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# BIOGRAPHIES



## Mike Kephart, AIA

As a residential architect, I've always been interested in how people live. Last year, I retired from the practice I founded and led since 1973. During those years, KEPHART Community- Planning -Architecture designed residential communities and individual homes and apartments. That experience prepared me for the future realization of my goal to see that everyone has a well designed place to live.

"Housing for Later Life" has consumed my full attention in recent years, not only for my life, but also for the millions of people who face more years beyond 50 than any generation has ever faced. In 2006 I was honored by the 50+ council of the national Association of Homebuilders as their Icon of the Industry. With that honor I joined the group of my mentors and took on the responsibility to pass on to others the lessons I've learned .

Sustainability is a passion of mine that has found new direction in the design and development of communities. I was raised in Perryville, a small town in Southern Missouri, and learned to respect the land and the animals that share the earth with us. I hiked the surrounding woods, and fished the streams and ponds. I still enjoy solo hiking expeditions into the mountain wildernesses of Colorado for a little fly-fishing.

Compact Cities have been a belief of mine that has long led me to efforts to bring people more closely together while maintaining their own personal identity, privacy and sense of security. The more people learn to live comfortably in cities, the more wild land is left for all of us to enjoy.

Sidekick Homes is the company I have founded to begin to bring together all of the aspects of this dream. I hope that through this company we can make a difference.



## Jaye Kephart

I helped Mike launch and run Kephart Architects— which has evolved into a highly respected, nationally recognized design firm. I was thrilled by the challenge of co-steering this company on a course of success and administered all non-architectural responsibilities.

For the next 27 years, I was intimately involved in Kephart's administration, financials, marketing and human resources, which, at one point, managed 50 employees. In addition, I worked on architectural projects of interest, such as the building of a Colorado Children's Museum exhibit, and the annual mass mailing of the firm's "Kephart Cookies — six hundred dozen cookies, sent as tokens of appreciation to the business's clients and friends. Today, the firm, which still bears its original family name, remains true to its long-standing reputation as a stable, profitable, award-winning business.

Now with the start of the new vision, Sidekick Homes is a realization of my dream to help others, which has always been my focus. Whether it was helping young children explore the world around them or helping architects design the best housing possible, I have always worked to improve the lives of people. Through our new company, I hope to impact caregivers and those in need of care, improve the lives of families, and do our part to save our environment, too.



## Renee Babbkiewich

I have been involved in the worlds of real estate and mortgage brokerage for the past 26 years. I began my real estate career in 1981. I have run the gamut in real estate from interval ownership to new home sales to re-sales.

I started in the mortgage industry in 1986. In 1991, I opened my own mortgage brokerage company - MRB Loan Brokers. The longevity of MRB Loan Brokers is based on the understanding that my role as a mortgage broker is enabling people to meet a basic life need; a need for shelter. My goal is to make this process of buying and financing a home as simple, as easy and as effortless as possible, whether I am working with a first time home buyer or a seasoned veteran.

On a one-to-one basis in business as well as in my personal life, I treat people the way that I want to be treated – courteously, professionally, and with an eye to what is the best possible outcome for another as well as me. If it is not good for you, it's not good for me and if it is not good for me it's no good for you. I then apply this business practice to my community at large. Trust and relationship are the foundation of my business. What I realized early in my career is that what ever I do, it has to have a purpose that ultimately serves the well being of my community.

Along with Mike and Jaye Kephart, I have co-founded Sidekick Homes - Kephart Living LLC. as an extension of these principles. We are building small homes behind primary residential homes that are A.S.A.B. – Accessible, Sustainable, Affordable and Beautiful. The well being, independence, safety, and financial future of our aging population are being considered by many families across the United States as well as in other countries. Sidekick Homes offers possibilities for good life choices right in our own backyards.

For me, Sidekick Homes – Kephart Living LLC is all about life on purpose.