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Intro: Welcome to Profiles In Prosperity. The leading podcast for residential service contractors, sponsored by Service Roundtable and hosted by David Heimer.

David Heimer: Hi, this is David Heimer, welcome to Profiles In Prosperity. I hope you'll forgive me. Today, I want to depart from what we normally do on this show and do something a little bit different. A few weeks ago, I was asked by Joe Groh, to write an article for the Joseph Groh Foundation Newsletter, about why we support the Joseph Groh Foundation. And I wanted to share it with you here, so if you'll indulge me, I would sure appreciate it.

The cost of living with a life-altering injury like quadriplegia, or paraplegia is staggering. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in the first year alone. Millions over a lifetime, sadly, all the costs aren't covered by health or disability insurance. The injury and their families tap out their savings, so if they have any, and then what? Well, it turns out that medical costs are the number one reason for declaring personal bankruptcy in the US. It's about 62% of all personal bankruptcies. It could happen to any of us at any time. If that happened to you, what would you do? Who would help you? Donald Edwards was a hardworking tradesman, he focused on his education, knowledge, and skills. Over the course of his career, he had licenses in electrical, plumbing, and HVAC. Eventually, he went to work for the Greater Indianapolis YMCA. Where he was in charge of all the mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, for all 11 YMCA locations, a really big job.

One day, on a cold February day, he was completing the final installation of a new rooftop unit. He went to get some more items to finish the work, and he slipped on the snow. He fell seven feet to a lower roof, the fall damaged his spinal cord, and he

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couldn't move. He lay in the snow and cold for seven and a half hours, until his wife convinced people that something had happened. Just imagine, lying in the snow and cold, unable to move, hoping that someone will help you. There are many stories about people like Donald Edwards, who have been helped by the Joseph Groh Foundation. These are tremendously moving stories. But equally moving are how people in our community step up to help. They help with cash donations, and they help with their time. I'm so proud to say that a huge portion of Service Roundtable members support the Joseph Groh Foundation. People like Don, Kathy Todd, Eric Dutton, Ken Goodrich, David Moore, Ben Stark, Rory and Mindy Krueger, Mark Brennan, and so many more.

At Service Roundtable, our mission is to help contractors improve their businesses, together with our members, our vendor partners, we're a network of people working to improve lives. Supporting the Joseph Groh Foundation is a natural extension of that mission. We're a community, these are our people. That's why we support the Joseph Groh Foundation. If you're listening to this, you're a part of that community too. And I want to take a moment and thank you for your help, I really appreciate it. And the people that get your help, really appreciate it as well.

And now I've got one more thing that I want you to do. If you're listening to this podcast, you're probably listening on one of these amazing smart device telephones or you're listening in front of your computer. And that means that you are easily able to open up your browser, go to the josephgrohfoundation.org. That's Joseph G, R, O, H, grohfoundation.org and click on that donate button. You can do it! I sure appreciate your help. You're going to make a huge difference in the lives of other people. You've already made a huge difference. We still got a lot more to do, and I want to say thanks. And I hope you guys have an amazing Thanksgiving with your families. And I look forward to

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talking with you more as the year goes on. Thanks. Bye.

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