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Make Room for Mom

Parents and grown children moving back home spark hot new trend in new home first floor mother-in-law suites

Extended Family Homes provide a niche that meets the needs, with Raleigh/Triangle custom home builder Stanton Homes

Raleigh, NC September 18, 2008 – Stanton Homes' Extended Family Homes offer integrated private suites for combined living – and that's creating a wave of excitement in local real estate.

"We're drawing up a lot of plans for families who need to create a special living arrangement for mom, dad, or grown children who are sharing a home with traditional families," said Stan Williams, CEO of Stanton Homes. "It's hard to find a home with a special, separated area that meets these kinds of needs, and we're really pleased to be able to provide solutions that work through our carefully designed Extended Family Homes."

Commonly called a "mother-in-law" suite, or in some areas a "granny flat", these suites offer special space – with a private bath, enlarged closet, or even a sitting room or separate kitchenette – for elderly or physically handicapped family members, guests, live-in nannies, or caregivers.

"Most builders don't offer a suite like this unless you're really planning big," said Williams. "That's a lot more home – at a much higher cost – than most buyers are considering. We recognize that – and we work closely with our clients to create the home they want – with just the right amount of space, and a much more desirable bottom line."

A 2007 National Homebuilder's Association survey indicates that about a quarter of homes at 4,000 square feet or larger include a mother-in-law suite. The price tag goes up, accordingly – often well into the millions. Stanton Homes has created a line of spacious-feeling, modified "Extended Family Homes" for mid-size budgets, starting in the mid \$200Ks.

From fully accessible bathrooms with a five foot turning radius and roll-in shower, to hallways and doorways wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, these specially

designed homes can accommodate every need – beginning with an egress door directly into the suite.

“Often, live-in family members have some level of physical disability, expected to worsen over time,” said Williams. “We’ll fit your floor plan to take this into consideration – or work to create a mother-in-law suite that perfectly fits the needs of your temporary guests.”

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the country’s elderly will grow to 20 percent of the population – about 70 million people – by 2030. Most are female – 143 women for every 100 men age 65 or older – and half are widows.

The Stanton Homes’ Extended Family Homes program begins with a selection of mother-in-law suites – and also modifies existing plans – to accommodate these needs. The company also partners with area real estate agents and financial institutions to help families find the lot – and the financing – that fits their lifestyle.

“We’re proud to stand out as one of a very select group of builders across the nation to offer this kind of home for this kind of price,” said Williams. “And we’re really pleased that we also offer something extra – that special touch that makes the second suite a very appealing, comfortable and workable solution – and creative details that make it stand apart.”

To find out more about the Stanton Homes “Extended Family Homes” program, call 919-278-8070, or visit <http://stantonhomes.com/MotherInLawSuite.aspx>.

About Stanton Homes

Stanton Homes builds exceptional living experiences, with renowned, spacious, inviting custom homes in the Raleigh/Triangle area. Building on your lot, or looking for a neighborhood? Stanton Homes builds on land and in new home communities across the Triangle, including Wake, Harnett, Lee, Johnston, Chatham, Alamance, and Orange counties, with homes starting in the \$200s. As a custom home builder, Stanton Homes can adjust floor plans, enlarge kitchens, add closets, or even accommodate special needs like full disability or wheelchair accessibility and Specially Adapted Housing (SAH). Call Stanton Homes at 919-278-8070, or visit <http://www.StantonHomes.com>

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