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Viveash Charity Home Profile

Now on display at the Waters Edge Estate in Viveash, Pindan's charity home for the Association for the Blind WA, is due to be auctioned, fully furnished, in 2010 with all proceeds being donated to the charity.

Pindan's Project Sales Manager Nuno Carvalho said the three bedroom, two bathroom villa was the result of generous team work inspired by the charitable cause.

"The support from suppliers and sub-contractors was overwhelming with the majority of labour on the project being donated," he said.

"It was inspiring to see the team pull together to build the home in just 14 weeks – everyone put in extra effort to ensure every part of the construction process was done to a renowned standard.

"As either a family home or an investment property, this house will have a special meaning for whoever buys it because of the difference it will make in improving the lives of so Western Australians needing services provided by the Association for the Blind."

A commemorative plaque is displayed alongside a paw print from Guide Dog Ambassador 'Calvin' set in concrete at the front entrance of the home.

The home features 109 square metres of living space and has been designed with high ceilings and open plan layout to create space and light.

Mr Carvahlo said visitors had commented on the spaciousness of the home after stepping inside.

"When you step into the villa, it really feels like an open, bright family home – it's been designed for maximum use of space, including a courtyard with quality landscaping," he said.

"The kitchen is fitted with Ariston appliances, featuring a wide breakfast bar, and all three bedrooms have built-in wardrobes.

"A big bonus with this home is that it includes the luxury of a 25 metre lap pool, spa, steam room and sauna, fully equipped gym, children's playground, secure remote access and common barbeque areas overlooking Blackadder Creek, contained within the Estate.

"Because of its affordability and the added extras, interest in the estate has been exceptionally strong from first homebuyers, couples looking to downsize, and investors wanting good rental returns – so we're expecting keen interest when we come to sell the charity home."

Waters Edge Estate is located minutes away from the Swan River and Swan Valley attractions.

Money raised through the sale of the home will help support vital initiatives such as Guide Dog instructors, sponsoring childrens' places in the Association's Kindergarten Program and Social and Life Skills Activities camp, or buying critical new equipment for their Industry Skills Centre.

Dr Margaret Crowley, CEO of the Association for the Blind of WA said "We are very excited that Pindan has selected our organisation to receive profits from the sale of the charity home".

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"Over the past two years, Pindan have offered us fantastic support as their chosen charity and the sale of this home will be the icing on the cake and provide us with a huge boost to our vital services."

After building its new Victoria Park headquarters, the Association for the Blind of WA was nominated by Pindan as its fundraising beneficiary for 2008 and 2009, and so far the company has collected more than \$11,500 through other charity initiatives.

It is estimated that more than 37,000 West Australians are affected by blindness or vision loss.

The Association is a lifeline to its clients, who range from new born babies to seniors in their 90's as well as their families and carers.

The cost of training and providing Guide Dogs free of charge to Western Australians who are blind or vision impaired is around \$35,000.

Guide Dogs provide confidence, independence and companionship for those who need their help, and a service funded solely by sponsors, donations and bequests.

The home is open between 4.30 and 6pm on Wednesdays, weekends 12 to 2pm or by appointment.

Please call Nuno Carvallho on (08) 9463 7283 or 0417 554 358 to arrange a viewing appointment.

Visit www.watersedgeviveash.com.au for more information about Waters Edge.

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