Heron River is Home to the 2014 St. Jude's Dream Home

Berkeley Building Company builds the auctioned house for second time

By Dusty Parnell

Heron River in Star is the host community of this year's St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Dream Home.

And Berkeley Building Company takes the honor to build this special house for the second straight year. (Last year's Dream Home raised more than \$825,000.)

"It is such an honor to be a part of an organization like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital," said Joe Atalla, owner of Berkeley Building Company. "We hope to raise even more money than last year's total to help in the fight to eradicate children's cancer."

This year's home is up and framed and in the final stages of preparation for its June auction date. The \$100 tickets go on sale in April.

The 2014 house is a specially designed 3,000-squarefoot, 4-bedroom home. It's located on South Barkvine Way in this popular Star neighborhood on the east side of downtown and near the Boise River and miles of trails.

"Heron River is one of the only communities that features the luxury amenities — such as a pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and fiber optics — alongside those soughtafter natural amenities like ponds, walking paths and river access," Atalla said.

A lot of effort went into the design of this year's home. Building an official Dream Home is a high bar to reach. Called The Regent, this model will be a worthy castle to reign over. A full floor-to-ceiling fireplace, an outdoor kitchen and a secret children's room behind the wardrobe are only some of the amenities of this home, which also



HERON RIVER IN STAR

This 314-acre development on the east side of downtown Star is a planned community with more than 580 homesites and a commercial area with dining, shopping, office space and a neighborhood grocer.

The Meadows and Waterview neighborhoods are in full swing, and the Creekside neighborhood — the fourth phase of this growing community - will be ready for construction this summer. It will feature low-maintenance patio homes along Lawrence Kennedy Creek.

Heron River offers plenty of open space throughout the development. With one lake, several ponds and access to the Boise River, more than 95 percent of the homesites have NO backyard neighbors. With 44 percent open space and 75 acres of protected open space and trail systems, this location is like few others.

Homes range from low-maintenance patio homes to estate homes on lot sizes that range from about 6,000 square feet to more than half an acre

The 3,000-square-foot clubhouse includes an exercise room, fireplace, chef's kitchen and an adjacent pool, wading pool, fire pit, gas BBQ, tennis courts, playground and picnic area.

Heron River is prepared for today's hi-tech lifestyle, too. EVERY HOME is wired with fiber-optic technology for high-speed Internet access.

In addition, Star is an ideal location once the Central Valley Expressway is completed. A new road and interchange connecting Highway 16 and Chinden Boulevard will be finished in 2014. Eventually, the road is expected to connect to I-84 with a much-needed McDermott Road Interchange between the Ten Mile Road and Garrity Boulevard exchanges.

DIRECTIONS: Heron River is located on the south side of State Street (Highway 44) between downtown Star and the Highway 16 junction to Emmett.

- OPEN HOUSE:

Several model homes are available to view. The sales office is located in The Grey Heron, built by Todd Campbell Construction. This single-level, 2,440-square-foot home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, a 3-car garage and a bonus room. \$289,900.

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The 2014 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Dream Home is located on Barkvine Way in Star's Heron River community.

The giveaway is Sunday, June 22. Tickets are \$100 and go on sale April 10.

For the second straight year, Idaho's Dream Home builder is Berkeley Building Company.

The Regent model is a specially designed 2,991-square-foot, 4-bedroom home with 2.5 baths, a den, a large bonus room, a 3-car garage AND an outdoor kitchen. The floor plan takes advantage of every nook and cranny from the outside to the inside, from a wrapped front porch to a child's secret room behind the wardrobe.

The amenities and finishes will also impress. There are hardwood floors, designer porcelain and glass tiles, quartz countertops, Bosch appliances, a free-standing master tub and a brickto-ceiling fireplace to make a cozy home even cozier.

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features hardwood floors, quartz countertops and highend appliances.

"Having an opportunity to tour St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and see what the money we raise goes toward just inspires us to do more," Atalla said. "It is important to give back and, as a home builder, there aren't that many opportunities to make this big of an impact and to give back in such a big way.

"St. Jude came to us with this opportunity a few years ago and we just couldn't say no."

Meanwhile, Star is finally fulfilling the promise of being the next go-to place to live in the Treasure Valley.

"The community is designed for all demographics young professionals, families and empty-nesters," said Heron River developer Craig Groves.

Heron River has shown its dedication to the Star community by creating 75 acres of protected open space along the Boise River to help ensure the future success of the Star River Walk, the town's answer to Boise's Greenbelt. Access to the Boise River, in addition to lakes and ponds with a multitude of trails close to nature, is attractive to a variety of homeowners.

"Out of more than 575 lots, we have less than 25 with a backyard neighbor," Groves said. "We have so much open space that almost all the yards back up to open areas like ponds or lakes."

Heron River, Star and Berkeley Building Company — that makes a pretty good recipe for somebody's Dream Home.

"Convenience, coupled with lots of charming open space throughout the neighborhoods, means Heron River is a great investment, as well as a great place to live."

— Evette Syverson, Heron River Marketing Director











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