



As Director of Development for Ozarks Regional YMCA it was my awesome responsibility to research ideas for the first donor recognition center in our association. This recognition would be replicated in our 5 YMCA branches so it had to be fabulous! Our first donor "Wall of Honor" has been a tremendous success and the compliments just keep on coming. Our donors are thrilled.

There were many requirements. It had to be traditional but unique and interesting. I wanted creative style, design and balance but it had to reflect cumulative giving representing various campaigns and a dozen different levels of giving. I wanted our donors to feel like they were being honored but not like we were wasting their money. Last but not least, it had to meet my budget.

The Corian tiles sandblasted with the donors name and installed in the appropriate category was just what I had hoped for. Classic and handsome but understated. Large black letters "We Build Strong Kids, Strong Families, and Strong Communities" at the very top grab your attention the minute you enter the YMCA.

From our very first communication in response to my initial inquiry I was impressed with the professionalism Michael Miller demonstrated. He asked questions, listened and then amazed me with a design that met all my needs and exceeded my expectations.

I especially like that it encourages donors to increase their giving. Installation was easy and I update it annually by ordering a tile for new donors and moving donors who continue to give up to higher levels.

If you want your donors to be happy and inspired to give more; if you don't know much about doing formal donor recognition and you want to find someone to work with who knows his stuff and does it all over the country, I highly recommend Michael Miller and Recognition Art to you and your YMCA.

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