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City helps church with community project

So many times I have heard about how hard it is to work with the city.

As the executive director of the local nonprofit Glass House Ministry, I have just finished working on a community project where we, in conjunction with the Crossing Church, built an extension on a house for Bill Thomas.

Bill is the young man who had a rare spinal stroke two years ago.

Through this total experience, from helping the family arrange a no-interest loan that was made available by the city of Costa Mesa, to the building inspection process, the city of Costa Mesa was fantastic!

Daniel Baker, management analyst/housing rehabilitation coordinator for Costa Mesa, spent a great deal of time working with us to find the most appropriate program to help the Thomas family through the planning process. Gary Hooke, city inspector of Costa Mesa, also went out of his way to assist the family and often visited the site on his own time to advise us on construction elements.

It would be remiss of me not to also recognize the dozens of companies in the community that came together to volunteer their time, talents and treasures to make this project a success.

So often we find reasons to find fault with our city, our community and our country, but I have been fortunate enough to witness people and companies at their very best. People who are willing to give to a need, with no expectation of any reward.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the many very good people who work for the city of Costa Mesa and neighborhood companies that gave to this great cause.

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