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A CORRECTIONS OFFICER WHO'S REHABILITATED THE LIVES OF MANY REFORMED INMATES IN THE SAME PRISON HE WAS ONCE INCARCERATED IN WILL HAVE HIS TORNADO BATTERED HOME REPAIRED ON "EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION"

On October 17, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" will be traveling to Pittsburgh, PA to announce to the Slaughter Family that their water damaged and tornado battered home will be renovated in only seven days.

Fifteen years ago, Frank Slaughter was incarcerated for a few days in the same facility that he now works as a corrections officer. At his church, he turned his life around and became a deacon. Because of his experience, he believed he would be capable of helping inmates become successful caring citizens that will contribute to society. He created a forward thinking program to rehabilitate inmates which helps secure employment for them before they are released. With immediate employment, the goal is for these fathers to help pay child support. In addition to being a good role model and implementing programs to help the inmates turn their lives around, Frank also uses music and rap to tell stories that will encourage others to stay on track and do the right thing. Frank also helps coordinate mentors for the men at his church once they are released. His program has been able to successfully guide hundreds of men to a new path in life. His wife Tracy, who served in the Navy, mentors single mothers and provides care for children, seniors and the homeless at their home, which doubles as a community center. Their oldest daughter Tayana who is following in her parent's footsteps and participated in the ROTC program wants to join the Navy.

The family that has given so much to others now needs a little help from Ty and the gang with their home. The family's cottage is in poor condition with one side of the home wrapped in a tarp because of heavy water damage. The other side was battered by a tornado. With only two bedrooms, all of his children share one bedroom. Even though the ceilings of their home may be caving in, Frank and his wife Tracy have guided their five children to be bright, intelligent and respectful young children.

While Ty and the designers, local builder Montgomery & Rust and hundreds of volunteers and workers are rebuilding their home, the Slaughter family will go on vacation to Walt Disney World.

The design team for this episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" will feature team leader Ty Pennington and designers Paul DiMeo, Paige Hemmis, Eduardo Xol and John Littlefield.

The location address is: The Slaughter Family 9925 Grandview Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15235

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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MEDIA NOTES:

- The home will be an active construction site beginning on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The working press, all volunteers and public are asked to park at the Abundant Beginnings Parking Lot on 235 Eastgate Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Shuttles will run the 19th through the 24th, from 7am to 7pm.
- Press will be escorted to a safe media area for all photos and interviews during construction.
- Open access to the construction site and photo's INSIDE the home during construction WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
- Montgomery & Rust will work to accommodate any interview requests, but it would be wise for media covering the build to call Taylor Abbett at Tailored Marketing who will be on-site at (412) 551-0519 in advance and schedule interviews.

The weeklong planned construction schedule includes:

Friday – October 17, 2008:

Wake-up call, builder meets the family,
MEDIA ALERTED about 9 a.m.
Move-out of the Slaughter family begins.

Saturday – October 18, 2008:

LIMITED MEDIA DAY - house emptied for demolition. Slaughter family leaves on a vacation during construction.

Sunday – October 19, 2008:

MEDIA WELCOME to the “Braveheart” march of volunteers to the construction area beginning at 6:30 a.m., and DEMOLITION – 1:00 p.m.
Media may cover construction progress throughout the rest of the week.
Excavate basement and trench footers.

Monday – October 20, 2008:

Morning – Pour basement, backfill basement, house framing begins,
Afternoon – Window installation begins, rough plumbing and electrical, second floor deck,
Evening and Overnight– Rough electrical, plumbing and HVAC, set roof trusses, roof shingles.

Tuesday – October 21, 2008:

Morning – Drywall and siding installation begins.
Afternoon – Prime and finish ceilings, stone and tile installation begins.
Evening and Overnight – Cabinets installed, exterior trim begins, interior millwork begins, painting.

Wednesday – October 22, 2008:

Morning – HVAC installed, install plumbing.
Afternoon – final electrical work, install doors and hardware, appliances installed.
Evening and Overnight – install hardwood floors, install closet shelving, painting.

Thursday October 23, 2008:

Morning – install landscaping.

Afternoon – Designers move-in furniture and decorating.

Evening and Overnight – Cleaning interior and exterior.

Friday October 24, 2008:

ALL MEDIA AND PUBLIC WELCOME to “MOVE THE BUS” beginning at 2 p.m. - family welcomed home.