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## **Modifying Homes for Aging in Place: Helpful Tools and Partners**

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Last week, I attended a learning exchange on aging in place sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International and AARP Foundation. The demographic shift toward a larger older population and recognition that most older individuals prefer to stay in their homes and communities as they age has led the venerable Habitat for Humanity to re-examine its practice of building new homes. Homes left empty due to foreclosure and homes occupied by elderly residents often need significant repairs and updates to make them more accessible and safe. AARP Foundation has sponsored several of these learning exchanges across the country to bring together Habitat affiliates and experts in aging in place to discuss ways to advance common goals. It's these kind of community-based solutions that continually inspire me as we work on ways to improve the lives of older Americans and their families.  
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