

# 2005 Get Organized (GO!) Month Contest

## Contest Winning Entry

Dear Members of NAPO Oregon,

I am excited to write to enter in your contest. Our family of 6 would appreciate any help you could give us to reclaim our home. Over the past few years our family has had the opportunity to now be looking back on a number of challenges. My motto has been ... if it doesn't have feelings, it doesn't have to be done. The people were honored, the most important things got done and the house has become a drain and overwhelming to clear out and organize.

My son with chronic health problems was also diagnosed with Type I diabetes. My dad was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer and I was able to take off work to be there with him and my mom before he died. We are happy to say that my mom survived a number of trips to the ICU for her own health struggles. She is now able to live with us after a long nursing home stay but her bed and wheelchair require a lot of room to move. We are happy to be together but in the wake of these events and coming from a long line of pack rats, or treasure keepers as some would say, we have a home that is sorely in need of help.

I prefer order and space in our home but after adding belongings that my parents lovingly bestowed to our own, we have a house full of stuff that is overwhelming. A bedroom and family room need to be moved around so my mom has enough room for her wheel chair, a lift and her bed. She is now in a bedroom my son initially chose to give up for his grandmother. (I was proud of him for being so kind.) This house needs to be cleared of JUNK to make room for medical equipment and LIFE! It would be so good to invite friends over again and regain time together as a family now invested in dealing with disorder. We would be greatly helped by the aid of 1-800-GOT-JUNK (and we do) and Storables organizing storage, in your skilled hands to make this house a home with order and harmony. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Our Contest Winner