



**"EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION" TAKES OVER TV LAND PRIMETIME
IN WEEK-LONG PROGRAMMING EVENT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 29**

**Robin Williams, Susan Lucci And Jeff Foxworthy Join Tim McGraw, Martina McBride,
Andrea Bocelli And The Goo Goo Dolls In Week-long Marathon Of Fan Favorites**

New York, NY – September 22, 2008 – TV Land assembles a marathon of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" episodes evoking laughter, tears and everything in between when the series launches daily, beginning September 29. The week-long "Extreme Makeover Takeover" event airs in primetime from Monday, September 29th through Sunday, October 5th from 9:00pm-1:00am. The "Extreme Makeover Takeover" features over 20 fan favorite episodes including one about a South Central LA super-mom, "Sweet" Alice Harris as well as episodes with some of entertainment's biggest names like Robin Williams, Martina McBride and the Goo Goo Dolls.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" has changed the lives of many worthy American families who have faced financial and personal tragedies. The show features Ty Pennington and his team of contractors, designers and hundreds of workers, who practically raze the old homes, repair, restore and redesign them, in a lightning fast pace of just one week. From the rousing "Good morning!" wake-up call to the exhilarating call to "move that bus" when families get their first glimpse at their new home, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" continues to deliver to its fans a wide range of gut-wrenching emotions.

"'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition'" fits perfectly in the TV Land primetime line-up," commented Larry W. Jones, president, TV Land. "The show's theme of redemption and renewal resounds and deeply connects with our viewers in their 40's and 50's."

The hit series, which begins its sixth season on ABC this fall, currently features the design squad of team leader Ty Pennington, with designers Paul DiMeo, Paige Hemmis, Michael Moloney, Ed Sanders, Tracy Hutson, Eduardo Xol, John Littlefield, Rib Hillis and Didiayer.

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Families featured* in the week-long "Extreme Makeover Takeover" event include:

Monday, September 29th 9pm – Jones Family

Sabrena Jones is a registered nurse and single mother of three. In addition to her nursing shifts, she runs a medical apparel company and clothing donation center out of her living room. To date, her organization has given thousands of dollars to families who were hurt by Hurricane Katrina. Her family's rough living conditions have not set Sabrena or her family back, but repair to their house would certainly improve their lives.

**Monday, September 29th 10pm – Peter Family
Guest appearance by Susan Lucci and Fabio**

The Peter Family are emigrants from Guyana who came to America in 1996 to build a new life. In December 2004, tragedy struck and their tri-level colonial home burst into flames taking all of their possessions. Penniless and without any other recourse, the Peter Family was forced to live in their burned-out house with no heat, hot water and very little electricity.

**Monday, September 29th 11pm – Thibodeau Family
Guest appearances by Andrea Bocelli, Damien Fahey and John Littlejohn**

Twelve-year-old Siehera Thiboudeau was born with a large hole in her heart. While awaiting her fifth surgery, she experienced complications with her kidneys and lungs. Her frail body needs warmth that her family's home cannot provide.

**Monday, September 29th 12am – Tipton-Smith Family
Guest appearance by Jo Dee Messina**

Faith Tipton-Smith is a single mother raising three children. After 25 years of working at the same job, she was finally able to afford a home for her family. In February 2005, that home, filled with memories and mementos burned to the ground. Exactly three months to the day, Faith lost her son in a horrible car accident.

**Tuesday, September 30th 9pm – Bliven Family
Guest appearance by Tim McGraw**

A home is rebuilt for the Bliven family to accommodate their son who has cerebral palsy and must use a wheelchair. Mom Michelle started a baseball league for kids with special needs. Country music star Tim McGraw meets the family and invites them to his concert.

**Tuesday, September 30th 10pm – Farina Family
Guest appearance by John Littlefield**

Shawna Farina grew up watching her young 29-year-old mother battle breast cancer. Three weeks before her 26th birthday, doctors confirmed what Shawna had long feared - that she too had breast cancer. The Farina family's dreams of fixing up their old farmhouse are no longer possible due to the rising medical bills.

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Tuesday, September 30th 11pm – Kibe Family

Life was good for the Kibe family, after moving from the city to the country to fulfill dad Shawn's dream of being a farmer and making a better life for his family of five. After a devastating fire less than a year later, the family was forced to move into a tiny one-bedroom rented trailer.

Tuesday, September 30th 12am – Cadigan-Scott Family

Tragically this family of eight kids lost both their mother and father to heart problems – all in a two-week span of time. The older siblings moved home to care for the younger children so that they could stay together and not be shuttled off to foster homes. In a new phase in their lives, the Cadigan-Scott family, is supported by local police officers, firefighters, teachers, church member and business owners who help the design team fix up the run-down 1400-square foot home.

Wednesday, October 1st, 9pm – Gilliam Family

Maryann Gilliam and her six children of Armada Township, MI, lost their father/husband in a tragic, unexpected death on Christmas Eve. As a result of her husband's autopsy, Maryann learned that the basement of her family's home was contaminated with dangerous levels of toxic spores. The new house was built in the fastest time ever in the show's history - in 53 hours and 54 minutes - which is half the show's normal build time!

Wednesday, October 1st 10pm – DeAeth Family

Guest appearance by Robin Williams

Animal lovers Dale and Melanie DeAeth of Washington, Texas, started the True Blue Animal Rescue organization, with their three children, Jessica, Cory and Colton. Their True Blue Animal Rescue organization provides a safe haven to horses, dogs and other animals that need loving care - and it's run out of their humble home.

Wednesday, October 1st 11pm – Burns Family

Guest appearance by Mr. T

At 6-months-old, Benjamin Burn's sister was playing with him and accidentally fractured his arm. After several other injuries and hospital visits, Child Protective Services was called and Benjamin was separated for three months from his parents, who were accused of child abuse. Benjamin was finally diagnosed with *Osteogenesis Imperfecta* (OI), a genetic disorder characterized by bones that break easily and the Burns were cleared of the abuse charges and allowed to bring their son home.

Wednesday, October 1st, 12am – Harris Family

"Sweet" Alice Harris was named the Lieutenant Governor's California Woman of the Year in 2002 for her endless efforts over the last 35 years to clean up the Watts neighborhood of South Central Los Angeles. When her family's home suffered water damage from a severe storm, they lost all their personal belongings and for two months had to live out of just one bedroom.

Thursday, October 2nd, 9pm – Hawkins Family

In early April 2006, a massive F-3 tornado tore through firefighter Jerrod Hawkins' hometown of Henderson, TN. The Hawkins' home was completely destroyed and Jerrod's wife, Amy, was left paralyzed after heroically saving their sons lives by lying on top of them in their basement. Led by the Brentwood Fire Department, the community has rallied around the family with food, monetary and material donations.

Thursday, October 2nd, 10pm – Nutsch Family

Guest appearances by Gabrielle Reece and Martina McBride

Kevin and Cathy Nutsch and their five daughters from Douglas, Kansas, lost everything that was near and dear to them when their house literally exploded due to a propane leak. It only took seconds to completely obliterate 17 years of memories for the Nutsch family.

Thursday, October 2nd, 11pm – Harper Family

Guest appearance by Jeff Foxworthy

Several years ago, Patricia and Milton Harper lost their two-year-old son when he choked on his food. At the time, the family was living in the projects in Brooklyn, New York where sadly, the paramedics couldn't get to the child in time to save his life. After putting in long hours and saving up every penny they had, the Harpers packed up their children and bought their first home which turned out to be a lemon - every time a rain storm hit, their septic tank would back up and flood their suburban home.

Thursday, October 2nd, 12am – Imbriani Family

Brook Imbriani, a young, divorced mother of two, moved back into her childhood home in San Bernardino, California, to help her disabled mother take care of her dying father. After her father's death, Brook stepped up to be a bone marrow donor to ten-month-old Esmerelda Ramirez, a move that saved the girl's life.

Friday, October 3rd 9pm – Florida (After the Storm)

Guest appearance Chris Botti

In October 2005, Hurricane Wilma, identified as one of the most intense hurricanes in American history, tore apart homes and lives as it ripped through Florida. The design team travels to weather-ravaged Broward County to help rebuild a local woman's soup kitchen and shelter that helps heal the hearts of thousands. In addition, the team helps create a dream wedding for a young couple whose own wedding was washed out twice, first by Hurricane Wilma and then Katrina. And lastly, the home stadium of the 2003 Little League World Champions is completely refurbished just in time for opening day.

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Friday, October 3rd, 10pm – Mississippi (After the Storm)

With all the heartaches and devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, a once-vibrant community now looks like a war zone: Casino barges traveled 800 feet into apartment buildings, while elsewhere neighborhood homes and businesses simply vanished. Now the design team of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" heads to Biloxi to rebuild some cornerstones of the community, including a local free medical clinic, and to erect a new memorial to the victims of Katrina.

Friday, October 3rd 11pm, New Orleans (After the Storm)

When Hurricane Katrina and the post-storm flooding hit New Orleans, the 118 year-old First Emmanuel Baptist Church was badly damaged. Design team members and a local builder renovate the church and bring the community back for its first service since the hurricane. Additionally, in Katrina's aftermath, thousands of pets were rescued and sent to foster homes and shelters nationwide. Paul DiMeo fulfills the wishes of many families in an emotional segment by reuniting them with their furry friends. Finally, in hard-hit St. Bernard Parish, Paige Hemmis helps returning residents track down irreplaceable family photos in their devastated homes and has professional photo restorers save what was thought to be lost forever.

Friday, October 3rd 12am, Texas (After the Storm)

Guest appearance by the Goo Goo Dolls

Sabine Pass, Texas, a small oil town of just 600 people, was hammered by Hurricane Rita in 2005. Firehouse No. 4 was the town's only engine serving its population in emergencies. During the storm, the heroic firefighters worked a grueling 36-hour shift to save many lives before returning to their ravaged firehouse, only to find that this home away from home had been completely destroyed.

Saturday, October 4th 9pm/10pm – Vardon Family

When Stefan Vardon, 14, wrote a heart-warming school essay about his deaf parents and his blind and autistic 12-year-old brother, he had no idea that it would lead to the team from "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" showing up at his family's door. In back-to-back episodes, the design team transforms the Vardon's ordinary 980-square-foot home into a dream home outfitted with the latest communications and safety devices for people with hearing loss and sight limitations.

Saturday, October 4th 11pm – Crawford-Smith Family

Once a renowned dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Carol Crawford-Smith had to abandon her passion for performing when she was stricken with multiple sclerosis. She is committed to passing along her love of dance to others, saying "I'd rather smile and keep going than cry and feel sorry for myself." Carol's dream has always been to have her home and studio in one place so she can continue to teach and spend precious time with her young boys.

Sunday, October 5th 9pm – Thomas Family

On September 11, 2001, Jason Thomas helped rescue two police officers who were trapped in the debris from the twin towers. Though he risked his life to save them, his identity was a secret until he saw a trailer for a motion picture that depicted his rescue. The heroic rescue was later made into a feature film, "World Trade Center," starring Nicholas Cage as one of the rescued police officers. Thomas' heroism was finally rewarded with a new home that is safe and strong.

Sunday, October 5th 11pm – Rogers Family

Betsy Rogers is a single mother who is well-known in her community for her selfless attitudes and strong morals. Because of her brother's medical problems, Betsy must take him in along with his three children. The newly-increased family of thirteen is crammed into the Rogers' two-bedroom home. The tiny house is literally falling apart around them with walls separating from each other, windows cracked and broken and a water heater which only supplies enough heat for one warm shower.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding and distributed by Disney-ABC Domestic Television. David Goldberg is president of Endemol USA. The series originally premiered on ABC on December 3, 2003.

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