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**LIFESTYLES DESIGN AWARDED TWO 2011 CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR (CotY)
AWARDS FOR UNIVERSAL DESIGN & BATHROOMS UNDER \$30,000**

PERKIOMENVILLE, Pa. (March 8, 2011) – Local woman-owned business Lifestyles Design was named “Contractor of the Year” (CotY) Winner for Universal Design and (CotY) for Bathrooms under \$30,000.00 at the Evening of Excellence awards Friday January 28th at the Manor House in Horsham PA. This bathroom remodel was inspired by a mosaic tile art piece the owners found on a trip to Paris. The homeowners wanted an updated look that was relaxing and had lots of storage, while still being affordable. The homeowners of the winning kitchen wanted to make their kitchen a place that is functional for both of them equally. Universal design helped to guide them in their decision process; however, the priority was to make the design their own.

Universal Design principles are design elements that make a room, home or building easily accessible for people of all ages and physical capabilities. A few of the most common examples of Universal Design are:

- Creating ground level, barrier free entrances without stairs
- Installing wide interior doors, and hallways
- Providing clearances to approach and use fixtures like sinks or toilets
- Installing lever handles for opening doors rather than twisting knobs

The Contractor of the Year (CotY) award is given each year by the BucksMont chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) to members who have demonstrated outstanding work through their remodeling projects. NARI is a professional association whose members voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics. To be considered for a CotY Award, a company must be a NARI member in good standing. Patricia Nunan, CKBR, CKD, CAPS, an Independent Living Consultant and designer, is president of Lifestyles Design. Ms. Nunan specializes in designing bathrooms and kitchens to meet the needs of clients with a disability or the elderly.

An impartial panel of judges who are experts within the industry and associated fields select winners based on each entrant’s binders, which include “before and after” photography and project descriptions. Judging focused on problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty, and entry presentation.

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About NARI: The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. The Association represents more than 8,200 member companies nationwide—comprised of 63,000 remodeling contractors— and is “The Voice of the Remodeling Industry.”™ To locate a local NARI chapter or a remodeling professional, visit NARI’s Web site at www.NARIREMODELERS.COM, or contact the national headquarters, based in Des Plaines, Illinois, at 800-611-NARI.

Lifestyles Design Award-Winning Kitchen



Lifestyles Design Award-Winning Bath



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Patricia Nunan, CKBR, CKD, CAPS is President and CEO of Lifestyles Design, a design & consulting firm specializing in living spaces that allow people to live independently and stay in their homes as they age. With over 18 years of experience in the design & remodeling profession she brings with her a long and rich background in home design and construction, specializing in Universal Design, designing accessible spaces, kitchens, baths, and appliances. Ms. Nunan’s caring approach in creating accessible & enjoyable spaces and assisting others has helped people of all ages and abilities to stay in their home for as long as they choose.



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Ms. Nunan is an award-winning designer, published author and speaker on the subject of Universal & Aging-In-Place Design. She is past president and chair of the BucksMont chapter of The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), the National Kitchen & Bath Association VP of Legislative Affairs for Pennsylvania, a Certified Age in Place Specialist, (CAPS) and an Accessibility Inspector & Plans Examiner with the ICC. www.lifestyles-design.com