

Chapter Four

# Great Lake Story 2016

Sanctuary at St. Lazare



It's easy to forget that the construction of a home is much more than the materials, much more than each contractor. It's the sum of its parts. It's taking a vision for a home, for a life, and making it a reality. Finding contractors who value a vision as much as the future homeowners is no easy task, and each year, the Great Lake Story illustrates the difference finding the right team can make.

This year for the home of Alison and Steven Fox, nestled in the beautiful development of The Sanctuary at St. Lazare on the shores of Spring Lake, the team put together by David C. Bos Homes is truly a blueprint for how to combine the right expertise to create a place where dwellers will 'live beautifully' for generations to come.

The advertisers highlighted here have been instrumental in creating a livable getaway for the Fox family, which we have been documenting through this year's installment of Great Lake Story. You can learn more about the advertising partners on the websites listed here.

The big unveil of the project will take place in the Winter issue of BLUE, and you can catch up on the previous chapters at [mbluemag.com](http://mbluemag.com).

With five locations in West Michigan, **ABC Supply Co. Inc.**, the largest wholesale distributor of roofing in the US and one of the largest distributors of siding, gutters, and other exterior building products, is renowned for its commitment to providing contractors with the best products wherever they need them. Founded in 1982, the company has built its success by focusing on one single principle: respect contractors and give them the tools they need to get the job done. From competitive pricing to unparalleled selection, ABC Supply, is the go-to choice for contractors across the country ([www.abcsupply.com](http://www.abcsupply.com)).

Since 1903, **Andersen Windows** has provided builders with high-quality doors and windows that not only transform the look of homes but also incorporate the latest in industry innovations. In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the company the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year - Product Brand Owner Award for its outstanding contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by manufacturing energy-efficient products and educating consumers about energy efficiency. With its superior products and unique perspective, Andersen Windows can help re-imagine how a space can look, feel, and function ([www.andersenwindows.com](http://www.andersenwindows.com)).

For years, **Carpet Bonanza** has been decorating the homes of West Michigan, including many featured in the annual Parade of Homes, and it isn't just about carpet. The Zeeland-based company also assists builders and homeowners in finding quality vinyl and hardwood laminate flooring, ceramic tile, and

more. The company offers a vast selection and a sales team trained to find the best fit by helping clients identify the perfect balance between their wants and needs ([www.carpetbonanza.com](http://www.carpetbonanza.com)).

Outstanding craftsmanship is the top priority for the team at **David C. Bos Homes**, a family owned-and-operated company that has been creating dream homes in Michigan for over four decades. The trade of custom homebuilding has been passed down through three generations, allowing Bos Homes to incorporate the classless timeless elements of yesterday with the luxurious necessities of today. Utilizing the latest technologies and the top area subcontractors, Bos Homes creates living spaces that are not only stylish and attractive, but sustainable and efficient, and help homeowners find new ways to "live beautifully" ([www.boshomes.com](http://www.boshomes.com)).

Since 1992, **Lakeside Surfaces** has not only crafted some of the finest and most beautiful finishes in the state, but it's cultivated relationships between customers, partners, and suppliers that are focused on long term sustainable growth. One of the largest furnishers of quartz, solid surface, and natural stone in the Midwest, the Muskegon-based company employs over 85 trained professionals who are focused on the quality, craftsmanship, and customer service that is the cornerstone of its business ([www.lakesideinc.com](http://www.lakesideinc.com)).

A commitment to providing value through quality building materials and outstanding customer service has been the foundation of **Rycenga Building Center** since 1930. The company has supplied West Michigan's lakeshore communities with lumber products, kitchen and bath materials, and door and windows from Andersen Windows. Family owned and operated, Rycenga is committed to community and prides itself on long-lasting relationships with its employees, contractors, suppliers, and of course, homeowners ([www.rycenga.com](http://www.rycenga.com)).

If good businesses are the only ones that stand the test of time, it's clear to see that **VanderWall Brothers Concrete Products** has passed. Founded nearly a century ago in the wake of World War 1, the company has been providing West Michigan with concrete and fireplace expertise ever since. The extensive hearth and stove showroom showcases some of the finest fireplaces and hearths, including a variety of alternative fuel stoves such as coal, wood, pellet, and corn, as well the largest selection of Cultured Stone in West Michigan ([www.vanderwallbros.com](http://www.vanderwallbros.com)).

There's more to the story of the beautiful Fox home at the Sanctuary at St. Lazare in our Travel & Adventure issue, on newsstands and in subscriber homes late July. Follow Great Lakes Story on the web at [mbluemag.com](http://mbluemag.com).

ILLUSTRATIONS BY GARY W. ODMARK

