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This beautifully finished elevator supplied by Humbaugh Lift Company is a great way to travel up and down this three-story home with groceries.

Rosa County, one of the fastest growing counties in Florida, is experiencing continued growth in the housing market primarily due

aluminum railings and a foyer with an adjacent study and formal dining area. For clients that work out of their home, the versatile

to local military bases, a positive economic development program and some of the state's best schools. Pettinato Construction, Inc. is a custom-only home design and building firm. In 2006, Pettinato Construction completed seven homes totaling \$3.75 million — all completed on time and on budget.

"We're really proud of the reputation we've built and the success we are having as a company, and a family," Pettinato states. From estimating and design expertise to project management and field operations, they possess a blend of education and real-life experiences, which inspires confidence in their clients and creates successful, long-term relationships. Pettinato Construction employees and subcontractors work hard, with enthusiasm and a desire to produce an exceptional result.

The keys to their success? Karen Pettinato, Pettinato's wife and the corporate office manager, feels that their success is a combination of many factors. "We're fully engaged in the building process from beginning to end — we're passionate about our clients' project and making it a success," she states. "We work very closely with our clients to get a good feel for their lifestyle and what their needs and dreams are. We have built many different styles of homes, from elegant to casual, each with their own special feel and flair."

Custom homes in Florida mean a design and construction firm has to be versatile and capable of construction for beach and off-beach settings. It requires that design plans incorporate requirements set by state agencies. "We make it a priority to work together with our structural engineers to stay on top of the code changes and we build all of our homes to meet and exceed today's codes. This includes all hurricane strapping and wind load requirements," Pettinato states. Although they do work with a few well-established local architects, Pettinato does the majority of the design work.

A recently constructed 3,600-square-foot off-grade home takes advantage of an impressive entrance marked by a covered porch and flared staircase with powder-coated