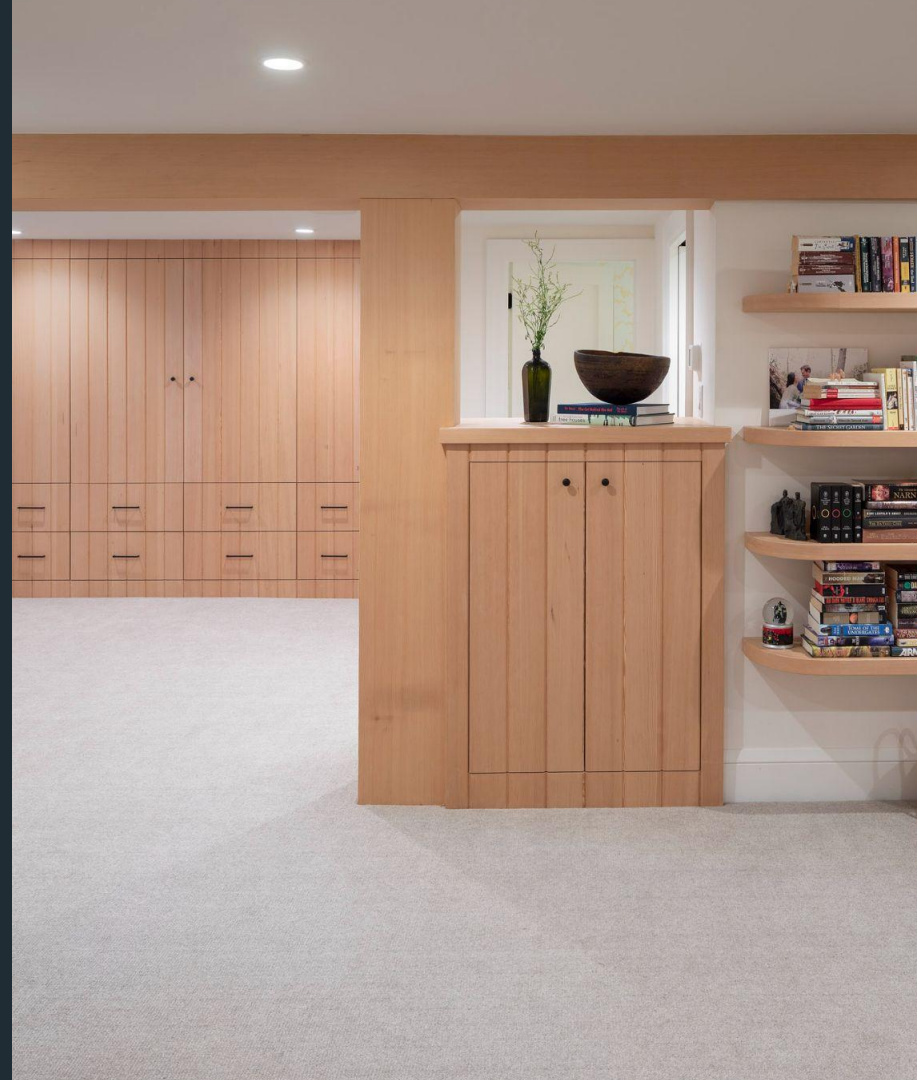


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Basement under  
\$100,000



# Minnehaha Parkway Basement



## Client Needs

- Raise 6ft ceilings for 6'2 client and family
- Add functional storage for children's toys
- Create space for kids to play
- Add secondary laundry for kids sport clothes
- Relevel original concrete of basement floor
- Add 2nd mudroom with locker storage for winter storage
- Add basement guest bedroom
- Open up stairway and opening for better flow and light

This classic 1919 home in South Minneapolis underwent a remarkable upgrade to cater to a family of 5. The remodel included a complete renovation of the basement. While preserving the architectural integrity of the original structure, the exterior seamlessly blended with the new modifications.

Addressing the limitations of a 6 ft ceiling in the basement, the homeowner, standing at 6 ft 2, sought a solution to create open and inviting spaces for the long Minnesota winters. By completely remodeling the boiler system and ceiling structure, the basement now boasts clear ceilings, drawing people down to this warm and welcoming area.

Designed with the family in mind, custom comic book, Lego, and game cabinets were added to ensure clutter-free spaces. Catering to active kids, a secondary washer system was thoughtfully installed in the basement to handle sports clothes, making laundry more efficient and seamless. This basement remodel seamlessly blended functionality, style, and family-centric design, creating a cozy and functional haven that will serve the family for years to come.





# Before Photos





# Before & After Photos



# Functionality

- Completely renovated basement floor
- Raised 6ft ceilings to accommodate 6ft2 client & family by remodeling boiler system and ceiling structure
- Added storage for children's toys and books
- Added secondary washer system to cater to active kids and their sports clothes
- Opening up structural walls for better sight lines and natural flow
- Add douglas fir custom inset cabinets with V-groove for soft organic feel
- Floating book shelves for clients love of books and display





# Aesthetics

- Add douglas fir custom inset cabinets with V-groove for soft organic feel
- Floating book shelves for clients love of books and display
- Double side game cabinet
- Post support wrapped in douglas fir to match cabinets and bring warmth to the space
- Opened up the stairway for better sight lines.
- Thick wool carpet for kids to play on and add warmth
- Smooth ceiling for taller “feel” vs textured.







# Project Challenges

- Had to remove 2 inch radiant water lines and reduce them to a high pressure system that took up much less space.
- Releveled entire basement floor
  - Original concrete many pitches and turns
- Re-did the old knob and tube electrical system
- Moved structural walls to increase usable space
- Added an egress window well for guest bedroom



# Craftsmanship & Innovative Methods

- Douglas Fir cabinetry, beam wraps and accents
- Bathroom wainscot and wallpaper for fresh feel
- Bathroom has heated towel rack for a touch of elegance
- 8" base trim to help keep the walls devoid of kids car dents
- Floating douglas fir book shelves supported by metal plates for clear aesthetic
- Inset custom cabinets