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What does it mean to live in a *true* custom home? For Tony and Lesley Biller and family, the answer is not measured in the number of flooring options, window styles or even plan revisions reviewed throughout their process. Their story is much more impactful and intangible.

The Billers initially met with Bost Custom Homes after a long and presumably complete design process. They had commissioned architects and design firms to develop a house plan and were ready to select a builder. Rex Bost, president of Bost Custom Homes, met with them on their lot to fully envision the way their home would orient on the land. After getting acquainted with them and reviewing their goals and existing plan, he noticed many areas for design improvements to better accommodate their wishes.

“After talking with us for a while, Rex asked, ‘You aren’t that excited about this plan, are you?’ He got to the heart of the matter and assured us he could do better,” Tony recalls. “Rex asked for two weeks to send some concept drawings for us to consider. The drawings he sent reflected what we had been trying to accomplish for years. A few weeks later, he sent concept elevations that absolutely nailed the look we liked. Home run! We threw away the old plans and contracted with Bost Custom Homes.”

Around this time, the Billers’ oldest

daughter asked if they could host a group of six siblings from a Latvian Orphanage for Christmas, and the family graciously agreed to open their home for the month of December. By the end of the holiday, the Latvian children, ranging in ages from five to twelve, felt like part of the family. So much so, the Billers decided to adopt all six siblings, five boys and one girl, adding to their family of two daughters and two sons. “We felt peace after we decided to adopt, and we knew it was the right decision,” Lesley remarks. Their family doubled in number, but the footings had already been poured on their new home.

After the adoption, the focal point of designing their dream home shifted to accommodating ten children comfortably and ensuring their lives would remain organized. The Bost Homes team quickly formulated a plan to increase living space within the footprint, add convenience/organization features, and create more bedrooms. The first order of business was converting the planned rec room into a large bedroom for three boys and opening the adjacent bath so that five boys could share. The bathroom was expanded into the new bedroom to make room for an additional shower stall, and the vanity was widened to fit a trough sink so all five boys could brush their teeth together.

For their three daughters, plenty of





expanded and cubbies added. The laundry and mudroom were swapped to allow more room in the mudroom for additional cubbies. The elevator was removed from the plan, replaced by a large storage closet. Finally, Bost Homes commissioned a custom backyard swing-set styled after the full timber swing sets that are common in Latvia.



For the Biller family, living in a custom home means that the home fits their life like a tailored suit. Every square foot was analyzed to provide comfort and value to their extraordinary family, and every detail has a story rooted in love for their children.

The team at Bost Custom Homes felt honored to be a piece in the Biller's story and enamored at their noble decision to adopt six children and use their home to raise and homeschool their ten children. ♦



closet area and a chance to “escape” became important. “We tapped into planned unfinished space to expand closets and create secret hideaways off the girls’ bedrooms,” says Tony. The kids love these secret rooms; one has been transformed into a craft room, one into a cushy cave for lounging, and one into a toy land.

For Tony and Lesley, the most useful modifications affected the organization of the home. Lesley homeschools all the children, so the classroom had to be

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