



LionHead

Real Estate Designs

Experience the Amazing CEO Tukes Ayangbile and President Carol Ayangbile

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Tukes and Carol Ayangbile are the owners of LionHead Real Estate Designs and create custom luxury pre-sold and showcase homes. The couple is passionate about gracefully merging both livability and functionality with the idea that each home they design is an art piece with a story to share. Tukes and Carol are able to draw from a vast array of experiences and offer a refreshingly fresh perspective. With a Masters degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Iowa, Carol brings a proven method and focus on the customer experience to the business that she has and still currently utilizes to transform patient healthcare at some of the top healthcare systems in the country. Tukes also attended the University of Iowa and earned a Civil Engineering degree with a concentration in structural and architecture. This degree allows Tukes to look at future structures with great detail, precision, and a scientific method.

As a young child, Tukes would build 3D complex structures and hang them from his bedroom ceiling, daydreaming about skyscrapers and technology within homes. He took that dream further when he chose engineering as his degree, working in infrastructure with an engineering firm in Chicago, then eventually making his way to the Quad Cities working as an engineer with the federal government. Carol was immersed in the construction industry right from the beginning. From the age of five, she was taken to construction sites by her mom, a Structural Civil Engineer and Architect. She designed and constructed residential and commercial real estate here and in Vienna, Austria. Carol's mom also taught her at age seven to draw blueprints by hand.

The Ayangbile's dream to create their own real estate development company began almost two decades ago, and each step they have taken was intentionally selected in order to purposefully arrive at their current destination. They spent near-

ly twenty years conducting research and traveling the nation touring properties to absorb the different flavors of home design all around the United States.

When asked what set their company apart, Tukes replied, "Passion and the effort we put into our process is due to our love for building and developing. Carol and I work through each blueprint from start (sketches, usually on the back of old mail) to completion of full buildable sets. Our focus is not on other developers and builders, we respect that everyone has their own style and we focus on being us. We also find and partner with outstanding subcontractors; if the sub is not fitting our strict criteria for high quality - even behind the walls and foundation, we would rather stop a build and course correct. Nothing we do is in the realm of status quo and the response to our designs is nothing short of electric! We are different and it shows."

At LionHead Real Estate Designs, you will never hear them refer to a home as a spec home, but rather as a showcase home. Carol and Tukes said that this is because the company only uses the finest materials, whether hidden in the walls or on display.

With several breathtaking projects on the horizon, Tukes and Carol are thrilled to continue bringing different flavors to the Quad Cities and are excited to connect with REALTORS® who are searching for spectacular floor plans and elevations to offer their clients. Along with their REALTOR® Greg Garza from MelFoster, LionHead Real Estate Designs is forging a path back to a time where homes offered a legacy to be passed down for generations. The Ayangbile's said, "We believe your home is your castle, the place you can go to recharge for the next rigorous day. We want our clients' homes to be a sanctuary where they don't feel the need to go on a vacation to surround themselves in a beautiful space, but when they must, they're looking forward to returning to their oasis."



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