand the difference between being a home modification coordinator vs. evaluator so that I knew exactly which direction would work best for me. Once I felt comfortable with choosing a pathway, the focused attention continued with walking me through steps of developing a business model and marketing and integrating the CHER application. I gained so much confidence after completing this seminar that only two months later I am forming a business entity model and I am gearing up for my first client!" - Hazem M. Osman

"I think it's critical for a new person entering the field to have direct 1:1 contact for 3 hours with an expert in the field. I wish I had tape recorded it. Scott has so much knowledge and experience and he's very good at taking his time to explain everything clearly and in a way that makes sense. While there was a ton of useful info, I never felt like he was rushing through it. I've never had 3 hours go by so fast. I HIGHLY recommend this course for anyone who is serious about entering the field." - Dan Schakel

Click [here](#) for the Objectives & Overview which highlight the content of the course.

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the house. Also, placing the plumbing on an inside / warm wall of the home environment will avoid possible freezing of pipes in the garage. This may be particularly true in colder climates.

An important note to make: evaluators of the home environment should consider recommending 36" wide exterior/interior doors for the entryway. One should always recommend 1/2" beveled or 1/4" squared maximum thresholds for all doorways. Many companies make ADA-compliant doors for the home environment. An example of one manufacturer is Andersen Windows and Doors (www.andersenwindows.com). Figure 2 displays a drawing of the ramped-sill which eliminates the barrier to the threshold.

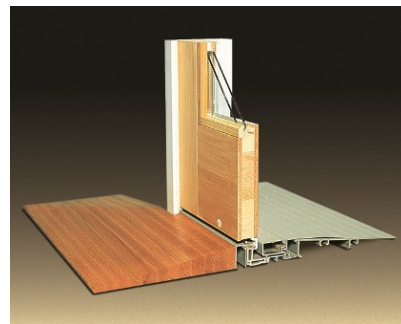


Figure 2

Other companies provide small portable ramps that require no construction. These types of products help a raised threshold become a zero-step entryway. EZ-

office at (616) 887-8130 or
info@shdesigns.net for further
 information regarding this
 course.



UPCOMING SEMINARS:

The ABC's of Home Modifications for Patients with Physical & Neurological Disabilities*

2/09/11 - Charleston, WV

2/10/11 - Lexington, KY

2/11/11 - Louisville, KY

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Specialty Products for Home Accessibility and Independence*

1/26/11 - Jackson, MS

1/27/11 - New Orleans, LA

1/28/11 - Mobile, AL

[See Brochure](#)

2/23/11 - Melbourne, FL

2/24/11 - West Palm Beach,

ACCESS (www.ezaccess.com)
 provides a wide-range of universal
 and accessible designed products,
 and Figures 3-5 show some of their
 portable ramps.



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

These portable ramps by EZ-
 ACCESS are portable, convenient,
 inexpensive, and provide a great

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***Registration for these seminars are done through Cross Country Education**
www.crosscountryeducation.com/cce
or cal them at 800-397-0180.

Specialized Home Design, Inc.'s [website](#) contains the most up-to-date list of Scott Anderle's speaking opportunities that are available for one to attend. This list is updated frequently, so be sure to visit often. Also, look for upcoming seminars and seminar details in future AccessAbilities newsletters.

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necessity for those in a wheelchair. Be sure to visit EZ-ACCESS' website to see more of their product lines.

The garage area is home to more than just vehicles, as this area of the home environment is often an added storage area for a number of items. To make room for the vehicle, and to organize the storage that is in the garage, check out the Versa Lift by Byers Products Group (www.bpghome.com). Figure 6 displays The Versa Lift in action.



Figure 6

The Versa Lift by Byers Products Group is the best way to organize your home and garage, giving you easy access to your valuable space without heavy lifting. The Versa Lift is a labor-saving solution to carrying everything up and down stairs. With push-button ease, you can send your garage clutter up and out of sight. This item is ideal for safety, as lifting heavy boxes overhead can cause permanent back injury and climbing up a steep, shaky ladder with your hands full is dangerous. Be sure to visit Byers

the RESOURCE DIRECTORY within the CHER®.

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NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE RESOURCE DIRECTORY:

Freedom Innovations, Inc.

The Freedom Wand® is a sanitary, easy to use, multipurpose, portable, personal toilet tissue aid. It's specifically designed for personal cleaning and hygiene for anyone with limited mobility. The four fingers easily grasp toilet tissue, a razor, loofah, or ointment applicator. The easy to use slide button releases tissue into the toilet with little effort. The Freedom Wand® is made from a polypropylene material, and easy to clean. It is also designed with a rinse hole in the head to aid in easy cleaning.

Spectrum Products

Spectrum Products manufactures a broad array of affordable, state-of-the-art, quality products; which are used in the construction, operation and maintenance of commercial swimming pools and spas. Spectrum's extensive line of products ranges

Products Group's website to learn more about this storage option for the garage area of your home environment.

One company that focuses on organization for the garage is Gladiator Garage Works (www.gladiatorgarageworks.com). A planning tip from their website states "The secret to a functional garage is knowing what's in there and where." This company offers a blueprint estimator, installation options, planning tips, and even offers garage packages that can be designed to your specific needs, measurements and accessibility needs. Figure 7 shows Gladiator Garage Work's 6ft. Modular Workbench. This product's heavy-duty steel frame provides support for the 1-3/4" thick top, and is equipped with leg levelers to accommodate uneven floors, making it an ideal workbench for one's accessibility needs. (ADA calls out 34" or less for ease of accessibility under a work/counter region for someone in a seated position. One should always check with the manufacturer in these regards). One can also add the optional back-splash with integrated electrical outlets to further enhance the workspace. Figure 8 displays the 24" mesh basket, which comes in packages of eight. These can be placed at an accessible height utilizing a slat board, as demonstrated in Figure

from Assisted Access products, lifts, ladders and therapy steps, grab rails and hand rails, and much more! Spectrum Products is also the exclusive manufacturer of the ExerSwim™ Portable Swim Current Generator.

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8. There are plenty of other products available by Gladiator Garage Works which help anyone enhance the garage section of their home.



Figure 7



Figure 8

Keep your garage area equipped with safety and cleaning measures deployed at every corner of the garage floor, with products found on Organize.com (www.organize.com). Enjoy hassle-free parking of your car or repairing your vehicle in your garage. According to the website, within the garage, an ideal storage set would be a package of strong and heavy duty garage accessories, such as: parking guides, garage door seals, etc. The heavy-duty parking

guides serve as a guide for your vehicles and are an important safety aspect, as they help minimize the chances of any garage accidents. The Garage Door seal prevents unwanted elements from seeping into the garage. These seals come in different sizes and complement all types of garage doors. Figures 9 and 10 show the garage door seal and parking guides. Be sure to visit the website to see a number of organizing tips for the garage, as well as other areas of the home environment.



Figure 9



Figure 10

The Garage is more than just a

room for your vehicle(s). This area of the home environment can be utilized in any number of ways. We hope this newsletter provided you with some helpful information and gave you some ideas and insight into this area of the home environment. Like any other room, incorporating universal and accessible design will help make the aspect of living easier and help those make their living space more enjoyable. Utilizing the Internet to help find ideas and products will help, but for those that don't have the Internet readily available, checking with a home modification specialist will provide you with the necessary information you are looking for.

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