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Keith Trembley Builders, Dream Factory combine to fulfill 'Drew's Dream'

Twelve-year-old Andrew (Drew) Fahey is a sick young man with a very special dream—to see the basement of his

family's home in Glenburn converted into a recreation room and study area, where he could work on his computer, play chess and other games, and watch TV.

"Drew's Dream" has recently been granted, thanks to the efforts of the Dream Factory, Keith Trembley Builders, and many generous donors, including Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine.

A celebration and open house was held on September 23 at the Fahey residence, when Drew was allowed to see the completed basement for the first time.

Drew, the son of John and Lisa Fahey of Glenburn, suffers from eosinophilic enteritis, atopic dermatitis. In other words, he is highly allergic, with reactions that have included sores all over his body, severe and constant nausea, and the inability to eat many foods. He has been hospitalized for prolonged periods of time and was homebound for one year. He periodically attends a clinic in Cincinnati devoted to just this kind of disease.

The Dream Factory is an organization that works with networks of local volunteers to grant dreams to children be-



Drew's Dream (above) was a rec room in his basement.



Drew's basement before work began on his dream.

tween the ages of 3 and 18 who have a critical or chronic illness. The dream must be the child's dream and not that of
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Owner's Corner: Helping others

I suppose you could say that this is our "basement issue," because all three of the featured projects were completed in customers' basements. All three projects used manufactured wall panels from Total Basement Finishing, which is a very good product. It was especially good for "Drew's Dream," because it doesn't absorb moisture and will help keep their basement dry and mold-free.

I truly enjoyed working on "Drew's Dream," and it made me realize two very important things. First, it showed me how lucky I am, because you don't have to look very far to see someone who got a raw deal in life. Second, I found out firsthand that there are a lot of wonderful people out there who truly enjoy giving.

God Bless,
Keith



Keith Trembley
Owner



Drew Fahey says "Thanks!"



Seven Oaks volunteers truly enjoy helping people.

Our Values

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Commitment Honesty Initiative Integrity
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You are entitled to be treated with friendliness, honesty, courtesy, and respect. You will receive full value for your money and a good buy at a fair price. You are entitled to prompt, courteous, and knowledgeable answers to your questions. We strive to treat you exactly as we want to be treated when we are someone else's customers. We will work hard to assure that you are proud of your investment in your home, and that your satisfaction is our main concern

Bangor, Brewer homeowners

Two Bangor-area homeowners have discovered that the most economical way to add living space to their homes is in their basement.

And when they select Total Basement Finishing (TBF) from Keith Trembley Builder, it's also the fastest way to add new space.

Dan Trembley, TBF Division Manager at Keith Trembley Builder, says it only takes 7 to 10 working days to transform an unfinished basement into a healthy, comfortable living area using manufactured wall panels that resist mold, rot, fire, stains, and even the impact of a baseball bat.

Nelson and Carla Durgin of Bangor wanted to add a home office, and read about Total Basement Finishing in the January issue of this newsletter.

The Durgins wanted to locate the office in a corner of the basement where they had two windows to provide plenty of natural light.

The project included about 300 square feet of finished space, including a 16x13 office and a hallway that runs from the bottom of the stairs to the new room. The area at the bottom of the stairs was also finished.

The job was completed in less than two weeks—including electrical, wall systems, flooring, heat, ceilings and trim.

Since the home had a very dry basement, the Durgins decided to install Berber-style carpeting.

Total Basement Solutions also offers Thermal-Dry and vinyl laminate flooring — products that are impervious to water and are designed for use in damp basement environments.

Dan said the new basement office is heated with two small electric heating units, which have a wall-mounted thermostat.

"In most finished basements, small electric heating units are the most economical solution," Dan says. "The TBF wall panels are insulated with an R value of 13, and most basements don't get that cold because of the natural warmth of the earth, so the heating units will only be used minimally."

A Brewer couple also read the newsletter article about Total Basement Finishing, but wanted to see a finished project before proceeding. Dan put them in touch with the Durgins, who welcomed them into their home and gave them a tour of the new basement.

The Brewer couple loved the way it looked and decided to move forward with a 330-square-foot project that would transform one-half of their basement into a combination home-theater and playroom for their grandchildren.

The entire project—wall panels, electrical, heat, flooring, ceiling, and trim—was completed in

How to create new living space with Total Basement Finishing



Three views of Total Basement Finishing project by Neson and Carla Durgin of Bangor, including the hallway and the finished area at the bottom of the stairwell.

a week and a half.

Dan says the Total Basement Finishing wall panels are totally self-supporting and mount on tracks on the floor and the underside of the ceiling joints. There's no framing, drywall, or fiberglass batt insulation to absorb water and provide a place for mold to grow.

The Brewer couple also installed carpeting, as their basement has always been dry. To ensure that it stays that way, they asked Keith Trembley Builder to add some rain gutter to the exterior of their house.

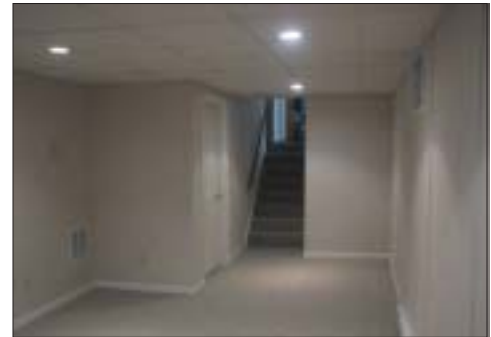
Dan says both owners were very happy with the results.

"They were great people to work with," he says. "They were pleased with both the final product and with the fact that their projects were completed so quickly."

After the job was done, the Durgins left this comment on the certificate of completion: "Work was done well, very neat, workers knew exactly how the job should go. We both think the room looks great, and would recommend Total Basement Finishing to others."
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Dan points out that both home-owners decided to install carpet because their basements had always been bone-dry and were likely to stay that way.

By contrast, for damp basements or basements with the potential for water issues, he would recommend Thermal Dry or vinyl laminate flooring, which are



Two views of Brewer homeowner's new home theater/playroom area.



This is what the area looked like before Total Basement Finishing.

specifically made for basements.

Thermal Dry flooring uses 12x12 floor panels which snap together. The panels are available as vinyl tile or vinyl carpet with nylon fibers that won't absorb water. If the panels get wet, it won't hurt them, and they'll dry out very quickly. The same applies to the new vinyl laminate flooring, which looks just like wood laminate flooring, but can withstand basement environments.

Both floor systems provide an

insulating air space to help keep your feet up to 10 degrees warmer, and allow air to circulate to help keep the floor dry. In the event the basement floods, they can also be easily removed, dried, and reinstalled without damage.

Keith Trembley Builder can also help homeowners fix wet basement issues in preparation for a finishing project, so virtually any basement can be used to get that extra living space you've been looking for!

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a parent or other concerned party. The child must be able to communicate the dream to a Dream Factory representative.

Due to the complicated nature of Drew's dream, the Dream Factory hired an industrial hygienist to report on what would have to be done to convert the 900 sq. ft. basement into a rec room. Extensive mold behind the wall board, along with a leaking pump and subsequent dampness.

Very soon into planning for this dream, the Dream Factory realized that the dream as planned was going to cost far more than the \$5,000 usually budgeted for a dream. However, the Dream Factory did not want to deny the dream of this very special child, so they reached out to members of the Bangor community to help make the dream come true.

In early 2007, Keith Trembley of Keith Trembley Builders, Inc., and Paul Davis Restoration, agreed to serve as the volunteer general contractor for the project. Randy Nason of KTB/PDR started by doing the mold remediation, and Steve Michaud roughed in the electrical. Then KTB/PDR installed a SaniDry dehumidifier, donated by Basement Solutions, to keep the basement dry and eliminate future mold growth.

Total Basement Finishing donated wall panels, which were installed by Keith and a crew of volunteers from the Seven Oaks men's program. The TBF wall systems eliminate the need for wood framing, fiberglass insulation, and particle board or drywall on the walls, all of which can absorb moisture and create favorable conditions for mold



From left: Keith Trembley, Mary Carol Haggerty from the Dream Factory, Drew, dad Robb, sister Kelsey, brother Camden, and mom Lisa

growth, which would be bad for Drew's health.

Home Depot donated the ceiling and sent a crew of six volunteer associates to install it, and Keith led a volunteer crew to install a Uniclick brand laminate wood-look floor, which also won't absorb moisture. The flooring was donated by NRF Distribution.

Finally, the furniture provided by Bob's Discount of Portland was delivered and put in by the Dream Factory crew and Keith, along with some table games.

Services were also donated by Pine Tree Waste and architect David Merritt. Services and funds were also donated by Shawn Lewin and the Bangor Rotary and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine. Paul Davis Restoration of Portland held a LEGO drive and filled up a large box.

The project was managed by Mary Carol Haggerty of the Dream Factory's Portland chapter.