

FIRST FULLY ACCESSIBLE HOME BUILT TO GREENHOUSE STANDARDS



Durham Custom Homes has completed the first fully accessible home in Ontario that is built to GreenHouse standards. The bungalow will be delivered shortly to the young homeowners with special needs. Someone in a wheelchair can go anywhere in the house as easily as an able-bodied person. The house features a three-stop elevator, custom-designed kitchen, bathrooms, and corridors. This is the fourth accessible home built in the Kingsway Forest sub-division, but the first built to the new GreenHouse standards that incorporate energy efficiency with environmental responsibility.

"The house cannot be distinguished from any of the others in the community and that was our goal," says Principal Jeff Goldman, "to make accessible design mainstream."

Dennis and Melissa Radovic and their four-year-old son Bryson are the excited homeowners. The Radovics saw a newspaper article last fall about accessible homes being built by Durham Custom Homes. "They really were prepared to customize everything for us," says Dennis, who was pleasantly surprised by how open the builder was to their design and material changes. "The process was smooth and we are thrilled with the finished product," Melissa adds. "The energy efficiency features and lower environmental impact that their house will have was also a key factor in their buying decision. "The natural resources of our planet are limited and we all have to do our part."

Durham Custom Homes, a private company owned and operated by the Goldman family, has been building homes in southern Ontario for almost 60 years. The company won the 2007 Excellence in Technical Innovation Award from the Durham Region Home Builders' Association for its construction



(pictured left to right) Kim Craitor, MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services; Melissa and Dennis Radovic, homeowners; Jeff Goldman, Principal, Durham Custom Homes; Victor Fiume, General Manager, Durham Custom Homes

techniques and was named ENERGY STAR Builder of the Year and GreenHouse Builder of the Year 2008 by the EnerQuality Corporation.