



“My goal for VisitAbility is to improve the quality of living for homeowners. Although there is a bit more time required for planning and development stages, the cost to build a VisitAble home is minimal. I hope more builders will soon automatically build VisitAble homes. It’s not a marketing or sales thing. It is providing better housing for people who need it now or may need accessible features in the future.”



Basic Home Access For Everyone

Salutes

BEN PALUMBO, owner *Palumbo Building Contractors*

Ben Palumbo is more than a builder with over 27 years in the industry. He is a dedicated craftsman who takes great pride in perfecting each detail of his homes from start to finish. Born and raised in Dubois, he holds a building construction technology degree from Williamsport Area Community College. Because Palumbo limits construction to no more than three homes a year, he is personally involved at all levels and is readily available to buyers, who appreciate his commitment and quality control.

Palumbo’s VisitAble home is set in a picture-perfect spot at Treasure Lake, a 6,000-plus-acre gated community. Originally established as a recreation retirement development, the naturally beautiful site evolved into a multi-level residential community, complete with 1,700 homes, time-share units, campgrounds and golf courses. The 1,680-square-foot ranch style VisitAble home, which is finished in brick, features a master suite with accessible bath, two additional bedrooms, another full bath and an attached two-car garage. As this home was going up, Palumbo realized what a positive impact VisitAble homes could have on people’s lives now and in the future. The thought gave him a sense of satisfaction that this program will bring about much-needed awareness among builders of the importance and ease of upfront designs that include accessibility features.

