

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

GEHMAN DESIGN REMODELING

Gehman Design Remodeling was awarded two 2017 NARI Regional Contractor of the Year Awards. Judging for the CotY Awards is based upon things such as: the degree to which the client's needs were met, did the project enhance the existing structures functionality, is there evidence of superior craftsmanship, and did the contractor overcome difficult obstacles.

Their first award was in the category of Residential Kitchen over \$150,000, in Region 1 Northeast.

More and more home owners are opting for open concept, especially when it comes to opening up their Kitchen. Gehman Design Remodeling created this award-winning kitchen for their clients because they were tired of their tight space and the feeling that it was closed off to everyone. Their clients desire was to have a Kitchen that was open and inviting, and allowed their family and guests to sit around and talk with each other while the host prepared a meal. However, wanting an open space, and getting that open space isn't always that easy. Their clients wanted two walls removed to open up their kitchen; however, both of the walls were load-bearing walls. Their team had to install two steel beams in place of the load-bearing walls. In the basement below, they installed a lally column, a round steel column set on a concrete pier, to provide support to the new beams. Natural light can make a big difference in any room. Once the wall was gone between their dining room and Kitchen, sunlight was able to pour into the Kitchen from the existing sliding glass door. No more dark, closed off Kitchen. Their new space is open, bright and inviting. All of the design, construction and finish craftsmanship was completed by employees of Gehman Design Remodeling.

The second award Gehman Design Remodeling received was in the category of Residential Bath \$25,000 - \$50,000, in Region 1 Northeast. Their client wanted to update their Master Bathroom from being outdated to a more modern feel, and they also wanted a larger shower. Their team had to tie new PVC drain lines into old cast iron under slab and stand pipes. As work began, they discovered the shut off valve and pipe for the public water supply was hidden behind the vanity in the wall. This would have to be moved to make room for the larger shower. Their client wanted to have two recessed medicine cabinets, however, there was a large flat screen television mounted on the other side of the 2x3 wall. Surface mounting the medicine cabinets worked fine, but it required building a soffit so that the vanity wall lights would shine in front of the medicine cabinets. Because the space was tight, a pocket door was selected. Frameless glass visually opened the space displaying the beautiful tile in the new, large shower.



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