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## A LONG-AWAITED REMODELING DREAM COME TRUE



When Nancy and her husband first walked into their future home, they immediately fell in love with it...except for one aspect.

“My husband hated artificial green. I thought the ‘fiat’ green carpeting prominently displayed would be a dealbreaker. But to my surprise, he said, ‘I love the house so much, I could even live with the carpet.’”

The happy homeowners always meant to rip up the eyesore, but other things - basement

remodels and soccer travels - took precedence.

After Nancy’s husband passed and her son moved out, she had a choice to make: move or stay. Despite all these years, she still loved the house as much as that first day back in 1992. So, she decided to invest in a remodel to support her aging in place.

“I turned to TLC after a friend recommended them. After one conversation with Nick, we clicked,” says Nancy. ▶

## BEFORE: CRAMPED, CROWDED, & GREEN

A self-described Type-A extrovert, Nancy had long dreamed of a more cohesive gathering space built for entertaining.

“When I had parties, people hung out in the more formal spaces to avoid that green! Dropdown ceiling cabinets made both the kitchen and family room feel confined. I could partially engage with guests while cooking, but it all felt crowded,” says Nancy.

With disorganized, immovable cabinet storage, Nancy was ready for a kitchen that not only met her current needs but would transition with her.

“I wanted a kitchen that would ergonomically carry me through my 70s. That was extremely important to me.”

## A GENUINE COLLABORATION IN A SMALL WORLD

TLC brought onboard their design consultant, Lisa Stoll, owner of Sparrow and Stoll, to spearhead this transformation. Upon meeting, they realized they had spent many hours together 20 years prior on the Mendota Heights soccer field. This history made the collaboration easy and natural.

“We found ourselves reconnecting over our favorite furniture stores. There was an easy give-and-take of ideas. Often, I’d build on a concept Lisa suggested and vice versa,” says Nancy. “When you both hit on something you love, it becomes magical.”

## NOW: A CONVIVIAL SPACE FULL OF LIFE

As an energetic host, this new space is much more conducive to hosting — a must-have for Nancy’s engaged life. Her favorite aspect of the remodel? A large center island.

“[Lisa] understood I wanted this to function in multiple ways, as a large cooking prep space and social gathering spot. It needed great lighting and well-planned storage space to compensate for the loss of the dropdown cabinets,” notes Nancy. “I never had adequate space to cook the way I want to. Now, the tools and equipment, even the spices, are right there when I need them.”



LED recessed lights and Bicycle Glass Pendants lighten up the space, enhanced by Sherwin Williams Alabaster paint and Byron Marquoina Porcelain tiles.

The aesthetic incorporates colors harkening to art prints collected from a lifetime of travels to Europe, Israel, Morocco, and Cuba. A beautiful, custom Sun-Dried Tomato-colored range hood was elevated with custom tiles from Minnesota’s Clay Squared to Infinity.

## A NEW HOME IN THE SAME HOUSE

These days, Nancy’s home is full of friends and family. She entertains guests, cooks delicious meals, and runs many meetings. There’s an elegant flow between rooms that makes everyone more comfortable.

“It was deeply satisfying to have the homeowner come in after a day of work and be so excited about the changes we were making after so many years of living with it the way it was,” remarks Chris Cummings, TLC’s Project Manager.

“When people come in, they always comment on my ‘new furniture,’” laughs Nancy. “But nothing is new; it’s just in a new space.”

But don’t worry, the green carpet is gone for good. ■



## A DONATION FROM THE TLC TEAM

We firmly believe in giving back to the community. In honor of homeowner Nancy, we're donating to an organization dear to her heart. Giving Voice Initiative builds choruses designed for those with Alzheimer's and other dementia and their care partners. They have helped start 50 choirs around the world.

According to Nancy, GVI provides "an avenue of creativity and a robust sense of community at a time of challenge and transition. We've seen chorus members who never sang in public perform easily as part of our concerts. We've seen singers who no longer read books tell us they've begun to read music scores again."

We're humbled to contribute to this incredible cause. Check out [givingvoicechorus.org](http://givingvoicechorus.org) to learn more about the organization! ■



## UPDATE FROM TIM & BARB

Life is good for Tim and Barb. Tim is getting used to relaxing, after decades of 40+ hour workweeks. They finally took their ten-day retirement trip to Hawaii. They are loving the ability to pack up and travel whenever - and wherever - they want.

They do miss the connections and friendships they developed with clients. If you have a moment, drop them a line! They'll love hearing from you. ■



## WE GOT A LITTLE RENOVATION, TOO!

Our homeowners aren't the only ones who made some updates this year! TLC Home Renovations, Inc. has a new look! We're excited for the refresh and are excited to continue to provide the high level of care and service that we always have to our customers.



## A Note From Nick



We hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and ready for spring. Our team is grateful to have another year under our belts doing what we love most – executing remodels that improve your day-to-day life.

If you're thinking about starting a remodeling project, now is an ideal time to dive in. Whether it's a kitchen remodel like Nancy or any other projects you have on your home to-do list, our team listens to your ideas and collaborates alongside you.

This year, we're incredibly grateful for your word of mouth, which contributes to our ever-expanding TLC community. Your support means a lot to our entire team.

When you're ready, reach out to our team and live in a house you love. ■



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