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WHAT WE DO:
- Host monthly firm tours
- Enter architecture and design competitions nationally to promote students work
- Host fundraisers such as our annual auction, concert and Beaux Art Ball
- Partner with other organizations on campus to develop workshops to enhance design skill
Freedom by Design is a program that uses the talents of the architecture students enrolled at Lawrence Technological University to help their community through design and construction solutions where access to these services are limited and needed. In everything we do, we look to minimize barriers for individuals with physical, mental and/or financial challenges in the hope to alleviate issues of access and social understanding.

This year’s Freedom by Design committee is taking a research based approach focused on designing modular, pre-fabricated playgrounds for communities in the greater Detroit area. These spaces will be easily manufactured using digital fabrication, in hope to maximize community outreach in a timely manner. We hope to educate and bring awareness to students, volunteers and members of the community about the everyday struggles of fellow community members.
In 2017 Freedom by Design created a ramp for Zack to exit and enter his home as he was waiting for an electric lift to be installed.

In 2015, Rafiur was in need of a ramp to get him in and out of his house. This ramp took less than 20 hours to build and has changed the rest of Rafiur’s life.
Without the support of local community members, companies and like minded individuals like yourself, our organization would not be able to give back to the local Detroit community. With your company’s support, we will be able to continue to do projects like the ramp you see for Rafiur and Zack, as well as continue to move forward in expanding our chapters research based approach towards Freedom by Design.

We offer different levels of support ranging from donations for our annual silent auction, cash donations and project sponsorship. Each of these means of support can be customized towards you and your company. Partnering with FBD and AIAS can provide:

- Brand Awareness
- Networking Avenues
- Recruiting Opportunities
- Tax Benefits

Your support will be identified through:

- Event Signage
- Social Media
- LTU Newsletter
- Auction Pamphlet
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