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# **Local Aging-in-Place Specialists Named**

Are you looking to remodel your home because of a disability or catastrophic injury to you or a family member? Do you seek to build a new home that will meet your needs through every phase of your life?

The Home & Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids (HBAGGR) proudly presents nine members who can help. The following members recently achieved the nationally recognized Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS) designation:

- Scott Anderle, PT, CBIS of Specialized Home Design, Inc.
- Kathryn Barry of Home Life Interiors
- Susan Bloss, CKD of Lifestyle Kitchen Studio
- Doug Butterworth of Creekside Construction Inc.
- Dave Offringa, CKD, CGR of Woodland House of Kitchens Inc.
- Connie O'Toole, CGR of O'Toole Design & Construction Inc.
- Scott Rollenhagen, CGR of Rollenhagen Builders Inc.
- Judith Williams of Disability Advocates of Kent County
- William Wolf of Dreammaker Bath and Kitchen of Grand Rapids

The Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist designation program teaches the technical, business management, and customer service skills essential to competing in the fastest growing segment of the residential remodeling industry: home modifications for the aging-in-place. The NAHB Remodelers™ Council, in collaboration with the AARP, NAHB Research Center, and NAHB Seniors Housing Council, developed this program to provide comprehensive, practical, market-specific information about working with older and maturing adults to remodel their homes for aging-in-place.

"These professionals have worked hard to achieve this designation because they have a passion for housing people in every stage of their lives" stated HBAGGR Executive Vice President and CEO, Judy Barnes. "Not only is working with this segment of the market the right thing to do, but it makes business sense. Millions of baby boomers are retiring and looking for a home they can live in for the rest of their lives."

These nine professionals now bring the total of HBAGGR members with this designation to ten, including the first Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist in West Michigan, John Overbeck, GMB, CAPS of Turning Leaf Homes, Inc. To search for a housing professional, visit [www.hbaggr.com](http://www.hbaggr.com) and search for a member.

What is aging-in-place?

In plain English, aging-in-place means remaining in one's home safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level. It is also known as "universal" or "lifetime" design. It means the pleasure of living in a familiar environment throughout one's maturing years, and the ability to enjoy the familiar daily rituals and the special events that enrich all our lives. It means the reassurance of being able to call a house a "home" for a lifetime.