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ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* Says "Good Morning" to a Montgomery County Family

Classic Homes of Maryland Joins ABC to Build Family Dream Home in Poolesville

Rockville, Md. – June 22, 2008 – The lives of Felicia Jackson and her fourteen children will be forever changed as they awoke this morning to Ty Pennington's "Good Morning" wake-up call. The unsuspecting family was surprised by Ty Pennington and the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* team this morning when they learned they had been selected to receive the home makeover. Classic Homes of Maryland will join Ty's team in making a family's dream into a reality.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition is a race against the clock. The EMHE team, Classic Homes of Maryland and all of their designers, contractors and several hundred volunteers will work together to design a new home for the Jackson family, demolish their existing home, and build their dream home; all within seven days.

The Jackson family was selected to receive an Extreme Home Makeover out of thousands of applicants due to their amazing story of family, hardships, and survival. After growing up as a foster child in the state system, Mrs. Jackson grew up to raise her own family with four children she'd love

dearly. However, she longed to find the family she never knew. After much searching, Mrs. Jackson was able to locate her birth sister, with whom she had been separated from as children. The two women reconnected, grew close and became family again.

However, tragedy soon struck. Mrs. Jackson's sister lost her life to cancer. Since both women knew the hardships of growing up as foster-children, Mrs. Jackson pledged to her sister that she would not allow her children to become foster-children too. She adopted all 10 of her sister's children, becoming a mother to fourteen. As a single mother, Mrs. Jackson has fought hard to maintain a stable environment for her large family. They now live in a hotel and Mrs. Jackson faces a continual risk of losing everything.

With the help of Classic Homes of Maryland, many donors and volunteers, EMHE will build the Jackson family a home they can call their own. In the span of a week, what would normally be a four-month project will be completed. And the family will leave the stressful and uncomfortable environment they currently call home.

"We are honored to be part of this project. The uncontrollable circumstances of life can make us all vulnerable. It's a joy to see the community pulling together to help a family stuck in an unfortunate situation," says Amita Jain, Vice-President of Classic Homes of Maryland.

Construction begins on June 23rd at the project location in Poolesville. All members of the community are invited to join in anyway you can. Volunteer, donate, or simply cheer on the hard workers. For more information, please visit www.classicmd.net and follow the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* links.

About Classic Homes of Maryland

Classic Homes of Maryland, based in Rockville, Maryland, has been building homes for over 25 years. Their affordable, high-quality home designs are built on their customers' land, offering an alternative to expensive custom homes built in developments. Customer choice motivates Classic Homes of Maryland, and customers are able to choose from a wide variety of home designs, finding a plan that is

the perfect fit for their lot and their lifestyle. For more information visit www.classicmd.net or call 301-251-2001.

About ABC-TVs *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition,” which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its 6th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Anthony Dominici is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA.

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Media Note:

Media are welcome on site for the duration of the Jackson family build. However, please keep in mind this is a very busy construction site and closed set. Daily media alerts will be distributed electronically and/or on site. Press ID is required and advanced scheduling is highly recommended. News releases and other media materials about the build will be available via www.classicmd.net, on site and through the media contacts.

For more information regarding the show and designers, please contact Mozell Miley, ABC Publicist, at 212.456.6444