

zer threshold

More than a competition – A New Way of Design Thinking.

"Instead of making accessible features as functional and invisible as possible, this competition challenges architects and designers to celebrate the aesthetics of accessibility."



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a design competition for barrier free living

Inspired by North Coast Community Homes
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Prosthetic leg, by Sophie Oliveira Barata, The Alternative Limb Project, represents the shift to making disability and accessibility solutions aesthetic and expressive.

An International Architectural Design Competition

For student and professional designers who see a world that is not only free of barriers - but freely admired for its beauty and innovation.

ZeroThreshold is a design competition that is about more than creating accessible spaces. It's about elevating the idea of accessibility through intentionally beautiful design.

This competition is an important step in changing the conversation about accessibility. Not only will it launch Cleveland towards being the world's best "barrier-free city", the solutions that surface can be broadly applicable to cities throughout the United States and around the world.

Entrants will submit designs in one of a variety of categories: bungalow remodel, new home construction, shared community space, and so on. All of these categories represent real spaces and opportunities within the Cleveland neighborhood of Old Brooklyn. By grounding the competition in a middle-neighborhood, we invite innovative solutions that can be implemented and impactful in the real world.

The winning designs will be considered for implementation and build in a future phase.

“*Industrial designers, product designers have been doing this for years. What would happen if we challenged architectural designers, the whole architectural community to do the same?*”

STEVEN RUGARE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY



For more visit zerthreshold.org

What is it?

Zero Threshold is a design competition that is reimagining accessible housing and accessibility. We've partnered with the Cleveland Foundation to challenge local, national, and international designers to create floor plans and home mods that are so innovative and attractive that someone without a disability says "I want that!"

We're pushing the boundaries of a whole industry and meeting critical needs. **You could be a part of it!**

Presenting Sponsor

\$10,000

- Company name in title of the competition.
- Logo on the winner certificates.
- First choice of moderator for panel discussion.
- Sponsorship of up to 8 competitors.
- 10 tickets to the awards event.
- VIP experience at awards event.
 - Includes opportunity to meet & recruit competitors.
- Have a display exhibit in location of your choice post-competition.
- Advertising and other signage at awards event.
- Logo & listing on website, social media, & program as "Presenting Sponsor."
- Special spotlight social media posting.
- Complimentary coffee table book.

Award Sponsor

\$5,000

- Name & company logo on an award.
- First choice of a panelist for panel discussion.
- Sponsorship of up to 6 competitors.
- 6 tickets to awards event.
- VIP experience at awards event.
 - Includes opportunity to meet & recruit competitors.
- Advertising and other signage at awards event.
- Logo & listing on website, social media, & program as "Presenting Sponsor."
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Panel Sponsor

\$2,500

- Name & company logo on panel announcements & signage.
- Sponsorship of up to 4 competitors.
- 4 tickets to awards event.
- VIP experience at awards event.
 - Includes opportunity to meet & recruit competitors.
- Logo & listing on website, social media, & program as "Presenting Sponsor."
- Complimentary coffee table book.

Event Sponsor

\$1,000

- Sponsorship of up to 2 competitors.
- 2 tickets to awards event.
- VIP experience at awards event.
 - Includes opportunity to meet & recruit competitors.
- Logo & listing on website, social media, & program as "Presenting Sponsor."
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Award Event
September 19, 2019

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Payment

Please feel free to pay by check or credit card.

Checks can be made payable to "North Coast Community Homes."

To pay by **Credit Card**, please call Shannon Hill at 216-365-2619.

Sponsorship Opportunities

● **Presenting Sponsor** **\$10,000**

● **Award Sponsor** **\$5,000**

● **Panel Sponsor** **\$2,500**

● **Event Sponsor** **\$1,000**

● **Exhibit Sponsor** **+\$400**

Add to your sponsorship, and host an exhibit at a location of your choice.

● **Student Sponsor** **+\$250**

Add to your sponsorship, and create an opportunity for an individual or student team to enter the competition.

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