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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS:

Crews Work Around the Clock to Complete Brown Family Home

Bridgeport, Conn., July 28, 2007-- Today, ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" design team and New Canaan building firm, Gulick Associates, LLC., move one step closer to making an "extreme dream" come true for the Brown family of Bridgeport, CT.

After yesterday's demolition of the deteriorating Brown home, which has been devastated by flood, fire and robbery, the Gulick building team was given a clean slate upon which to build the Brown family a brand new home. As soon as the last remaining bits of the former Brown house were cleared away after being demolished with the help of ABC's Ty Pennington and cannon fire, the construction crew began building the foundation for the new dream home, which will be completed upon the Brown family's return on Wednesday, August 1. The "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" team and the Gulick Associates construction crew has been working nonstop since the demolition was completed.

On the very same plot of land where the crumbling house stood on Hollister Avenue merely 24 hours ago, spectators now see that construction crews have laid the foundation for the new home, and look towards framing and installing exterior doors and windows. In addition, the plans are to work on the roof to be put onto the new home, a far cry from the large blue tarp that had been serving as the roof on the Brown's previous home. In order to expedite these construction processes that normally takes weeks or even months to complete, construction crews have literally been working twenty-four hours a day since Friday. Thanks to huge stadium lighting surrounding Hollister Avenue, it appears that it is always daylight on this construction site. And, judging by the rate of work being done in the midnight hours, it always feels like just any other afternoon on a construction site.

"Although the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* construction project for the Brown family's home has indeed been grueling, the crews have been upbeat throughout the duration of the project," said Steve Gulick, one of the brothers that make up Gulick Associates, LLC. The community has been extremely supportive of the building effort, providing everything from food for the volunteers, donations of time and supplies, and cheers from the nearby spectator lot.

For more information about how you can volunteer or donate supplies to the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* building effort, please see www.gulickassociates.com.

Each episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* features a race against time involving a team of designers, contractors and hundreds of workers who have just one week to totally rebuild an entire house – every single room, plus the exterior and landscaping. The design team for this episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" will feature team leader Ty Pennington and designers Michael Moloney, Paige Hemmis, Eduardo Xol, and John Littlefield. The episode "Brown Family" will air during the 2007-2008 season.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its 5th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Denise Cramsey is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol, USA.

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