A senior project for some University of Toledo engineering students will have a lasting impact on a local nun's life. What started as a relatively simple project turned into a mission to go above and beyond to help Sister Pat Taube who lives at the Rosary Care Center at Lourdes.

Sister Pat's world has changed drastically twice this year. About six months ago she had her legs and her arms amputated. Monday she got a gift that will help her get back to some of the things she loves most in life and it's all thanks to four impressive young men, "I've got tears and smiles all at the same time." Sister Pat had her legs and arms amputated this summer after battling a full body inflammation known as sepsis, which is caused by severe infection, "So many different people have come into my life who I would never have met had this not happened to me." Dan Romanko is one of those people. Sister Pat became the senior project for Dan and three other mechanical engineering majors from The University of Toledo, "We put so much time and work into this to see it finally materialize is great! The moment she wrote her first words with a tear in her eye it made us feel fabulous and it hit home that what we did works and its improving someone's life."

The project is a partnership between The Ability Center and the University. Angie Hiser is the Information and Communication Outreach Coordinator at The Ability Center and she helps with a number of projects just like this one throughout the year, "This is what brings joy to my life it makes me complete. I have a disability myself and I know what its like to suddenly have that disability. I want to be here for Sister Pat and everyone like her and let them all know life is not over because of a disability. Through projects like this, The Ability Center and positive people life can be great."
Romanko says what started as a plan to build a phone lift system for Sister Pat quickly evolved into much more, "We went above and beyond because we felt like why not give her more ability back? She doesn't just need to answer the phone we wanted to help her write and read. With this project we love the endless possibilities of what we can do with all the attachments." The very first words Sister Pat wrote with the help of her new device...thank you, "All I can say is thank you. I will always remember each and every one of these guys, they are part of my life now. What does God have for me next to do? We'll see I don't know, but I know that it will be wonderful" Wonderful is a great word to describe the young men involved in this project. They all say Sister Pat has changed their lives. Two of them just graduated, the other two are graduating in the spring. This project will surely inspire them throughout their careers.

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