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“EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION” REBUILDS THE HOME OF A YOUNG WOMAN WHO OVERCAME YEARS OF ADVERSITY TO TURN HER LIFE AROUND AND ADOPT HER SIBLINGS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED

MYRTLE BEACH January 11, 2010: On January 11, 2010, “*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*” traveled to Loris, South Carolina to meet Amanda and Derrick Suggs, a young couple who had just started their own family when they adopted Amanda’s younger siblings to prevent them from being separated in foster care.

When Derrick and Amanda got married, they moved into the home Derrick inherited from his grandfather. Built by his grandfather in 1953, the home came with a long list of repairs required to make it livable: a leaking roof, outdated and exposed electrical wiring, rotting foundation, and broken and cracked asbestos siding on the outside of the house. In just seven days, team leader Ty Pennington, the design team, and the entire community will build a safer, stronger home that will protect and support this incredible family.

At a very young age, Amanda was forced to take on the role of a mother figure for her siblings. Her parents’ physical neglect often left the children alone for weeks at a time. In addition, Amanda’s father was constantly moving the family around the country in search of construction work; pulling the children in-and-out of school so frequently they would often not even enroll.

Between missing school and caring for her siblings, Amanda fell so far behind that she dropped out of school after the seventh grade. At 16, Amanda reached out to her aunt for help and she agreed to take care of Amanda and the two oldest boys. Living with her aunt helped Amanda get her life back on track and within three months, she received her GED and began community college classes.

When she turned 18, Amanda moved to Myrtle Beach to continue her college education. When she met Derrick, they instantly fell in love, were married, and soon welcomed their first born, Walker. Shortly thereafter, Amanda’s brother Jacob informed her that he and his younger brothers were being taken away from their parents and placed in foster care. Without hesitation, Derrick and Amanda brought the boys to live with them. James, Jacob, and Jordan had nothing but the clothes on their backs when they arrived, but with the love and support of Amanda and Derrick, they caught up with their academics and are all on pace to graduate on time.

In addition to taking on the role of dad, big brother, and friend to the boys, Derrick created a community outreach team within his police squad to help clean up the high crime areas of his district. He also set up various youth activities such as “Shop with a Cop,” which takes underprivileged youth out to buy toys and clothes.

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Last year, Derrick and his partner saved the life of an infant who had stopped breathing while his mother was driving down the highway and were nominated for “Officers of the Year.” Derrick’s efforts have improved the image of the police department and revitalized the relationship between the police and the community.

Derrick, 28, and Amanda, 26, have given every bit of themselves to their children (James, 19, Jacob, 17, Jordan, 10, Walker, 5, and Mason, 9 months), their community, and their careers, but they still lack the time and money to fix their home. Now, it’s up to the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” team and hundreds of local volunteers build a brand new home for this family who came together to turn their lives around in the face of adversity.

In addition to receiving an extreme home makeover, the Suggs will leave soon for a dream vacation, courtesy of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. While the family enjoys its time with each other, Sterling Homes, along with an army of volunteers, will be working diligently to make their dream home a reality.

According to Conrad Ricketts, Executive Producer for *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, the choice of Sterling Homes was easy, “We look for builders who are leaders in their community and understand how important it is to give back. Sterling Homes has waived their fees, are working for free and will gather hundreds of trade partners, subs and volunteers to come together to build a house in one week. It is nothing short of a miracle. This is the third time Sterling has answered the call and only the second time in our seven seasons we’ve returned to the same area. It’s a tribute to the community and builder.”

In addition to the build, Sterling Homes has partnered with the United Way for an “Extreme Food Drive” in an effort to replenish area food banks. The company has set a staggering goal of 100 tons of food to address the needs of the hungry along the coast.

The Emmy award winning reality program *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, now in its 7th season, is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. It is executive-produced by Anthony Dominici. David Goldberg is Chairman, Endemol, North America. The show airs **Sundays from 8:00-9:00 p.m., ET on ABC.**

For more information on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and Sterling Homes’ local build; as well as the build schedule and overall project, log on to www.ExtremeHorry.com

- *NOTE: -All media must request and receive credentials to cover the build. No exceptions.***
- Pre-approved credentials can be picked up daily at the Check In Tent.***
- A Media Tent will be provided.***
- ALL interviews, photos/videos and talent access must run through George DuRant, Nancy Gray and Extreme Makeover: Home Edition’s Production Coordinator.***
- No photography or videography is allowed in the home.***

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PUBLIC NOTICES:

- The build site will be open to public access beginning 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 13. All spectators are encouraged to bring canned food, to be left with each site visit, on behalf of the Extreme Food Drive.
- A map to the site will be made available at 7am, Wed. morning on the build's website: www.ExtremeHorry.com
- Public parking will be available across from the Allsbrook Grocery Store. Shuttle buses will run to and from building site, from 8am to 8pm., beginning Wednesday, January 13, at 8 a.m.

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BUILDER BACKGROUNDS.***

ABOUT STERLING HOMES:

Formerly Hall Custom Homes, Sterling Homes is one of South Carolina's and the Grand Strand's most successful, locally owned construction companies. Sterling Homes has built a stellar reputation for both hands-on, environmentally sensitive development, and as a client-driven, award-winning custom homebuilder. Company principals Harry Dill and Clinch Heyward have long been recognized as industry leaders and innovators.

Sterling is the primary builder within the popular communities of Waterford Plantation, Myrtle Trace South, Ridge Lake, and Johns Bay. Sterling Homes' also has a long history of building individual custom homes within many premier coastal communities, such as DeBordieu, the Reserve, Plantation Point, Ricefields, and the River Club. Sterling Homes is best known for providing personalized home plans and services, which insures a distinctive home for every client. Equally important is Sterling Homes' proud and long-time association with the area's top subcontractors, suppliers and skilled tradesmen, who can be relied upon to stand behind their work and products on each and every job.

Company owners, Harry Dill and Clinch Heyward, have lived and worked on the Grand Strand for many years and have earned an exceptional reputation based upon integrity, community service, and Christian mission.

STERLING FACTS:

- Sterling Homes led an effort that raised over \$170,000 for the Red Cross in response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster
- Sterling Homes acted as a lead builder in the Myrtle Beach Area *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* effort, as well as being chosen for the show's 50-State Reunion Build in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Sterling Homes/Hall Custom Homes received one of the Chamber of Commerce's highest awards, the Community Service Award, for 2007.
- Web addresses: www.sterlinghomessc.com

HARRY DILL: "WHY HALL'S EXCITED TO BE INVOLVED IN EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION PROJECTS:

"We live in a place - South Carolina - where neighbors help neighbors. As a local company, we believe that it is important to give back to our community. We were hugely complimented when we received the call from the producers of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* for the 2007 build in our own region; and one year later were honored to also be asked to aid the residents of New Orleans. This new build is a big and exciting challenge professionally and personally for all involved. We are doing this for all the right reasons and we are happy to be a part of any effort where people pull together to accomplish a great task. We hope that what we do reflects to the nation, the generous character of South Carolina, and especially of the residents, building trades and building supply companies of Horry County. We are extremely blessed to be used in this way."

HALL PRINCIPLE BIO -HARRY DILL:

Dill was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and grew up in Columbia, South Carolina.

Dill began his career in construction 37 years ago, learning his trade from the ground up. He was an individual general contractor for many years, before moving to Myrtle Beach in 1987. He became the VP of Construction for Hall Construction and Hall Development, overseeing all activity within the communities of Myrtle Trace and Waterford Plantation. In 2004, he partnered with Clinch Heyward to purchase HALL companies from their founder and original owner, Glen Hall.

He has been active in the leadership of the Horry/Georgetown Homebuilders Association, having served that group as its president for three terms. Harry was recognized as the “Homebuilder of the Year” in 1998 and 2001. He served as District 5 Vice President of the HBA of South Carolina and as chairman of the Horry County Board of Construction Appeals.

Dill was on the organizational board of the Waccamaw Youth Center and was instrumental in its construction and opening, in 2000. He was nominated for Horry County’s “Volunteer of the Year” Award, recognized by Gov Jim Hodges as a “Hero” for South Carolina Year of the Child in 2001 and is an active supporter of Make A Wish of SC. Dill has served in the leadership of his church, in many capacities. An avid outdoorsman, Dill is an active supporter of the SC Waterfowl Association, Delta Waterfowl, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation and the SC Wildlife Federation. Dill is married with three children, Justin, Kirby and Caroline. Dill and his wife Missy live within Waterford Plantation, in Myrtle Beach.

STERLING PRINCIPLE BIO - CLINCH HEYWARD:

Born in Columbia, SC, Heyward graduated from the University of Virginia and later received his Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Georgia State University. He moved to the Grand Strand in 1973. Since that time, Heyward has worked within the development industry and has played an active role in the growth of the area. In 1991, he joined Hall Development as the VP of Sales and Marketing, with primary responsibilities related to the very successful Myrtle Trace and Waterford residential communities. In 2004, he partnered with Harry Dill to purchase the HALL companies from their founder and original owner, Glen Hall.

He has served as a board member of the Coastal Carolina Board of Realtors. Heyward is active in service to the All Saints Anglican Church, having served on its vestry and as Jr. Warden. He has served on the Board of the Baskerville Ministries and was co-founder of the “Gathering of Men-Grand Strand”. He is a past board member of the Pawley’s Island Music Festival and is the current Chairman of the SC Wildlife Federation, our state’s oldest conservation organization.

Heyward is married with 4 children and lives with his wife Barbara in Pawleys Island.