

# Louise and Dr. Mark Margolis

**LOCATION** University area **GOAL** "It is amazing how the kitchen transformed our home," says Louise "Weezie" Margolis. "We wanted a family-oriented kitchen, breakfast room and den that would be visually connected and contiguous." The Margolises also wanted the new breakfast room to have plenty of windows for the view and for easy access to the back patio, pool and entertaining area. The biggest challenge was to convert existing rooms – a small kitchen, breakfast room, hallway, closet and mechanical room – into one open space. "We called in architect and interior designer Lisa Roth, who immediately understood our needs and explained what changes needed to take place structurally to make it all possible." The new, open floor plan especially pleased Dr. Mark Margolis. "I like the function and flow of the space," he says. Weezie and Mark both like having a sink in the island as well as double sinks under the window.



Above: Louise and Dr. Mark Margolis live in the university area with their daughters, Emily and Edie. Left: The architect raised the ceiling to add more volume to the space and installed recessed lighting along with hanging fixtures with hand-blown glass shades. The island was designed to accommodate the stove (Randy Verdin of Walls of Italy in Baton Rouge created the plaster hood above it) and to provide work space for meal preparation. With the addition of bar stools, the island also serves as a place for a quick meal. Granite counter tops complement the predominance of stone, stainless steel and plaster. Limestone tile in an Old World finish was used on the floor. The heated floor features a thermostat that can be preset.

**RESOURCES** Architect and interior designer: Lisa Roth, Montgomery Roth Architecture and Interior Design, LLC (568-1240); general contractor: Tommy Capitano, Creative Improvements (464-5578); stove and ovens: Wolf; hood: Randy Verdin of Walls of Italy (225-413-9342); refrigerator-freezer: Sub Zero; floor and wall tiles: manufactured by Walker Zanger and distributed by Stafford Tile and Stone (895-5000); cabinets: manufactured by Wood-Mode and distributed by Classic Cupboards (734-9088).