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## “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” Callier Thompson Shea and Consolidated Construction Surprise Malek Family Coffee Shop with Door Knock!

ST. LOUIS – On Sept. 4, Ty and the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” designers surprised a second St. Louis family when they knocked on Sam Malek’s coffee shop, More Than Coffee, located in Manchester, Mo.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, with cerebral palsy, Malek’s parents were overwhelmed with the miracle of his life when he started breathing shortly after the doctors pronounced him to be a stillborn. This would be the first of many miracles in the life of Malek. He continues to beat the odds and is now a 44-year-old married father of two teenage sons and a business owner. Malek took out a second mortgage on his home in 2007 to purchase the drive-through coffee shop where his mission is to “help challenged people one cup at a time.” He does so by employing handicapped individuals and letting customers help decide which charitable organization will be the recipient of the coffee shop’s benevolence each month.

“Sam is a true hero and is a living testimony of the potential all of us can reach when given the opportunity,” says Dave Dunlap of Consolidated Construction Group. “His hard work, perseverance and success are an inspiration to us all, and in particular for families like the Martirezes. Dawn and Emmanuel fight on a daily basis to provide the same opportunities for their special-needs sons Evan and Alec that are taken for granted by most. Sam is an example that hope can prevail.”

“When ‘Extreme Makeover: Home Edition’ told us about Sam, again we had to say ‘yes!’,” added John Shea of Callier Thompson Shea. “Sam always puts himself and his needs last and we are excited to build a new and improved coffee shop for his employees, family and the community that is so dedicated to supporting his mission. Our plan is to complete construction within the next two days.”

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*Malek Family Coffee Shop Door Knock – add one*

While Ty and the designers, local builders Callier Thompson Shea Construction & Design LLC and Consolidated Construction Group Inc., and hundreds of volunteers and workers rebuild the More Than Coffee shop to make it more efficient, safe and ADA compliant, the coffee will continue to flow from a temporary location in the same parking lot at 14240 Manchester Road, and Malek will be spending his time volunteering at the Martirez build.

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Editor's Notes:

The address: 14240 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO 63021

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](http://www.abcmedianet.com) or at (818) 460-6611.*

### **Construction Timeline Highlights**

*Schedule is subject to change*

Thurs. Sept. 4	Demolition, Foundation and Concrete Work
Fri., Sept. 5	Set Building Structure, Interior Finishes (no interior photos allowed)
Tues., Sept. 9	Reveal, time TBA

### **Media directions to build:**

Site is located just east of Hwy. 141 at 14240 Manchester Road

### **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 Malek More Than Coffee 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](http://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, senior PR and brand strategist, Hughes, at (314) 570-1689 or [csheahan@hughes-stl.com](mailto:csheahan@hughes-stl.com).

**Spectator Information:**

Spectator parking will be located at the site.