



## Commercial Real Estate Guide, Elevator Services: Champion Elevator Corp.

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You may have seen Champion Elevator vehicles around the Connecticut, Westchester, and Hudson Valley Region these days! Champion Elevator is taking these territories by storm, by providing great elevator maintenance, repair, and modernization services.

Champion Elevator president and CEO Donald Gelestino has over 35+ years in the elevator business and believes in real-time transparent communication with the customer and providing the correct maintenance to all elevators serviced under the Champion brand.

Champion very proudly won the 2020 Elevator World Ellies Award for “Best Family-Owned Company” in the United States and Donald Gelestino, in 2021 was awarded the “William C. Sturgeon” award presented by The National Association of Elevator Contractors which is the most prestigious award in the elevator industry nationally!

Champion was one of the first private companies to open in the state of Connecticut in many years and now provides monthly maintenance to 406 elevators in Connecticut, 340 in Westchester, and 51 in the Hudson Valley area!

No elevator is too big or small for Champion! “We service private residential elevators up to 50+ story class A buildings,” said Robert Monforte, president of maintenance operations at Champion. Champion is also wrapping up a \$44 million/180-elevator modernization project at Co-Op City located in Bronx, NY which came in under budget and over four months early.

Champion Elevator recently opened a new warehouse and operations facility in Shelton, CT and one in Nyack, NY to better service the client’s needs.

Champion has some of the best troubleshooters in the industry and a safety plan which is spearheaded by safety industry leaders such as Louis DeLoreto, Ed Bulakites, and Champion’s in-house safety director, Gary Holtzman. Donna Scibetta runs the Testing and Violations Department and has been working with Gelestino since 1990. Gelestino said, “Champion has a testing and inspection department second to none.”

Champion Elevator, Corp. is a privately owned company, founded by president and CEO Donald Gelestino, in September 2015. They currently service 5,441+/- elevators monthly in CT, NY, NJ, and PA. Champion has 330+/- employees ready to service, modernize, repair, test, and install elevators.

Keep on the lookout for Champion Elevator as they rise above their competition and build their New England operation and culture!

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