



## If Walls Could Talk..

*By Brian Hansen, Project Manager*

Here at Team Engineering we get a handful of calls every day from clients who have noticed a crack in a wall or floor of their property and they want an expert to tell them if the crack they see is “serious or not”. When they say “serious or not” we understand that they mean that they want an expert to evaluate if the crack is the result of normal settling or a more serious structural issue. Answering this question requires a technician with a trained eye to recognize the clues and determine what the clues mean.



This does not mean that we talk to buildings, but we do listen.

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## What's This About Code?

*By Nancy Nichols, P.E.*

Building Codes are the minimum standards. They are the enforceable standards for new buildings and existing buildings that are undergoing renovations or significant repairs.



Are we, as building owners, negligent for not upgrading our buildings to current code? No.

Do we need to update our buildings to current code when we sell? No, but the seller may request a component(s) or system(s) be upgraded.

Do we need to update our buildings to current code when we renovate? Yes, some upgrades to current code are needed when there is a renovation, depending on the type and extent of the work.

The International Residential Code regulates 1- and 2-family dwellings and townhouse structures. It combines all of the regulations for the building – structural, energy efficiency, mechanical, plumbing, electrical.

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## Project Spotlight - JAD Design Group Inc

The word “design” is very general and is easily misunderstood in the building industry. There are many elements that need to be designed to get a building off the ground. This includes the design of the *architecture* (overall aesthetics, room layout, etc.), *structure* (framing, foundation, connections, etc.), and all the minor elements in-between (insulation, electrical, mechanical, etc.). Finding a designer who can perform the majority of these pieces in a one-stop-shop fashion can sometimes be hard to find. One of those designers that Team Engineering has commonly worked with is **JAD Design Group Inc.**

The designers at JAD have continuously demonstrated knowledge of all the key design pieces to get a building off the ground. With near 25 years of experience,

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## Charitable Giving: Families in Transition

Families in Transition (FIT), a nonprofit organization located in Manchester, Concord and Dover, New Hampshire, was founded in 1991 in response to the growing number of homeless individuals and families in the greater Manchester area and throughout the state. Since its inception, FIT has been committed to providing only the most innovative, and effective interventions specifically designed to help homeless individuals and families reach beyond the cycle of homelessness to lead healthy and successful lives.



# Families in Transition

*Providing a Home. Building Hope.*

## Here's How it Works

Team Engineering will be donating to this amazing organization in the amount of \$150

## The Adventures of Tink & Turbo



*Tink & Turbo playing a little game of tug of war.. Who do you think wins?*

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