Bio of Rosemarie Rossetti, Ph.D.

Universal Design Expertise

Rosemarie Rossetti, Ph.D. is a powerful, internationally known speaker, author, consultant, and president of Rossetti Enterprises Inc. www.RosemarieSpeaks.com. She acquired a spinal cord injury on June 13, 1998. As a person who uses a wheelchair, she knows firsthand the benefits of accessible and universal design. She is the author of the Universal Design Toolkit, Time-saving ideas, resources, solutions, and guidance for making homes accessible.

Rossetti and her husband, Mark Leder designed, built, and live in the Universal Design Living Laboratory, the national demonstration home and garden in Columbus, Ohio. This is the highest rated universal design home in North America earning three national certifications. The home received a Silver rating certification on the LEED for Homes program, and earned a Gold rating certification on the National Green Building Standard program.

Rossetti is an inspiring entrepreneur who is rethinking design and building by spearheading discussions and experiments around re-imagined living spaces. She is a keynote speaker at national conferences and events. Her live and virtual presentations help people integrate universal design and green building features into their projects. She consults with builders, developers, remodelers, architects, interiors designers, occupational therapists, Realtors and consumers.

She is a member of the National Home Safety and Modification Work Group, as part of National Council on Aging’s National Falls Prevention Resource Center. She is on the advisory panel of the Living in Place Institute and is a Certified Living in Place Professional. She is a Certified Senior Home Safety Specialist and a member of the Board of Directors of the Global Universal Design Commission, Inc.

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