

Realtor Foundation contributes to record charitable giving

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Hoosier philanthropists contributed to a record-breaking year of generosity, reports Indiana Grantmakers Alliance, an organization serving the state's foundations and corporate giving programs. The Realtor Foundation of Indianapolis played a role in the giving.

"Giving USA 2007," a publication of the Giving USA Foundation researched and written by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, attributed last year's rise in charitable giving in part to foundations. Foundation grantmaking has grown three times faster than individual giving, rising 12.6 percent to \$36.5 billion in 2006. With thanks to increased gifts to

foundations, grantmaking helped boost the funding of nonprofit organizations by more than 4 percent.

"In a year when large individual gifts grabbed headlines, it's exciting to learn that organized philanthropy was also on the rise," said Marissa Manlove, president and CEO of Indiana Grantmakers Alliance.

The Realtor Foundation of Indianapolis contributed to record giving in 2006 by increasing its funding of organizations that supply housing for victims of unforeseen circumstances by more than 10 percent. With a vision to transition central Indiana individuals from homelessness or inadequate or unsafe housing to permanent solutions,

the foundation has made awareness and fundraising its primary objectives.

"Homelessness is a complex issue that builds multiple barriers to self-sufficiency for its victims," said Claire Belby, communications director at the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors, parent organization of the Realtor Foundation. "We have worked hard in the last year in particular to make the real estate community more aware of those complexities and at the same time help Realtors understand that they are a significant part of the solution."

More information is available about the Indiana Grantmakers Alliance at www.indianagrntmakers.org and about MIBOR at www.mibor.com.

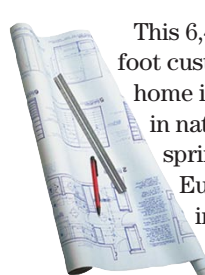


A weathered brick exterior brings an Old World look to this modern luxury home by Campbell Custom Homes.

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Floor Plan of the Week

Staff Report

This 6,400-square-foot custom-built home is traditional in nature, yet it's sprinkled with European influences throughout. Working closely with the homeowner,

Campbell Custom Homes designed the structure with a weathered brick exterior; fireplaces in the great room, master suite and covered rear patio; and an open kitchen and breakfast nook. The master suite also has a freestanding tub, stained glass accents and large master closet with built-ins.

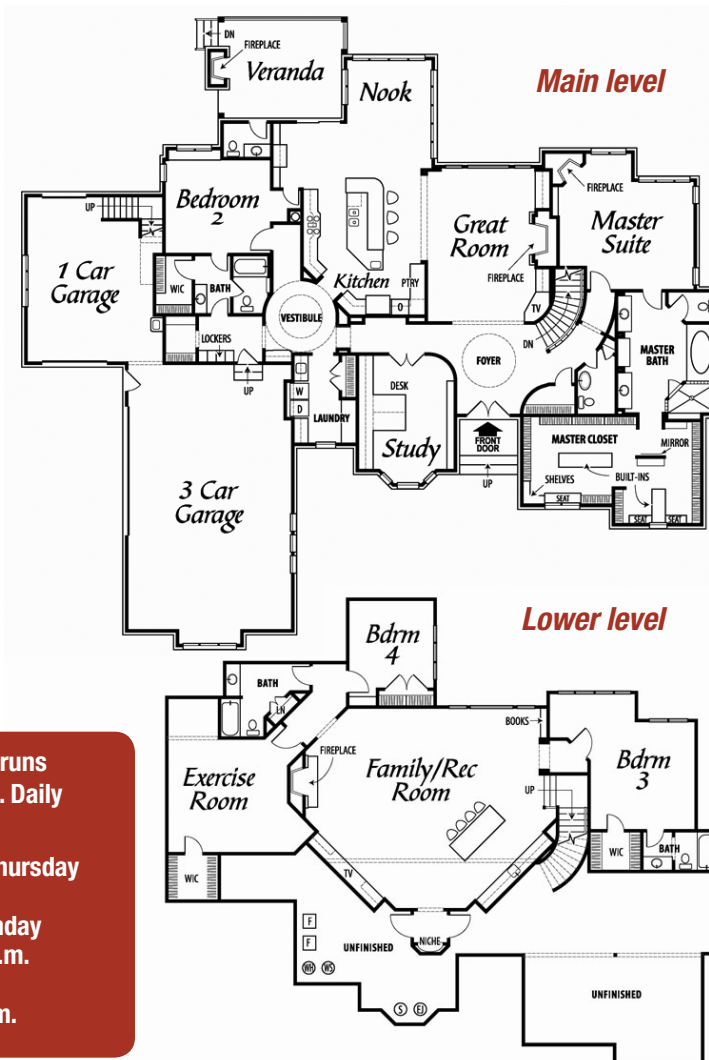
The homeowners' love of color will delight guests. In the kitchen, yellow walls provide a backdrop to a bright-red countertop and royal blue Viking appliances.

The home is designed for an active lifestyle, with exercise and family rooms on the lower level and a tennis court in the back.

See this fully decorated home during the Luxury Home-A-

Home-A-Rama runs through Sept. 3. Daily hours are:

- Monday – Thursday 4 – 10 p.m.
- Friday – Sunday Noon – 10 p.m.
- Labor Day Noon – 6 p.m.



Rama, sponsored by H.H. Gregg Fine Lines with product sponsor LaSalle Bank and automotive sponsor Lockhart Cadillac/Hummer.

Admission is \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 5 to 12; children 4 and under are free.

Discount tickets are available at Marsh Supermarkets. To purchase tickets online and for more information, visit www.luxuryhomearama.com.

For more information about this floor plan and Campbell Custom Homes, call (765) 778-2738.

Builder news

New hire:

Chris Gulley has joined Steve Gray Renovations as project leader.

Achievements:

The NAHB Research Center, a subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders, announced the recertification of KB Home Indiana as part of its National Housing Quality Certified Builder program.

Open house:

From noon to 4 p.m. today, the public can preview The Right House construction in progress as Lone Star Homes employs "green" technology in its building process. The home is in The Village of WestClay, Lot 34, 13440 Abercorn St., Carmel. More information is at www.johnbrooks.com/righthouse.

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