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Vesta Properties' director of marketing Lynn Harrison and marketing manager Brian Balson, above from left, are joined by Paul Brander of the World Partners Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada. The profits of Vesta's Casa de Las Brisas will be used to build homes in El Salvador, as well as help with the Airdrie recreation centre.



AREA: Luxstone Park Estates, Airdrie
BUILDER: Vesta Properties
PRICE: \$495,000, plus GST
DIRECTIONS: Follow Deerfoot Tr. north to Airdrie. Take Big Hill Springs Rd. west to 8 St. and turn right. Follow to the showhome.
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fast facts



Vesta home has heart

Whether it's a three-bedroom abode in Airdrie's Luxstone Park Estates, or a house complete with windows and concrete floors for a disadvantaged family in El Salvador, Vesta Properties has one thing in mind — putting a roof over their customers' heads.

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A partnership with World Partners Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada means about 50 homes will be built for the needy in Las Brisas, El Salvador, thanks to the sale of one home in Airdrie.

When sold, 70% of the profits of Vesta's 1,993-sq.-ft. Casa de Las Brisas will be used to build homes in El Salvador, while 30% will be reserved for the Airdrie recreation centre.

"We couldn't say no to a cause like this," says sales and marketing manager Brian Balson.

Many of the builder's buyers are young families, and this home is ideally suited to them.

"The main floor has a computer room in it, there's a great room, kitchen and dining area with a walkthrough pantry — this is a really nice family home," Balson says.

Starting in the two-storey foyer, blonde hardwood and oversized windows with tiled window seats showcase the home's casual-chic design.

"It's a beautiful home," says Lynn Harrison, director of marketing.

"I love the kitchen and family area — you can just picture yourself sitting in there."

A fireplace detailed with tile and flanked

by built-in bookshelves is the focus of the great room, while an L-shaped kitchen with a central island and raised eating bar is convenient and attractive.

Rich, cinnamon-stained cabinetry, black appliances and deep-blue tile backsplash lend elegance to the otherwise understated home, while the lengthy island overlooks the breakfast nook, which offers access to the deck outside.

"The whole space is cosy, yet open," Harrison says.

"Another plus is the bonus room. That's a positive for any family with the extra space it offers."

Indeed, perched atop a staircase at the front of the home, the lofty spot is filled with natural light, courtesy of an abundance of oversized windows.

Another short flight of stairs leads to the sleeping area where two large secondary bedrooms, a full bath and plenty of storage are found.

In the master suite, crown moulding lends traditional appeal, and a functional ensuite is all about luxury.

A dual vanity, soaker tub and separate glassed-in shower all gain added appeal from tile detailing — the same deep blue as found in the kitchen.

"There's some really nice finishing in this house, and as soon as you walk in the door, you get that sense of arrival," Harrison says.

"As well as that, it's nice for people to know that profits from this house will fund houses for poor and disadvantaged families in El Salvador."