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**OPPOSITE:** A large kitchen island and incredible copper hood fan created by Thak Ironworks Inc. gives this kitchen plenty of character.  
**RIGHT:** Decorator Michelle Heer-Maue, Rotary Dream Home Chair Dieter Kays and Nathan Hallman from Aberdeen Homes.  
**BELOW:** The main level has nine-foot ceilings and tall windows flank the dining area.



# SWEET *Dreams*



Dreams really can come true.

Every year, the Rotary Club of Kitchener-Conestoga constructs a beautiful home in Waterloo Region. Many local companies band together to make the new build a beautiful, top-quality home and the Rotary Club sells tickets. In December, they award one grand prize winner a gorgeous home and donate the proceeds from ticket sales to deserving charities.

This year is no different. The Rotary Dream Home on the east side of Kitchener is truly the stuff of dreams.

Built by **Aberdeen Homes Ltd.**, the 2,800 sq. ft. home has lots of space. It's a standard 2,100 sq. ft. floor plan offered by the company with an extra 700 sq. ft. loft (which is also an option for new home buyers who fall in love with this model).

Dieter Kays, First Vice President of the Rotary Club of Kitchener-Conestoga and Dream Home Chair, says the contributions from local trades and businesses have been amazing. "They have shown such a generous community spirit. It's been quite inspiring," he says.

**Grand Valley Tile** supplied and installed the flooring and **Chervin Kitchen & Bath Inc.** took care of all the beautiful kitchen cabinets. The countertop on the large kitchen island was donated by **City Stone Inc.** and is lit up by tall taper lights from **Living Lighting**. *Continued on page 38*





Once all the construction was complete, Michelle Heer-Maue from **Heer's Paint & Décor** took care of decorating the home from top to bottom. It's a special project for her because she loves to give back to her community, but she also enjoys being given a clean slate when it comes to style and décor. Michelle had extra freedom with the dream home.

Michelle has decorated the Rotary dream home before, but this year she went for Southern Savannah flair. "As always, the vision was to create a warm and inviting atmosphere that most anyone would feel at home in," she says.

The house is staged with pieces from **Home Furniture** in Kitchener. While they won't come with the home, the grand prize winners will get a \$10,000 furniture shopping spree to help fill their new home.

"I am a big believer in enjoying a main space with all my family and friends around while I am cooking," says Michelle, "so my favourite space is always an open-concept living, kitchen and dining area. This is where all the fondest memories in our lives are usually created: cooking, chatting, eating, listening to music and socializing with those we treasure."

The main level space in the dream home fits that vision. It features a comfortable dining space by the back door and the kitchen opens directly onto a living area with a fireplace by **Mantels Plus**. Just around the corner at the garage entrance is a clean white mudroom with a built-in bench and storage.

Beautiful custom railings carry you upstairs to two children's bedrooms (one designed for boys, one for a girl), a four-piece bathroom and a grand master with en suite and a large walk-in closet designed by **Courtney Closets**. Natural light fills every room through big beautiful windows provided by **Strassburger Windows & Doors**. *Continued on page 40*

**OPPOSITE TOP:** Michelle used a trendy, bold wallpaper for the main floor powder room. **OPPOSITE BOTTOM:** This year's lucky lottery winner will love this cosy living space immediately off the kitchen.



**TOP LEFT:** A crisp white mudroom just inside the garage door has plenty of space for everyone's boots, coats and outdoor gear. **TOP RIGHT:** Wallpaper with a birch tree motif adorns the walls in the upstairs bathroom. **LEFT AND ABOVE:** Michelle decorated one bedroom with a little girl in mind and the other is perfect for a pair of boys.





**LEFT AND BOTTOM LEFT:** The master bedroom is warm and welcoming in neutral colours and the en suite features both a luxurious shower at one end and a soaker tub at the other. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** On the top floor, instead of an attic, future homeowners will have a bright, light loft with a wet bar at their disposal.

To top it all off, the third floor has been finished to create a wide-open loft space. It has more bright windows and a wet bar. Dieter says this is his favourite room. “The whole home is beautiful but I can see myself lounging up here,” he laughs.

And it doesn't end there – this dream home will be outstanding both inside and out. The home will come landscaped, including a sprinkler system. It also has the best bones, from the frame and insulation to the heating and cooling system. Gadget lovers will appreciate that the whole home is controlled from an iPad just outside the kitchen. No detail has been overlooked.

The annual Rotary Dream Home Lottery has raised over \$6.5 million for a variety of charities since its creation 27 years ago. The dream home is the grand prize, but there are other prizes to be had, too – everything from cash prizes to barbecues and trips.

“The experience has been challenging but also satisfying,” says Dieter. He and other Rotary Club members worked with Nathan Hallman from Aberdeen Homes to procure all the donations – everything from the lumber, concrete and drywall to the heating system and appliances.

The best part about the project, says Dieter, is that everyone's efforts will be leveraged to make Waterloo Region a better place for everyone – and, this year in particular, for vulnerable children and their families. **OH**

## DREAM HOME BY THE NUMBERS

It takes a huge team to pull together a project as significant as building a home. Here's how the dream home breaks down in numbers:

- Up to **10,000** tickets sold
- **\$100** per ticket (or three for **\$250**)
- **65** local Rotary Club members
- Over **60** local companies involved
- **12** months of work
- **2** charities benefitting
- **1** lucky winner

## TWO SPECIAL CHARITIES

The Rotary Club of Kitchener-Conestoga hopes to raise between \$300,000 and \$400,000 from the 27th annual Dream Home Lottery. The Club will donate all proceeds to two charities:

**Child Witness Centre:** This organization provides court preparation, court accompaniment, advocacy and support for child victims and witnesses. Learn more at [www.childwitness.com](http://www.childwitness.com).

**Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region:** The Children's Aid Society for the Region of Waterloo, this agency works to protect children, to support all children and strengthen families and to develop a caring environment for children. Learn more at [www.facswaterloo.org](http://www.facswaterloo.org).



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