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New Porch Pavilion features Massive Angled Stone Fireplace

Home Given New Life - Inside & Out

Des Peres Home Revitalized with Two Fabulous New Spaces

Eric & Susie Kalinowski loved their neighborhood, but it was time to update their house and make it a better place to welcome family and friends. Inside, they sought to remodel the kitchen and open up the existing floor plan. Outside, they wanted to add an outdoor living space that would provide a good view to the pool and seamlessly connect the inside to the out. They called upon Agape Construction to realize their vision.

In the original kitchen, the island was not very functional and the desk and bar areas obstructed access to the family room. The pool was also only accessible through a small door in the kitchen with no mudroom dropzone.

Agape's Senior Architect, Laurie Smith, helped the Kalinowskis consider several creative solutions. Inside the new free-flowing layout, the bright white kitchen takes center stage. The space is enhanced by removing dividing walls and adding a huge island, modern appliances and built-in cabinets.



Kitchen showcases inviting view of the Pool Area



Repeat Clients Eric & Susie guiding Master Carpenter Chris Gagnon on finishing details of the New Construction in their Lower Level

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After

New Life - Inside & Out (Continued from Cover)

Kitchen Updated with Modern Presence

The challenge with 3 open adjoining spaces, (kitchen, breakfast and family room) is to avoid looking like a long bowling alley. To build definition in the space, Laurie created an attractive drop ceiling with lighted coffers above the breakfast table that also hide HVAC and plumbing pipes.

Outside, the new attached covered porch pavilion is a spectacular addition. The massive, angled fireplace which is surrounded by stone wall seating not only provides a defining focal point, it serves to act as a retaining wall for water run-off from the yard. Now the family frequently enjoys eating meals outdoors and entertaining guests.

"We asked Agape back because they did a great job on our first remodel. We knew the quality of the custom pieces and wanted the basement to reflect the same style as upstairs."

-Susie Kalinowski, Agape Repeat Client

The Kalinowskis were so thrilled with the results they have called Agape back once again to work on their lower level. The basement is currently getting a complete overhaul with more custom built-in pieces, uniquely made by Agape's Master Carpenter Chris Gagnon.

Yes indeed, new life has been given to this lovely home!



Before



To break up the long room and hide necessary plumbing, a dramatic Coffered Ceiling with LED cove lighting was installed



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Beautiful Blue Walls unite this stylish Bedroom & Bath



Repurposed French Doors enclose the Walk-In Closet

A Revolution in Blue

Stunning Master Suite gives Historic Home a Fresh Start

Most old Webster Groves homes were not designed to accommodate the larger master bedroom and baths that today's clients seek. With two young children, Cary & Sarah Stalnecker thought their master suite should be a private oasis within their busy home. Their wish list included a large shower, freestanding tub, double vanity, and spacious walk-in closet. This all had to fit within the space of two small bedrooms so every inch was essential.

Laurie Smith, Agape's Senior Architect, drew a dynamic layout which allowed each component to borrow space from the next. Each surface was thoughtfully chosen to tie the old and new elements together. The Stalneckers had carefully saved their old sitting room doors which were repurposed to become the gorgeous French glass doors for their new master closet. The white vanity cabinets with marble tops have plenty of storage, while the octagonal floor tiles and subway wall tile help tie the new space to its historic surroundings.



Expansive Master Bath

"We were very satisfied with Agape's architectural design and unique problem solving, along with the exceptional craftsmanship of their carpenters. We love our new Master Suite!"

-Cary Stalnecker, Homeowner

With a passion for interior decor, Sarah Stalnecker chose the bold blue wall color to unite the two rooms adding a dramatic counterplay to the all-white bath. The bedroom is equally appointed and boasts a sliding barn door entrance to the bath to maintain the feeling of openness.

This new Master Suite uses every inch to its full advantage creating an inviting, quiet retreat on this Historic Home's upper level!



Freestanding Tub tucks nicely under original Front Window



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Solid Timber Structure supports Gable Ridged Roof

Warm, Inviting Back Porch

Charming Outdoor Space Accommodates Needs of the Whole Family

This Webster Groves family definitely enjoys spending time together. To allow for this, they chose to expand their living environment into the backyard with a more welcoming outdoor space. The house already boasted a well landscaped yard, complete with a fish pond and waterfall built by the homeowner, therefore the new design needed to accentuate these existing elements.

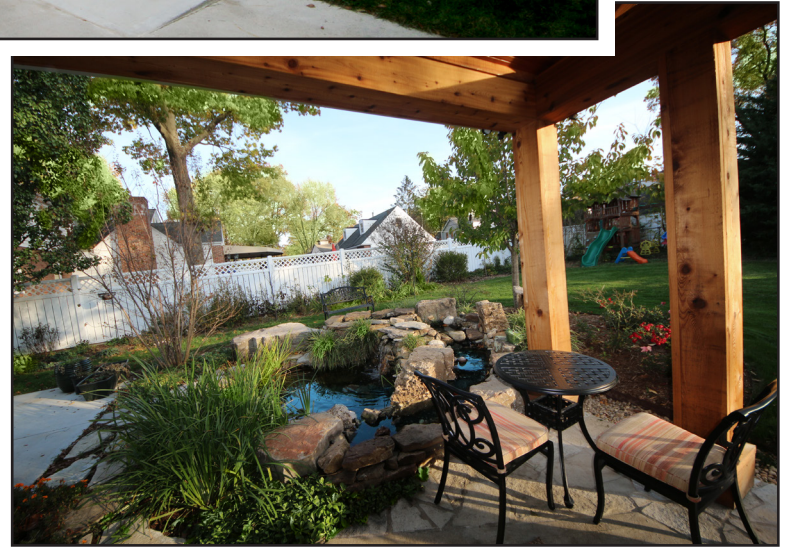
It was also the family's desire to make the new space universally accessible, to accommodate the needs of their handicapped child. This conflicted with the home's original design, which included several steps down to a plain stone patio. Hence, the attractive wheelchair ramp alongside the porch.

"We are so pleased. The final project was well built and definitely matched what we were hoping for."

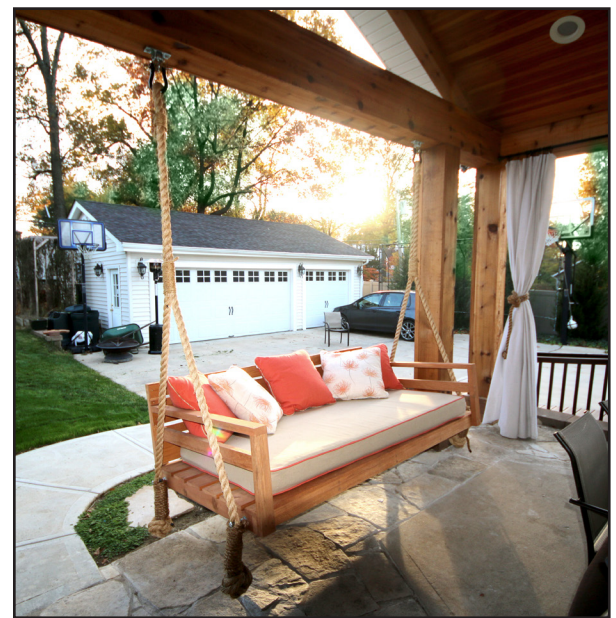
-Happy Webster Groves Client

The construction began by digging piers under the stone terrace and setting the beautiful wooden posts in place. Then a huge timber truss was dramatically delivered with a crane from the front yard, raising up and over the house. Wow, that was exciting to watch! The heavy truss needed to be strong enough to support the both the roof load and a large wooden swing, plus wide enough to span the full length of the porch. Inside the vaulted roof, the stained bead-board ceiling gives a warm woody feel to the space. Curtain rods with white muslin drapes were installed on the south side of the space to protect from the harsh summer sun and provide some privacy.

Now the family can comfortably host gatherings, both inside and out!



Majestic Pond Area seamlessly integrated with new Porch



A Large Wooden Swing encourages Family Togetherness

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Expanded Kitchen flows freely into Dining Room

Kitchen with Unlocked Potential

Historical Layout modified to suit Modern Needs

Michael and Keya Kuhn had very clear ideas of what they liked. From the beginning of the design process, they knew what they were looking for. Michael described their style as “mostly traditional, with a little bit of rustic flair.” For their cozy University City home, they envisioned a more open floor plan, a kitchen with white cabinets, hardwood floors, and an island with a rich wooden top.

However, this dream was hindered by the home’s dense and segmented floor plan that trapped the small kitchen in the back of the house. To remedy this, Agape’s design team, led by Architect Laurie Smith, sought to expand it by opening the wall to the dining room area and adding an archway. This new design greatly improved the kitchen’s functionality and warmth by incorporating a larger island and wider cooktop stove. It also provided peninsula seating on the dining side and a better connection to the charming breakfast space that overlooks the landscaped backyard.



Breakfast Nook connects smoothly into expanded Kitchen area

“Listening to our clients carefully is key to the collaborative process. Our objective is to bring their ideas, hopes and dreams into reality with our design and craftsmanship.”

-Laurie Smith, Senior Architect



Artistically Handcrafted Walk-up Bar built by Master Carpenter Chris Gagnon is new Focal Point of the Lower Level

Meanwhile, down in the lower level, which already featured a stone fireplace and terrazzo floors, the Kuhns hoped for a bar made of rich cherry wood, sporting a mini fridge and built-in cabinets. Agape’s Master Carpenter Chris Gagnon handcrafted the showcase bar. It is clearly the focal point of the lower level and a must-see on any tour.

Michael and Keya are delighted with how the remodel achieved their goals, yet kept the character of their home intact.



Agape' Team Members enjoying time together at the Cardinals Game



Some of our Field Team had a great time as well

Agape goes to the Ballgame!

We're always thrilled to watch the Cardinals

Throughout the year, Agape hosts various events to promote healthy morale and strong team values amongst their employees. Spending quality time together helps cement the bonds of unity between our key team players.

We recently enjoyed an exciting Cardinals ballgame together against the Dodgers. Definitely a thrilling game; the Cardinals won the game 11-7 after several dramatic back-and-forth innings.

It was a great time of food, fun and friends at Busch Stadium!



Owner Amy O'Brien with Selections Coordinator Ann Fritz and Senior Architect Laurie Smith in the Party Suite



Kevin with Mike after a successful transplant

Agape Owner Kevin O'Brien: A Bold Example of a Giving Soul

Agape's Owner Kevin O'Brien has always led his company in following Christian values, especially when it comes to charitable giving.

This year, he stepped up to the plate and displayed these values in his personal life by graciously giving one of his kidneys to his younger brother, Mike O'Brien, who desperately needed it. Both brothers have recovered well, and are now

healthy thanks to Kevin's sacrificial spirit. We're certainly grateful for your example and leadership, Kevin!

"In Luke 12:48 it says 'For those that much has been given, much will be required.' I give freely of what God has blessed me with to others in need."

- Kevin O'Brien, Owner and Founder of Agape Construction



Kevin receiving a memorial plaque from Agape's Management Team: Project Manager Patrick Kelly, Sales & Design Manager Ted O'Toole, Business Manager Janice Owens and Marketing Director Phil Freeman

The Circle of Life: On a sad note, Kevin & Amy O'Brien's youngest son, Daniel, passed away unexpectedly April 1, 2019. They are grateful for 28 years with him and thankful that he accepted the Lord just 3 weeks before his death. Kevin & Amy look forward to seeing him again in the next life.



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Covered Porch Addition
Clayton, MO

Before
After



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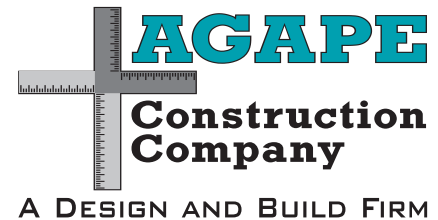


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