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### THE SEARCH: Room for baby and plenty of storage drive family to Vinings

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Our house hunters:

Chris and Kim Creel are expecting their first child and had outgrown their house off Ashford Dunwoody Road. Chris is a director of fleet management for McPherson Oil Co., and Kim, an accountant with Morgan Stanley, wanted to find home in a swim/tennis community that would have a reasonable commute for both of them. Chris says, "And a baby is definitely on my list of must-haves."

The process:

"We started off looking in Brookhaven," says Chris, "and then two of Kim's friends referred us to **Scott Eaves** of K Williams Realty Atlanta Classic who had helped them buy homes. Our house hunting really got serious then." Eaves says, "Once we worked through whether they were interested in finding something more affordable that needed repair and updating vs. buying something that was newer or fully renovated, we were able to really start narrowing down search. Brookhaven has just a few fully renovated homes, so we started looking in the Smyrna/Vinings area as well."

Choice #1: Built in 1958, this north Atlanta home has had a top-to-bottom renovation. Kim says, "It's move-in ready and I liked the colors." This ranch is listed at \$450,000 and has four bedrooms, three baths, a full finished basement and is on a 3/4-acre lot on a cul-de-sac.

Choice #2: "We really liked the floor plan, with the guest suite on the main floor and the master on the second," says Kim. This four-bedroom, three-bath, two-story traditional was built in 1997 and is listed at \$349,900. It's on a cul-de-sac lot in Smyrna's Olde Vinings Mill subdivision.

Choice #3: "With six bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths, it's more house than we were looking for, but it's got a great basement and plenty of additional storage." This 1996 two-story traditional in Smyrna's Olde Vinings Mill subdivision is listed at \$425,000 and has a bonus sun room as well.

Which home did they choose? The Creels chose house No. 3. "The extra space really sold us. We reversed our commute times, mine's now 10 minutes and Kim's is 25 minutes to Buckhead, but she can do it all on back roads, Chris. "We both lived in Vinings when we first moved to the area," says Kim, "and it's changed so much. More restaurants and shopping -- it's totally transformed. This subdivision has lots of young kids, and we know we're going to like it here."

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