



DAVID AND CINDY LEVY WITH DAUGHTER KATE



Life Is GOOD

This family has discovered the sweet life on Callawassie Island.

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Builder:

Steve Tilton,
Tilton Group Signature Homes

Architectural Drawings:

Paul Cole,
The Home Design Company

Interior Design:

Laura Barrett, May River Designs

Granite & Tile:

Sadie Hansen, Sea Island Tile

Lighting:

Traci Henderson, The Lightpost

Electrical:

Russell Trent, Trent Electric

A long causeway, with expansive marsh views, sparkling sunlit water and playful dolphins, lures residents and visitors to unpretentious Callawassie Island. A turn on Sugar Mill Road leads you to Wild Magnolia Drive and the home of David and Cindy Levy.

"This house has been a creative collaboration between our builder and ourselves," described Dave Levy. "Our original goal was to buy an oceanfront lot, but like so many, as soon as we crossed over to Callawassie Island, we knew we were in a special place."

The Levys selected Steve Tilton, of Tilton Group Signature Homes, as their general contractor. "Steve was invaluable in assisting in our design and in overseeing the construction process," stated Dave. This is evident by the attention to details throughout the home's interior and exterior. Paul Cole, of the Home Design Company, was also part of the team. His purpose was to integrate all ideas and put them on paper.

The home's main themes include nature, light and the outdoors. Be they interior or exterior spaces, a natural element is always present. The cottage-style home boasts dark green shutters and brick steps, while twin palms and a traditional tabby drive offer charming curb appeal. A well-placed, indigenous

mix of blooming flowers flows with the natural landscape. Windows and balconies surround the home, providing ample light and an open, airy Lowcountry feel, and Interior designer Laura Barrett was recruited to add her creative attention to color and finishing touches.

"We love wood and we really enjoy blending woods and furniture," said Cindy. "Laura and I teamed nicely as we put together items that I had researched, along with Laura's fantastic eye for color and detail." The spacious living room was a testimonial to the design details that the builder and design team implemented. The exquisite heart of pine flooring created an anchor and provided warmth through the Levy home.

"We spend as much time outdoors as we can," said Cindy with a smile. "We are taking up the challenge of golf, Dave is an avid sailor and I'm going for the fitness classes. Best of all, our daughter, Kate, and our son, Bill, love to escape their busy lives in New York and D.C. to join us for some crabbing, and we love to sit down as a family for a casual Lowcountry-style dinner together, outside on the back deck."

Living in the Lowcountry has been a lifestyle change for the Levys, but they are enjoying beautiful Callawassie and new friendships with wonderful neighbors. **M**