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Wheaton, Ill.-based Donatelli Builders, Inc. Wins 2009 Dream Home Award



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Donatelli Builders won the 2009 Dream Home Award with this dramatic makeover. Here is the front of the residence before the makeover.

Donatelli Builders, Inc., a full-service residential construction firm based in Wheaton, Ill., recently announced its win in a national building and design competition: the Dream Home Awards. Donatelli Builders, Inc. won in the category of best whole-house remodel 2,500-4,000 square feet.

The Dream Home Awards are presented to companies and individuals who assist in creating America's dream homes and set new standards of excellence in the nation's building industry. The prestigious competition was open to interior designers, architects, builders, remodelers, communities and trade contractors from across the country.

"To be recognized by national judges is certainly something of which we're proud," said Chris Donatelli, president of Donatelli Builders, Inc. "This was a collaborative effort from a great local architect and landscape architect, as well as the gracious homeowners and our team of craftsmen, millwork specialists and sub-contractors. To have this project stand out on a national level is a wonderful recognition for us, especially in a milestone year in which we're celebrating 20 years in business."



Here is the front elevation after.

The winning project was a whole-house renovation of a 90-year-old Georgian-style home in Wheaton, Ill.

Donatelli Builders, Inc. built two new additions and gutted the interior space, taking the home from 2,800 square feet to 4,800 square feet. Together with architect Ron Haas of Ronald T. Haas & Associates of Wheaton, Ill., and landscape architect Dan Wanzung, president of American Gardens, Inc. of Elmhurst, Ill., the team restored the home to its original beauty, renovated it to incorporate modern functionality and added new construction that maintained the home's original character while seamlessly blending traditional charm with modern design features.

This is the first in a series of dramatic before/after photos of this renovation. Check back to this column to see more later this week and next week.

For more info: Visit Donatelli Builders, Inc. or call 630-289-9981. To read more about the Dream Home Awards, click [here](#).

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