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PHOTOS BY DAVID  
Clerestory windows in the living room/dining room flood the space with natural light. A modern wall-mounted gas fireplace provides both warmth and style.

# BEAUTY AND FUNCTION COEXIST IN ACCESSIBLE

BY AMY BURGER  
Special to the Post-Dispatch

Universal, or accessible, design is a growing trend in the homebuilding and remodeling industries as the baby-boomer population continues to age and people with disabilities wish to live as independently as possible in their homes, while not sacrificing style for functionality.

Jessi and Jamie Hatfield are a young, active couple who both happen to be wheelchair users. They met at the Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis, where Jamie was doing outpatient therapy, and began dating. When they got married, the Hatfields shared a small apartment in Midtown that didn't provide the accessibility they needed. They knew they wanted to live in the city and considered buying an older home and remodeling it to suit their needs, but Jessi says, "By the time we paid for a house and did all of the adaptations it needed, it would have ended up being too much." They knew the best solution would be to start from scratch.



The Hatfields wanted an accessible shower that was large enough for them to relax and enjoy, but still beautiful, and they couldn't be happier with the result. The large stall and three-sided wood bench makes for easy transfer from their wheelchairs. Instead of traditional medical grab bars, they installed painted metal piping in keeping with the modern industrial look.



Jessi's favorite spot to relax



The Hatfields work design a home that fits the historic neighborhood's single-story fact



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It was a pleasure working with the Hatfield's. This factory-style new construction [3] in Benton Park is one of our favorite project to date.

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