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“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” Callier Thompson Shea and Consolidated Construction Will Provide Safer Home for Twins with Genetic Disorders

ST. LOUIS – On Sept. 3, Ty and the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” designers will be visiting St. Louis, Mo., to give Dawn Martinez a safer home for her special-needs children in only seven days.

Dawn Martinez was a beloved and dedicated pediatric cancer nurse who cared for terminally ill children all her life. Little did she know that her medical experience would prepare her for the care of her own children. She and her husband, Emmanuel, had their daughter Elle and then became pregnant again with twins Evan and Alec.

Evan has an extremely rare genetic condition called 9P minus, and Alec has another uncommon genetic disorder known as Crouzon Syndrome. Even though the doctors warned of severe complications, Dawn refused to terminate the pregnancy. Both twins suffer from skeletal abnormalities that require extensive corrective facial and cranial surgeries, with Evan having physical handicaps and mental retardation and Alec being profoundly hearing impaired. Dawn also had to stop working as a nurse in order to take care of the twins full time. As the boys get older, the home's cramped narrow hallways, steep stairs, crumbling driveway and single, handicapped inaccessible bathroom are posing great problems for them and slowing their development. Now it is up to Ty and his designers to equip the Martinez's home to accommodate the twins' special needs.

While Ty and the designers, local builders Callier Thompson Shea Construction & Design LLC and Consolidated Construction Group Inc. and hundreds of volunteers and workers are rebuilding their home, the Martinez family will go on vacation to Disney World.

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“When we learned about the Martirez family and how Dawn has given so much to those in need, we knew our only choice was to say yes to the project,” said John Shea, president of Callier Thompson Shea. “We are humbled and honored to build a home for the Martirez family that will make their life a little easier.”

“Dawn and Emmanuel have accepted the gift of children with the surety of God’s grace to love and raise their sons with special needs,” added Dave Dunlap of Consolidated Construction. “The outpouring of charity from our partners in the building community, as well as the citizens of St. Louis and beyond to help a family who has been so giving to others is overwhelming. It’s going to be an exciting seven days!”

The design team for this episode of “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” will feature team leader Ty Pennington and designers Paige Hemmis, Ed Sanders, Eduardo Xol and John Littlefield.

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Editor’s Notes:

The address: The Martirez Family, 7329 Brunswick Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119

The series is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. It’s executive-produced by Anthony Dominici. David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA.

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” is broadcast with Spanish subtitles via secondary closed captioning. A TV parental guideline will be posted closer to airdate.

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Photography is available at www.abcmedianet.com or at (818) 460-6611.

Construction Timeline Highlights

- *Schedule is subject to change*

Fri., Sept. 5	Demolition begins at noon!
Sat., Sept. 6	Foundation, Framing, Roofing
Sun., Sept. 7	Electrical, Plumbing, Painting, Trim, Exterior
Mon., Sept. 8	Flooring, Appliances, Cabinetry
Tues., Sept. 9	Interior Finishes (no interior photographs allowed), Landscaping
Wed., Sept. 10	Reveal, family arrives between 1 and 3 p.m.

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Spectator Information:

Spectator parking and shuttle service from 7505 Watson Road, Shrewsbury, Mo.
Shuttles run from 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Sept. 5-10.

Media directions to build:

Take I-44 West to Shrewsbury exit. Go south on Shrewsbury Ave. Go east on Murdoch. Turn right on Danbury. Proceed to Brunswick, where security will direct you to the media parking area.

Take I-44 East to Laclede Station Road/Murdoch Ave. exit. Go east on Murdoch. Turn right on Danbury. Proceed to Brunswick, where security will direct you to the media parking area.

Special Instructions for media:

Please check in at the media tent and show your media credentials. You will receive a Media Pass with guidelines on the back, which media must wear at all times. All media are required to go directly to the Media Tent and check in with Carol Sheahan.

The media is welcome on site for the duration of the Martirez family build. Keep in mind, however, that this is a very busy construction site and closed set. Media alerts will be distributed and will be available at the project's Web site, www.extremehomemakeoverstlouis.com. Press ID is required at site check-in and advanced scheduling is highly recommended. It is mandatory that all workers, volunteers and media wear closed-toe shoes, and for a list of other frequently asked questions, see the project Web site.

Additional Information/Interview Opportunities:

For more information or to schedule an on-site interview with ABC designers and/or with John Shea, Callier Thompson Shea, or Dave Dunlap, Consolidated Construction Group, contact PR representative Carol Sheahan, Sr. PR & Brand Strategist, Hughes, at (314) 570-1689 or csheahan@hughes-stl.com.