



While researching the best avenue for publishing a custom home by her husband, Craig Danto of Danto Builders, Debbie Danto came across an ad for *Architectural Digest's* Open Audition at Florida's DCOTA. Believing Danto's collaboration with Elliot Acosta, of Design Interiors, and homeowner Alan Levy, of Levy Realty Advisors, was "a unique story in itself of how they all passionately worked together to make Levy's dream home become a reality," they decided to attend the event on January 29th.

Having been friends and colleagues for over 25 years, Levy went to Danto when he wanted to build his own home in Boca Raton, Florida. After choosing a conceptual style, he placed the project in Danto's hands from a design-and-build perspective, and then brought Acosta into the mix to help with the interior design and a few special features. For the grandchildren's room (pictured), Danto brought in Dan Daddona of Daddona Studios, well-known in the South Florida region for theme rooms designs. Danto reconstructed the room to ensure that Daddona's design fit perfectly.

In the end, a delicate balance between Levy's desires and the features that the style of the home could support was struck. In addition, systems for a "smart home" were added and energy efficient, environmentally friendly and hurricane proof elements included. The open layout allows the interior living space to flow effortlessly into the outside living area, complete with a summer kitchen, and taking full advantage of the natural foliage xeriscape.