

**Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation**  
**"Excellence in Rehabilitation"**  
**Christopher & Kelsey Stoltenberg**  
**521 8<sup>th</sup> Street**



Christopher and Kelsey Stoltenberg once again demonstrate their commitment to preserving the historic character of their neighborhood by completing a historically-sensitive addition that has earned them the Excellence in Rehabilitation Award in 2017.

The residence at 521 8<sup>th</sup> Street was built in 1941 with a combination of architectural styles. The Stoltenbergs are the fourth owners of the property. They purchased it from previous owners, the Moechnigs, in 2011. Interestingly, the home's previous owners each had one child, and so the bedroom and bathroom space as-built was functional. The Stoltenbergs wanted to expand the livability of their home, and looked for ways they could grow the space. The wide, white cedar siding, grey shutters and starburst window ornamentation are character-defining features that were important to maintain while considering how to best maximize the space the family needs now and into the future. After considering several options, the Stoltenbergs realized their attached single stall garage had footings that would enable a second-story addition to expand above the garage and to the north of their existing two-bedroom second story.

Initially, they thought they would add one bedroom and one bathroom upstairs, but eventually decided they could create two bedrooms and a master bathroom, so the upstairs now has four bedrooms and two baths. Their smartly finished basement with relocated laundry enables a

lovely fifth bedroom guest space. They also hired contractor Scott Narragon to restore the historic stacked brick chimney, which is another prominent and important feature of the home. His craftsmanship can be seen in the details of the new chimney.



The Stoltenbergs worked with Hamlin Building Center for their architectural plans and building materials, and Aaron Stoltenberg's team at Stoltenberg Homes completed the addition. Kelsey Stoltenberg's design choices complimented the plans and materials to create a truly stunning home. The owners credit Hamlin Building Center for locating the cedar siding that would exactly match their existing siding, and they went above and beyond to source interior woodwork, even locating some materials out of state.



Because they have completed other projects in the past, the Stoltenbergs were familiar with the process of submitting plans for historic review. Christopher sought out design advice and technical assistance from the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission staff and the State Historic Preservation Office including on-site visits.

Christopher and Kelsey have additional ideas for ways to further improve the property in the future, but for now they have a charming 5-bedroom, 3.5 bath home with a meticulously-landscaped yard and room for guests. The second-story addition, much like the front porch addition completed a few years ago, looks as though it could be original to the property because it blends in seamlessly.

The Stoltenbergs have fully invested in their neighborhood, and intend to enjoy the fruits of their labors for years to come. Their home at 521 8<sup>th</sup> Street stands proudly as a contributing structure within the University Historic District. Well done, Christopher, Kelsey, and team!