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ABC's EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION SEARCHING FOR DESERVING FAMILIES in Chicago!!!

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Do you know a family whose home deserves an Extreme Makeover? If so, the producers of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* want to hear from you.

Ty Pennington and his crew have been all across the map and now they want to drive that famous bus to your area!

"We are looking for INSPIRATIONAL stories that America can really root for," says Casting Supervisor Rebecca Shumsky.

What does it take to be picked for an Extreme Makeover? "We're looking for those special people who have amazing strength of character and never give up. Whether it's keeping their chin up in really tough circumstances or going out of their way to help others. We want to help people whose stories have really affected their community or made a big difference in other people's lives." Shumsky added: "There are a lot of people who are heroes to those around them because of the way they inspire others and quietly serve their communities on a daily basis."

The *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* producers are looking for families whose homes desperately need to be rebuilt. "We really want to help families whose homes present major problems for the family, those big issues that affect the family's quality of life on a daily basis. We want to find deserving people who just don't have the resources, ability, or time to fix those serious issues without our help."

To be eligible, a family must own their own single family home and be able to show producers how a makeover will make a huge difference in their lives.

Interested in NOMINATING a family or APPLYING you should e-mail castchicago@gmail.com

a short description of their family story, house story, names & ages of everyone in the house and photos of family and house.

Nominations may be submitted by the family or by a member of their community. Each nomination must include the names and ages of every member of the household along with a description of the major challenges within the home. Anyone submitting a nomination should be sure to explain why the nominated family is deserving, heroic, and/or a great role model for their community. If possible, include a recent photo of the family. All nominations must include a **contact phone number**.

The deadline for nominations is **May 28th, 2010**. Don't delay!

For more information on how to apply please visit our website at:
<<http://abc.go.com/primetime/xtremehome/index?pn=apply>>

Each episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* is self-contained and features a race against time to complete a project that would ordinarily take at least four months, involving a team of designers, contractors and several hundred workers who have just seven days to totally rebuild an entire property: every single room of the house, plus the exterior and landscaping.

The lives of the lucky families are forever changed when they learn that they have been selected to have their home walls moved, their floors replaced and even their façades radically changed. The result should be a decorator's delight... *if* it can be done in time.

Each episode begins with team leader Ty Pennington's now-famous "Good morning!" wake-up call, when he and his design team surprise the unsuspecting family with news that their home has been chosen to receive a makeover. Viewers not only witness the unbelievable transformation of the house, but during the final and emotional reveal, they see how the home makeover has impacted the lives of the deserving families.

The design team includes team leader Ty Pennington, with designers Paul DiMeo, Paige Hemmis, Michael Moloney, Ed Sanders, Tracy Hutson, Eduardo Xol, John Littlefield and Didi Ayer.

*****About ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition******

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is in its 7th 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.