Welcome to 41 West Lane, our home for the last 19 years. In July of 2005, with a newborn daughter and two little boys (2 and 3 years old), we made the move down the street. We jumped at the chance, with three young kids, to live on this beautiful street, at the back of a circle, with a private backyard in a wonderful neighborhood.

We quickly settled into our new home. It was built by Steve McCann, a renowned builder who lives in Madison. As we got to know it better, we came up with ways to add our own touch. First, we designed custom built-ins in many of our favorite rooms. Our office unit benefits from concealed file drawers and lighting in the cabinetry. In our living room we added open shelving and crown molding and lighting. In our daughter's bedroom we furnished a desk and 2 dressers. To our master bedroom, we added a dressing area connected to our master bath. In our basement, we built a media room, including a beautiful wall unit that frames our flat screen. And lastly, we built a mud room containing tons of cubbies for storage. All were designed with lots of detail and loving care. We also added speakers in our kitchen, family room, living room and outdoor patio. We took a little more time designing our bluestone patio complete with a cobblestone fire pit and built-in grill as we wanted to ensure ease of indoor/outdoor living. Our wrap around porch is the perfect complement to our outdoor patio.

Over the years our home has been the perfect place to host so many special occasions. Unforgettable memories that include family holiday and birthday events, school class cocktail parties, many new season kick off parties for our sports teams, and some big win post game parties! Our basement has been a favorite hangout for our kids from movie nights to knee hockey and ping pong tournaments. So great to enjoy 3 twin beds in our 5<sup>th</sup> bedroom upstairs for last minute sleepovers. We have our grandparents staying with us often as our first floor guest room is an ideal place for the elderly to be comfortable. They often enjoy opening the door to the porch to bring their first coffee outside.

A few more important things to note about this really special neighborhood. We were originally attracted by the proximity to town and the direct train to NYC but it is so much more. On any given day you will see lots of kids riding bikes and scooters and playing in the yard. The neighbors are wonderful and they are many of our closest friends. Halloween is a really special time. People come from all over Madison and surrounding areas, to feel the warmth of our neighborhood as they trick or treat around our enclosed street in total safety.

As our kids are now grown, it is time for us to pass the torch on to 41 West's new owners.