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Growth potential Room to grow plus room for luxury

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MANY FAMILIES RELY UPON THE BLANK SLATE THAT an unfinished basement presents to provide the amenities and necessities for the 'growing-up' years.

Trina and Tim purchased their new home in 2002 before their kids came along but now 8 years later, 2 active youngsters necessitated a complete basement upgrade.

"After we had our kids, we needed additional space to accommodate their needs including a play area and toy storage. We also have a lot of out-of-province family and friends that come to visit, so we needed to design the space to accommodate them as well," says Trina.

After interviewing 5 prospective companies, Trina and Tim decided that Trikor Builders was the one to handle the job. "We got a good vibe right away. They were very patient and very thorough in their quotes. They took time to consider what we were looking for, gave us some good ideas and were very personable," says Trina.

Recently completed, the 1000 square foot space now houses a media room, a four-piece spa-inspired bathroom, a guest bedroom, a utility room, and an open space complete with built-in computer desks and

cupboards giving ample storage for toys, games and books as homework becomes an issue for the youngsters in future years.

Many luxury details were incorporated into the 4 piece bathroom that occupies a spacious 8' by 10' footprint. The over-size shower is equipped with a frameless glass shower door that opens both ways, and a built-bench finished in marble tiles, the same material that is used for the heated floor and shower curb.

A marble accent appears within the wall inset over the 2-person Kohler soaker tub with spacious 2' x 3' x 6' dimensions. The marble-faced inset above the bathtub provides a place for candles, bath salts and the occasional glass of wine.

"There were a few challenges that went with installing bathroom fixtures in the basement," says Victor Giesbrecht, Trikor co-owner and project supervisor. "The free-standing tub required floor-mounted faucets, an easy operation on the main floor, but because we were in the basement with a concrete floor, we had to figure out how to put a cavity in the concrete so that we could run the plumbing to install the particular faucet that Trina wanted."

Beside the shower, a floating vanity hovers,





PICTURED ABOVE
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equipped with a matching Kohler sink to the soaker tub, adding chic styling to this luxury retreat

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Interesting visual elements include a striking counter backsplash consisting of glass tiles, clear frosted glass and a combination of honed and glossy marble. The laminate lock and groove flooring is patterned after petrified wood and is geared towards taking the hard knocks that kids can deliver. Trina says, "We love the variances in the colours and it was a real take-off point for the rest of the room."

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The entire lower development has been sound-

proofed with insulation in the media room, the bedroom and throughout the entire ceiling. "This way, someone can watch a movie in the media room without disturbing someone else who may be sleeping in the guest bedroom," says Trina.

Both Tim and Trina give top marks to Trikor for their excellent caliber of service. "They were meticulous and took true pride in their work. If any issues came up they were always willing and ready to listen to our concerns and to act on them promptly," says Trina. The couple also relied on the expertise of interior designer, Robin Stamler, who was brought in by the Trikor team to help the couple make those all important design decisions.

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