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2024 Women in Construction: Alex Clymer, Chestnut Hill Realty

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What was your greatest professional achievement or most notable project in the last 12 months?

I am proud of two significant achievements over the past year. First is the completion of a vibrant, attractive, three-story community center that is now the hub of our flagship property, Hancock Village. With amenities ranging from function rooms, lounges and an outdoor pool to a fitness center, game room and home/office suites, the project was the culmination of incredible teamwork and coordination by the entire team. My second achievement was onboarding four new team members in the past year and seeing my time spent mentoring them result in their growth and increased confidence.

Who or what inspired you to join the AEC industry?

Joining the construction industry always felt inevitable to me. As a child I was drawing floor plans for doll houses instead of playing with them. I have stacks of drawing notebooks filled with floor plans I completed as a kid. I was always interested in learning how buildings are constructed – from planning and construction to interior design and procurement. I pursued this interest in college, majoring in Building and Construction Technology at UMass Amherst. I have remained passionate about this field over my 14-year career and continue to be inspired in my role at Chestnut Hill Realty.

What has been the driving force behind your success in the AEC industry?

My drive lies in contributing to a field I feel inherently suited for, pushing myself to constantly produce better work. I find fulfillment in asking questions, collaborating on solutions, and expanding my skillset. Working for a company with a strong emphasis on employee development helps to fuel my drive, knowing my growth is valued.