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Exceptional craftsmanship, unparalleled customer service, and a deeply held belief in giving back elevate 5280 Stone to inspiring new heights



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There is something uniquely poetic about Kevin Gray's journey to owning one of Colorado's most respected and successful stone fabrication companies. His path to founding 5280 Stone more than a decade ago was far from linear, with setbacks and challenges, obstacles to overcome, and no small amount of perseverance and divine intervention setting his course early on. Much like how wind and rain form the stones that make up the stunning surfaces he creates, the pressures of life have yielded an indelible beauty in 5280 Stone—a company born of and polished to perfection by life's strongest storms.

"Like so many people, we were hit hard by the economic downturn in 2008," Gray recalls. "We lost everything, including the custom home-building company I'd started a few years prior. We fought our way back and founded 5280 Stone in 2012. Many people stepped up to help us get back on our feet during those tough years, and it still resonates with me today. As a company, we make a point of paying it forward and helping people whenever we can. As we've grown more successful, we're able to do more and more."

ABOVE: The Torrento quartzite counters and dining table are the focal point of the kitchen and dining areas, creating symmetry between the two spaces.

A spirit of "agape," the highest form of Christian love and caring toward others, has fueled Gray and the company from the beginning. Gray focused his sights on giving back to his community while crafting the highest quality countertops and surfaces available on the market—a return to his love for stone he developed during his earliest days in the industry. With a degree in construction management and an enduring passion for architecture, his expertise has steered the company into an enviable position as one of the most accomplished fabricators in the region.

"Starting out, I worked for and learned from some of the industry's best builders," Gray explains. "My understanding of architecture was shaped by watching them construct truly amazing homes. What stood out to me was how much stone elevates a space. Our focus at 5280 is to bring that understanding to every project we do."



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: While much of this bathroom is covered in rich, dark hues, a Caesarstone Pure White quartz countertop beautifully reflects the lighting, creating a bright atmosphere. This large shower room is enrobed in Neolith Calacatta marble in a silk porcelain finish. A grand piano is dwarfed by the eye-catching Church Hill soapstone fireplace.

MATERIALS FOR THE BRAVE

Now sought-after by some of the area's most prestigious builders and designers, 5280 Stone has distinguished itself as a go-to resource for high-end, luxury projects demanding superlative materials and expertise. In addition to seeking out the firm's exceptional granite, marble, quartz, travertine, sandstone, and limestone countertops, in-the-know designers and builders look to Gray for his insight and collaboration in curating truly out-of-the-ordinary interiors.

One of the few fabricators in the area working with semiprecious materials, Gray delights in 5280 Stone's showstopping potential. From a signature wall of backlit agate to the iridescent allure of a kitchen swathed in quartzite, each is a one-of-a-kind architectural expression. Petrified wood, onyx, mica, and labradorite also feature prominently in the 5280 Stone portfolio. The firm is unique in its dedication to sourcing sustainable materials, meaning green-focused clients will have a guilt-free design experience.

"We have a passion for doing really unique things," Gray says. "When other fabricators say 'no,' we figure out a way to do it. We've been blessed to be a part of some truly unique projects over the years. We want to make this process very simple for our customers. Picking the right stone, working with the right company, and getting everything scheduled and installed can be very complicated and frustrating. Our homeowners and builders are our top priority, and we want this to be as easy for them as possible."

With new showrooms opening around Colorado, those blessings seem poised to multiply—good fortune Gray is committed to continuing to share.

"We care about our clients, and we care about our community," Gray says. "What do you need? How can we help? Our driving spirit is to always exceed expectations and make life better for everyone we meet."



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