

# Spring Home Improvement



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From left, Tercio Ramos, Erik Rockwood, Mike MacIntyre, Brian O'Sullivan, owner Bob Rockwood, and Robson Mota.

## Rockwoods build on their reputation

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There are family businesses, and then there's Rockwood Inc., of Walpole.

Experts at exterior renovations – roofing, siding, windows and patio rooms – Rockwood Inc. has been a family business for nearly four decades.

Erik Rockwood, who's in his late 20s, promises to keep that tradition alive as he continues to grow under his father's tutelage. Erik's dad, Bob, founded the business with his late brother, Alan, in 1970. The pair learned the ropes from their dad, Walter, who was the town's building inspector and a carpenter.

Bob referred to Alan as "the greatest partner in the world."

Their uncle, Bill Smith, worked with them for 20 years, after having spent 40 years at Bird & Son in East Walpole, where he learned about the siding business. Uncle Bill died in the summer of 2003, just three months before Alan lost his battle with cancer.

Bob said seeing Alan and Bill work together was always fun; he compared it to watching a comedy team like Laurel & Hardy.

Meanwhile, Erik began working for

Rockwood Inc. during his senior year at Babson College in 2001-02 to see if this was the career path he'd like to pursue. He's remained there full time ever since.

"I enjoy it," he said. He referred to his coworkers as a "fantastic crew" who are "good guys."

Erik wants to reassure customers that he intends to stick with the business for many years to come in order to keep it in the family.

With regard to the siding aspect of the business, Rockwood Inc. works with wood, clapboard and shingles, including Hardi plank – a fiber cement product that looks like cedar clapboard.

For windows, Rockwood Inc. installs vinyl replacements, bay windows and bow windows (Andersen and Maryin products).

And the business can handle any roofing job – asphalt, shingle or rubber roofing.

Working year-round, Rockwood Inc. also remodels bathrooms and basements, and builds additions.

Erik said remodeling bathrooms is a perfect way to pass the harsh winter.

"Selfishly, I like to be inside for the winter,"

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he said with a chuckle.

Rockwood Inc. is a licensed and insured company, and is only one of two businesses in the area to be certified by CertainTeed.

Four of the crew members have their builder's license.

Rockwood Inc. offers free consultations/estimates and educates their customers throughout the entire renovation process.

Bob Rockwood said there's nothing more satisfying than receiving praise from the homeowner and their neighbors at the end of the project.

Rockwood Inc. is located at 1012 East St. in Walpole. For further information, call 508-668-7892 or visit [www.rockwoodinc.com](http://www.rockwoodinc.com)



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