

L. Dick Tatro

In 1957 with a Master's degree in physics, Dick arrived in Los Alamos with his new wife Pat. He joined J Division where he worked until his retirement in 1990. Meanwhile his family expanded to five children. During this period, Dick began a long series of volunteer efforts that have improved the quality of life here and in surrounding areas. Having learned home building skills from his granddad, beginning in 1988 he did remodeling and reconstruction for Habitat for Humanity.

Now, with information supplied by Visiting Nurses, he specializes in building wheelchair ramps, railings and grab bars where needed for people in Los Alamos, the Pojoaque Valley and other communities. The materials used are often purchased with the assistance of the Methodist Church.

As a volunteer for RSVP, Dick assists with the Senior Center lunch program, blood drives, the festival of trees and traffic control for bike and foot races. He serves on the LARSO board which operates the Senior Center and has been known to do furniture repairs there when the County can't get around to it. Like his granddad, Dick Tatro still does a lot for people in the neighborhood.



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