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Gaudet Family Comes Home to New Home Built in Seven Days by ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and Heritage Homes Team

MOBILE, AL - Crowds formed early this morning on Mobile's Baronne Street. Family, friends, the Heritage Homes building team and volunteers eagerly anticipated the arrival of the stretch limo bringing the Gaudet Family back from their weeklong vacation in Arizona, compliments of ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. While they were away, Heritage Homes and its partners, and some 3,000 volunteers, weary from the excruciating schedule and lack of sleep, worked diligently round the clock in order to complete the miraculous feat of building a 3400 square foot Heritage value home in just seven days.

Outside volunteers aided landscapers in placing the last containers of shrubbery. The *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* coach bus was in place, blocking the view of the beautiful new home, which symbolizes a new beginning for the Gaudet family. Inside, the design team of ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, led by Ty Pennington, inspected each space, which had been carefully designed for the Gaudet family, making sure everything was in place for the scheduled homecoming.

Upon the Gaudet's arrival this afternoon, the massive crowd chanted the familiar "Move that Bus" phrase and proudly watched as the family got their first glimpse of their new home. As the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* coach pulled away, the new home was revealed.

"Our company has worked with the members of this Building Team to build more than 2,400 Heritage homes," said Frank Lott III, president of Heritage Homes, as the bus moved away to reveal the new home. "I think I can speak for all the team members when I say that this moment - when we present a new home to its owners - is the moment we worked for in this *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* project and the moment we work together for with every home we build throughout the year. It's always a thrill for us. This is a special thrill because we have

built this home to thank this family for all they do to help others and to serve as a symbol of the value of serving others.”

Companies represented on the Building Team work year round with Heritage Homes building homes that come with added value made possible by the Heritage System that allows home buyers to apply some of their own time to arranging landscaping, septic systems and other functions so they can save money and get more square footage and features.

The home was built in ninety-six hours beginning with the laying of the foundation on Monday morning at 1:00 a.m. and ending with the building team turning the keys over to the design team Thursday afternoon.

Over 3,000 volunteers worked to complete the home. Special techniques were employed to speed up a process that can normally take from three to six months including ordering all the building materials in advance and delivering to a staging area close to the site, running a 24-hour shuttle between the staging area and the site so materials would always be available.

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

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

*****Media Note*****

Media are welcome near the site for the duration of the build and must check in at the media tent. A Location Press ID is required. News releases and other media materials about the build will be available via www.heritagehomesfamily.com, onsite, and through the listed media contacts. For more information about the show/designers, contact Rachel Kielborn at rachel880@gmail.com.

*****Media Park & Ride*****

Media, VIP, and volunteers are to park on the south side of Bel Air Mall, in Mobile, Alabama. Take Airport Boulevard exit (Exit 3) off I-65 in Mobile. Drive east, past Bel Air Mall on the right and turn right on Bel Air Blvd at the intersection (Wendy's & Goodyear Tire Store). Continue south on Bel Air Blvd past Shoe Station on the right, until you reach Bel Air Mall Dr. on the right. Turn right and look for signs of shuttle parking for the project. It is the parking lot that is behind the Target/JC Penney stores. A shuttle will take media to and from the building site.