



ELIASON®

“THE CENTER” PALOS PARK, IL

CASE STUDY

Recipient of the “Excell Marketing Kitchen Makeover,” The Center received Eliason traffic door products providing *better traffic flow* through the facility, *noise reduction* within the dining area, and an *aesthetically pleasing* solution overall.



THE CENTER - NON-PROFIT REHABILITATION & RECOVERY

The Center is a non-profit organization whose primary mission and original purpose is religious, with a strong focus on rehabilitation and recovery. The Center provides a safe and supportive place to live and work as part of their recovery program, has a large farm, farm animals, a kitchen garden and more. The Center also hosts summer camps and art programs for children and adults as well as other community programs.

WINNER OF THE 2018 BETTER LIVES MAKEOVER

The Center was chosen as the winner of the 2018 Better Lives Makeover, a yearly kitchen renovation project sponsored by Cooking Up Better Lives. The program was founded by Excell Marketing and provides an opportunity to improve the functionality, efficiency and value of community-based non-profit programs.

CHALLENGE

The kitchen located inside of the Center originated in the 1930's and was in desperate need of renovation. It was not up to current code, was inefficient and needed modernization.

Having only one door in and out of the kitchen was their biggest door-related issue in relation to their original layout. Accidents and inefficient traffic flow resulted from this as individuals found themselves having to bring food out of the kitchen at the same time as others were attempting to bring back empty trays, dirty dishes, etc.

The Center was awarded the “Excell Marketing Kitchen Makeover” having been submitted for consideration for the award by Mark Raber with Ramar Supply. Excell Marketing members and vendors are provided the opportunity in this makeover to donate time, labor, design, building materials and of course product. Eliason was contacted and asked to donate a few doors for the kitchen makeover project and we were very excited to participate in this great opportunity!



Eliason LWP-6



Eliason LWP-1

SOLUTION

During the redesign, they were able to incorporate a second opening in the back, allowing for better traffic flow in and out of the kitchen. This allowed us to provide an Eliason LWP-6 as well as an Eliason LWP-1. The addition of the second opening increased efficiency of movement and eliminated the risk of individuals running into each other with trays of food and dirty dishes.

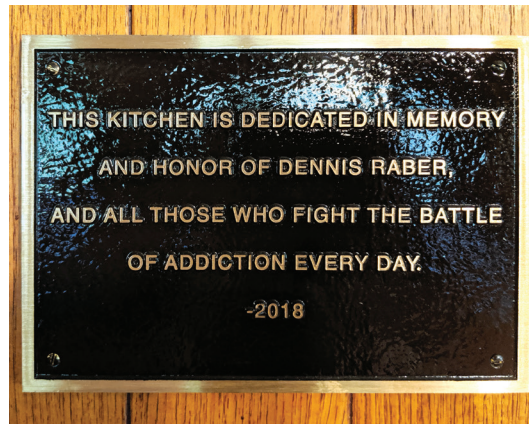
PRODUCT

Eliason provided (2) LWP traffic door models. These doors are lightweight and operate on our EasySwing hardware system which is extremely reliable. The LWP model is the #1 model used in small restaurants across the nation.

The LWP-6 was provided with a woodgrain textured laminate and installed with the intent to blend into the paneling in their dining area, making the door appear as if it had always been there. The LWP-1 was provided for the new additional back door opening.

“The transformation of our kitchen has been such a blessing. We could never have funded a completely new kitchen, from the ground up, without the award from Excell with “The Kitchen Makeover.” The addition of the second opening has created a more efficient flow through the kitchen and we have noticed a reduction in sound in the dining area from the kitchen since the doors were installed.”

- Mark Walker, Development Director at The Center



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