

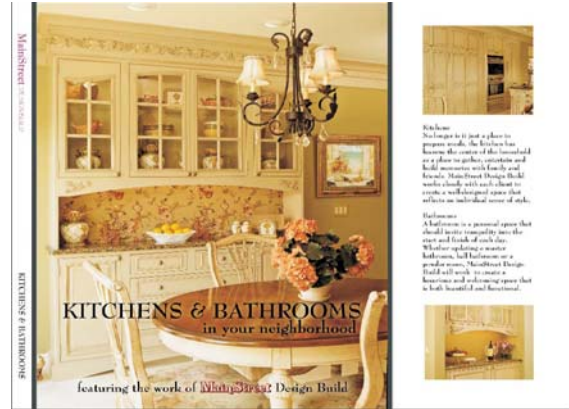


New interior design book to help homeowners, Habitat for Humanity

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BIRMINGHAM - Those hoping to spruce up a kitchen or bath can get tons of ideas from MainStreet Design Build's new book of local remodels, all while supporting a good cause.

"Kitchens and Bathrooms in Your Neighborhood," authored by Christine Ramaekers of MainStreet Design Build, highlights more than 30 kitchen and bathroom remodels from Grosse Pointe to Bloomfield Hills over the past few years.



"The book is split up in two parts. The first is traditional kitchens and bathrooms, and the second section is more contemporary kitchens and bathrooms.

It explains what each project was, where it's located, has very nice pictures of each project, and gives references to the products used in each project," Ramaekers said. Besides getting helpful design ideas, those who purchase the book will also be giving back to the community - 100 percent of the sale price will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

"On behalf of almost 300 Oakland County residents whose lives have been changed through Habitat for Humanity, I express heartfelt thanks to MainStreet Design Build. Every person who opens one of these books should know that he or she is opening doors of opportunity for neighbors in need," said Habitat for Humanity Director of Partnerships Brad Irwin in a statement.

Ramaekers and her husband, Steve, founded MainStreet Design Build in 1991. The fullservice design through construction firm specializes in additions, custom kitchens, bathrooms and complete home makeovers.

"I think what sets us apart from other companies is we focus on the details of every aspect of the project, from design to materials to construction to finished work," Christine Ramaekers said.

MainStreet Design Build has been involved with Habitat for Humanity for about 12 years now, and Ramaekers thinks it's a fantastic charitable organization.

"Because we're in the building industry, we realize what it takes for somebody to call a house a home. There are so many people who can't even fathom ever owning a home, and Habitat gives them that opportunity.

...Once somebody owns a home, it establishes a whole new level of pride in their lives. They become a part of a community, and they give back to that community," she said.

The hardcover book can be purchased for \$20 directly through MainStreet Design Build by calling (248) 644-6330. The book will also be sold at various local retail and appliance locations.

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