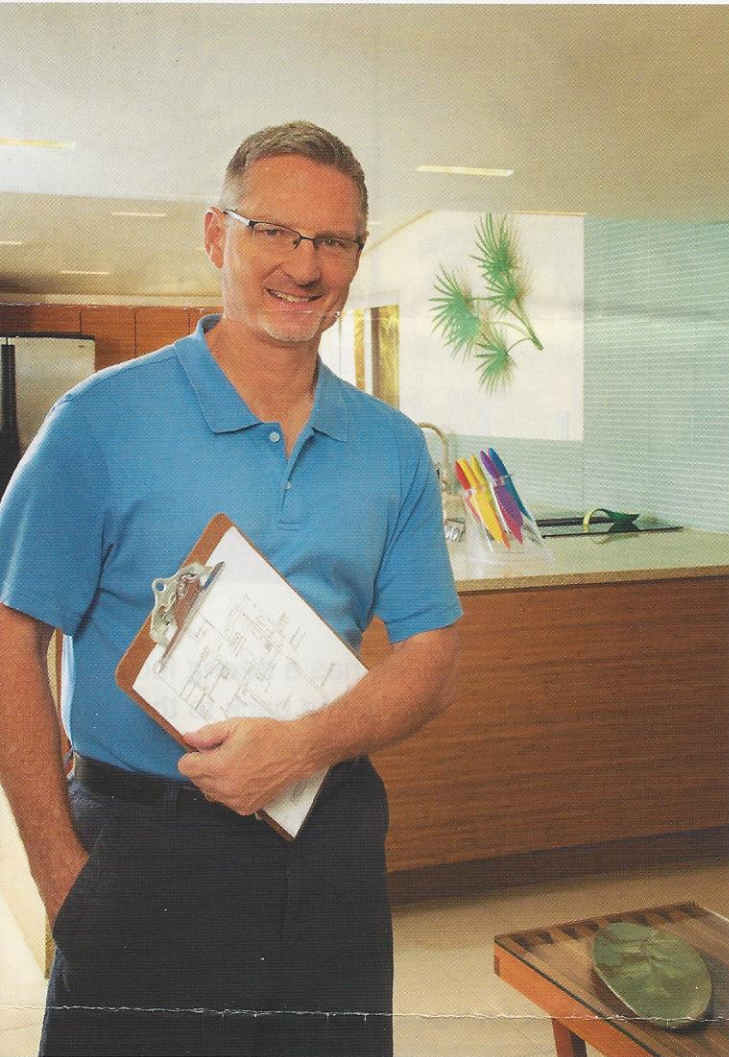


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Home designed by Carl Solander, Reverse Architecture.

HOW HAS GIVING BACK BECOME MEANINGFUL FOR YOU? When my daughter was 16, she embarked on an adventure that changed my entire family. Traveling to Malawi to volunteer at an orphanage for one month, Cassie returned with a new focus and passion for the Malawian people. Researching the best way to make the largest impact, she and my wife Kay started Taking Back Lives, a nonprofit with the mission of providing educational opportunities for students living in this impoverished country. Immediately, U.S. teens expressed interest in the cause, volunteering their time and talents to help students they had never met and thus rooting Taking Back Lives' identity as a youth organization. Since that time, an equally important part of TBL's mission is to empower our young people to realize their potential to be change-makers in their own communities and throughout the world. In three short years, this grass-roots organization has completed building one double classroom block and has begun construction of a second. In addition, a scholarship fund has been established, allowing qualified students to attend secondary school (the equivalent of the U.S. high school) and literacy classes that are provided by TBL for the adults in the community are growing at an astounding rate.

Stateside, Taking Back Lives is helping our own young people learn about global issues and possible solutions through a student-led club called Making Your Mark. Leadership skills are developed as youth involvement is apparent in the planning and execution of all fundraising events such as the Sunset Walk and Rock Out for a Cause—a concert-type event benefiting multiple area charities. Soon to be launched is TBL's newest initiative, called Project Renew. With Yoder Homes & Remodeling leading the way as coordinator and contractor, select local trade partners will offer a portion of their proceeds from a kitchen make-over to benefit Taking Back Lives' efforts in Malawi. Currently, homeowners who are interested in designating their upcoming kitchen projects should contact Taking Back Lives to find out how to become involved.

“Through Project Renew, Yoder Homes will connect with other trade partners who are willing to designate a project for Taking Back Lives.”

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Yoder Homes & Remodeling, Sarasota's premier residential and commercial remodeling company, specializes in condo renovations, room additions and major repairs. Owned and operated by Denny Yoder, Yoder Homes & Remodeling has served the local region since 2005, enjoying steady growth from about \$250,000 in sales in its first year to its current level of more than \$3 million. Yoder Homes' commitment to quality is made possible by employing only the very best licensed and insured craftsmen to work on each of its projects. “We've been very fortunate in this industry despite recent economic hardships,” said Yoder. “One of the reasons why we've been successful is because of our employees. With lots of companies cutting back we were able to hire some extremely talented guys that really make a difference in the end product.” As the former president of Delagrange Homes, one of the largest homebuilding companies in northeast Indiana, Denny Yoder moved to Sarasota in 2005 to launch Yoder Homes & Remodeling. He first took a special interest in some of the older condos on Lido and Longboat Key, but as the company continued to grow, so did the scope of its projects. A couple of his larger projects include a 5,000-square-foot Sarasota Ritz-Carlton penthouse and reception hall/bridal suite addition to the Palmetto Riverside Bed and Breakfast.