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Frank Christino, owner of Christino Kitchens, at one of their finished projects in Glastonbury.

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Owned and operated by Frank Christino, Christino Kitchens has established itself as a leader in the kitchen and bath design/build industry with 35 years of proven experience. And when he was asked what sets his company apart from others, his answer reflects the simple philosophy that underpins every project his company does. “We handle everything for our customers.” And the customers love it.

By Judy Henderson

Leading the team that handles it all is Frank Christino himself.

As good natured as he is tireless, Frank is Christino Kitchens’ official planner — and he runs a tight ship, working closely with both his in-house interior design team and the seasoned contractors he has come to trust to ensure smooth sailing on every project — start to finish.

“My passion for construction began when I was a teen,” he explains, and knowing what he wanted to do, he joined the Carpentry Program at Kaynor Vocational Technical School in Waterbury. After graduation, he was immediately hired as a carpenter,



"We don't send our customers out to measure spaces, re-search countertops and back splash tiles, hunt for cabinet hardware, scout out plumbing and lighting fixtures, hire contractors or do any of the work required to turn someone's dream into a stunning reality. That's our job. We handle it all. Every last detail."

~ Frank Christino

That philosophy is why Christino Kitchens has its own team of interior designers...

A team gifted at listening closely to what each customer has envisioned for their

new kitchen or bath... gifted at drawing upon their considerable experience and expertise to provide guidance along the way...and gifted at translating that refined vision into detailed drawings of the finished project, so there are no surprises.

"Surprises are lovely on birthdays," laughs Stephanie

Mazzetta, one of Christino's two in-house designers, "but we prefer to live without them on the kinds of complex projects we do." Her colleague Holly Kenny agrees. "We plan with precision so that each job proceeds with precision." And they know whereof they speak.

"I have always loved interior design," Holly explains. "As a child, I even decorated my own doll house." She set her sights on becoming a designer, earning her B.A. in Interior Design from the University of Delaware and her certification in Kitchen and Bath Design from the National Kitchen and Bath Association. In 2011, she joined Christino Kitchens and has since become an invaluable member of the team.

And the same is true for Stephanie. "I thought I wanted to be an architect," she explained, "but the truth is that I have loved interior design since I was a child. I used to watch *This Old House* on PBS and all the shows on HGTV even before HGTV really took off." So after having worked in the kitchen/bath industry since 2004, she received her B.A. in Interior Design from the University of New Haven in 2006 and served as a design intern. Then Stephanie launched her career, eventually joining Christino Kitchens in 2018, where she, too, has become indispensable.

...it's why Christino Kitchens works with a select group of cabinet makers whose products offer both quality and diversity...

"Here in our showroom" explains Frank, "our customers can choose their cabinetry from among the many lines whose manufacturers and woodworkers have proven to be masters of their trade." Some are custom made. Others are not. But the selection includes everything from styles that are affordable to high quality custom cabinets. And Christino Kitchens uses skilled local craftsmen to do the installation for a superb look and fit.

...and it's also why Christino Kitchens uses its own stable of trusted contractors.

Explains Frank, "Christino's Kitchens has worked with all of the contractors we use for many years, so we operate seamlessly together." Indeed, from woodworkers and stonemasons to plumbers and electricians, they are all highly skilled craftspeople whose work is impeccable.

But then, everything Christino Kitchens does is impeccable. So if you've been thinking about a new kitchen or bath, dream on. Then bring that dream to them. They'll make it happen.

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Frank Christino, owner, at center with Kitchen Designers Stephanie Mazzetta, left, and Holly Kenny, right.

framing homes and building custom kitchen cabinets according to the season. And when he was promoted to the trim crew, he learned the art of finish carpentry.

"Once I got a taste of doing kitchen installations," he notes, "that was it. I became a successful kitchen/bath installation subcontractor — including doing my own custom architectural millwork, and in 2008, I became Christino Kitchens." Two years later, he opened a spacious showroom so his customers could polish up their dreams in total comfort. And since then, Christino Kitchens has become well-known for both its exceptional work and for its uncommon commitment to relieving customers of all but the joy of dreaming.