

GLICKMAN DESIGN BUILD TAKES A NEW BATHROOM AND MAKES IT ACCESSIBLE



With one month to complete a major renovation, Glickman Design Build, located in North Potomac, Maryland, took on the challenge of transforming a brand new bathroom in an Arlington, Virginia condo into an accessible space for the owner who has ALS, a degenerative neuron disease. Moving back from Florida to the Washington, DC region, the owner requested the 18th floor bathroom in Turnberry Tower be remodeled to accommodate his daily needs while still retaining its beautiful finishes.

While the Glickman team was able to relocate a few existing items, including the medicine cabinet, vanity base cabinets and sink, the remaining items, the tub, shower seat, shower glass enclosure, marble shower, floor and walls, framed partition, stone countertop, wall-hung glass mirror, slider door, and toilet, were removed and replaced. New items include wood-framed partitions for the new accessible shower, grab bars, a Schluter water membrane system on the walls and floors of the shower, a built-in cabinet and shelves, a new toilet, electrical work, and new tile.

With a short timeframe for completion along with the challenges of high rise condo work and with limited design options, Glickman chose materials that could be curated quickly but would also fit into the design aesthetic. Being familiar with condo restrictions, the team was able to maneuver around the parking, elevator and other building constraints and maintain its schedule.

The redesigned condo bathroom not only looks beautiful, but also provides the functionality that the homeowner required with an accessible shower, toilet and sink along with grab bars. The homeowners didn't see the project until it was completed and were truly thrilled with the transformation, becoming believers that a space can be both accessible and beautiful.

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