



Flip This Room

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Our social services director identified a need. Our facility had several rooms that did not present a home like appearance. Since our LTC facility has also become a therapy center. We have many more short term stays. These residents are high functioning and very aware of their surroundings but tend not to bring things from home to make their rooms cozy as do our LTC residents. Of course there is always the need to provide for those who do not any one nor the means to provide some of the niceties of life.

Out of this need was born “Flip this Room” our version of HGTV’s “Flip this House”. Our first order of business was to secure funding. Our Local civic auxiliary gifted us with \$1,000 in seed money. Next we developed rules to the makeover to ensure we complied with our own policies as well as applicable regulations. We developed teams by involving family members, vendors and employees alike. We used Local members of our community as judges.

The prizes and the “after party was hosted by our Local Hospice companies. Family members, members of the community as well as residents were invited to attend. Participation was at an all-time high. A spirit of togetherness and oneness permeated our hall ways.

You will need to ensure you involve as many cross sections of customs employees and vendors as you can. This fosters a sense of cooperation and respect for each other’s role in your facility long after the event is over.

Funding can be as little or as much as you desire. Each team had \$50.00 seed money. However, every team spent more than that. We used items that were already on hand. People donated items from home or made something slightly used appear brand new. After speaking with employees and resident it even appeared that one of our more difficult to please residents a brighter outlook. So many family members and residents alike were complementary and grateful. We once again dispel the myth that LTC Facility are dull drab and without life. Please log onto to watch a short video of our experience at <http://thomasvillenursinghome.org/video-player.html>.







