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Lowe's Makes Holiday Festivities Possible with New Range

Norwich, CT Six women with Intellectual Disabilities who through the years have come to identify as family will now have a stove large enough to cook a holiday turkey thanks to Lowe's Home Improvement in Waterford.

Several decades of living in a community home operated by The Arc New London County led to the women's wish to invite family members into their own home to host holiday festivities together. But the 1950s-era kitchen provided obstacles to the number of people hosted due to the small size of a stove built into existing cabinetry: The oven simply could not accommodate a large turkey. Now, thanks to a new electric range donated by Lowe's, cooking and sharing holiday meals – particularly roast turkey and all the trimmings – will be possible in the coming weeks. "This restores faith in humanity. Our neighbors and local businesses really do have big hearts," says Kathleen Stauffer, CEO of The Arc NLC. "With all of the funding challenges we face, this kind of dilemma just breaks your heart. And then along comes Lowe's. Southeastern Connecticut embodies the spirit of the holidays, and this is a beautiful illustration."

The home is one of 14 residences supported by The Arc NLC. The Arc NLC's day and residential programs serve 670 people and their families throughout southeastern Connecticut.

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