Room to Relax

After living in their home for a few years, these homeowners chose the JBDB team to create an exterior living space perfect for their family. A swinging exterior glass door that once led to nowhere now leads to an inviting, screened in porch with stained tongue and groove paneling throughout. Sunspace windows were installed that easily slide up and down to create the perfect environment dependent on the weather. The porch leads out to an expansive deck with maintenance-free decking and railings. The lower colored, stamped concrete patio boasts a gas fireplace with the perfect stone ledge for seating. The family now has a cozy destination they can enjoy together in Spring, Summer and Fall.

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The de Leon family purchased their Eagan home knowing that it needed some significant updating. But the layout, location and surrounding neighborhood drew the de Leons to the house, and they could see the home’s potential.

After completing a previous remodel in 2012, the de Leon family decided to redo their family room, deck, windows, fireplace and hallway and master bathroom on upper level. “We decided to do the bathrooms and upstairs windows at the same time so we would be finally ‘done’ rather than splitting up the two projects” said Michael.

The home, built in 1987, had popcorn ceilings, golden oak wood, and dark brown tones throughout. “Our home was so dark – definitely not enough windows to let the light in,” Michael said. “Our home is surrounded by mature oaks and other beautiful greenery, but you could hardly see any of it due to the lack of windows and large deck that blocked the view of our backyard.”

Neighbors had used the JBDB team for a kitchen remodel, and after meeting the JBDB staff at an open house, the de Leons decided to work with them on their own renovations.

“The planning process was impeccable. Every single detail was worked out before the project began. There were no last-minute, in the moment decisions,” Michael said.

The de Leon family upgraded their bathroom, adding in Cambria countertops, a custom closet, and a steam shower with a rain head. The JBDB team also brought in plenty of natural light to the main floor with large windows.

The finished product not only increases the time the family spends together on their main level, but it helped update the overall look of the entire home.

“The project was beautifully done, the team was great to work with, and the process was incredibly efficient from start to finish,” Michael said.