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ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" Delivers Life-Altering Surprise to Paralyzed LAPD Officer and Her Family

Redondo Beach-based Cornerstone Construction Group, Inc.
Chosen to Build User-Friendly and Accessible Home
in Just One Week

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REDONDO BEACH, CA – Today, October 11, 2006, Ty Pennington and the gang from "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" delivered welcome news to married police officers Tim Pearce and Kristina Ripatti: a brand-new home would be built especially for them over the next week. Tragically, while on the job pursuing a gang member one night this past summer, Kristina was shot and ultimately paralyzed from the waist down.

Selected to spearhead construction of their new home is Cornerstone Construction Group of Redondo Beach, California. Owned by Vic Braden, his wife Linda, and their daughter Stella, Cornerstone Construction is assembling a team of more than 250 subcontractors and trades-persons, supplemented by millions of dollars worth of labor and materials donated by thousands of individuals and companies. Cornerstone will have just one week to complete a custom home that meets this couple's special needs.

Tim and Kristina are both officers of the Los Angeles Police Department who have made careers in the gang division of South Los Angeles working some of the most dangerous streets of their city. Married since 2003, the pair met while Kristina was training at the Los Angeles Police Academy and welcomed a baby daughter, Jordan, a year and a half ago.

Kristina said that she never saw the gun that would change her life, or even heard the gunfire as the bullet pierced her chest, ripped through a lung, and severed her spine. Tim, on patrol in another neighborhood, rushed to the scene when he heard the call “officer needs help”. He arrived to find his wife swarmed by paramedics, fighting for her life.

Today, with Kristina confined to a wheelchair, she and Tim suddenly find themselves worrying about their living situation. The family desperately needs a house more handicapped-accessible than the tiny two-bedroom home in which they’ve been living. And, with a third bedroom, Kristina’s mother Jean could move in with the family and help care for both Kristina and Jordan.

Says Linda Braden about the project, “Our overall reason for doing this was to help a family in need.” Cornerstone Construction Group, owned by Linda, her husband Vic and their daughter Stella, was founded 21 years ago. Over that time, the Bradens have chosen to reinvest the skills they’ve gained in their community. While embracing this as an opportunity for Southern Californians to come together, they acknowledge the potential for disruption in the couple’s immediate neighborhood. Notes Linda, “We also plan to create an environment where we surround the neighbors with excitement and love and get them to feel they’ve been invited to the party.”

Cornerstone Construction Group’s long experience in building medical facilities is being brought to bear on this project. Vic spent the early 1980’s as director of engineering and construction for Centinela Medical Center, an experience that helped him realize the value of a builder who had specialized knowledge of the healthcare industry. Together with his wife Linda, they developed a philosophy, which they brought to Cornerstone Construction Group, in which clients are viewed as “valued partners.”

21 years later, they continue to specialize in design/build services, both to the commercial and residential markets of the Beach Cities. They are known not only for their superior workmanship, but also for the commitment to integrity and high level of ethics that they bring to every job.

In just one week the team from ABC’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” will completely rebuild Tim and Kristina’s home. By compressing nearly six month’s work into one week’s time, the designers, contractors, and volunteers of this Emmy-winning series will use their passion and enthusiasm to not only create a new living space for the family, but also to significantly enhance and transform their lives.

On Friday, October 13, 2006, while Tim, Kristina, and Jordan take a much-needed vacation at the Hilton in Los Cabos, Ty, the designers, Cornerstone Construction Group and hundred of volunteers and workers will arrive to demolish the current house. When the family returns one week later, they will find their home—and their lives—transformed.

In addition to Cornerstone Construction Group, other major donors include:

- Alpine Door & Trim - doors and windows,
- Beckett & Beckett - all project communications, donor and media coordination and PR,
- Douglas Leach, AIA - the architect for the home,
- Elliot Drinkward - the framing,
- Guldman - electric equipment,
- Merrell Construction - the home's foundation,
- Owens Corning - roofing, house wrap, insulation and façade,
- ShareFest - project support and volunteer supervision,
- Veteran's Hauling - demolition, grading, and hauling services.

ABOUT ABC'S "EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION"

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), will enter its 4th 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.

ABOUT CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

Cornerstone Construction Group is a family-owned and operated construction business, started 21 years ago in Redondo Beach by Vic Braden and his wife, Linda. Their daughter, Stella, joined the management team in 1999.

Cornerstone Construction Group specializes in providing complete design/build services, an effort which brings architects, engineers and construction professionals together as a single team. They meet with the client in order to keep all communication channels open, identify what is feasible and what is not among the design goals, and provide the client with a realistic project budget.

Cornerstone Construction Group is known for the integrity it brings to every job. Top-line healthcare facilities as well as private homeowners throughout Southern California use Cornerstone Construction Group, and are consistently pleased with the personal service they receive. "We carefully interview all our customers in depth to determine exactly what they are looking for," said Vic. "Everything from needs, use, cost, timing, preferences, etc. We get to know their needs really well before we put together any form of proposal."

Cornerstone Construction Group maintains a devoted following in the healthcare industry, where construction is especially tricky, due to the level of patient care that must always be maintained, even amidst the necessary noise, dust, and debris of a building team. Among the many prestigious clients they have served are Little Company of Mary Hospital, California Hospital, Torrance Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles Jobs Corps Center, and Goodwill Industries.

For more information on Cornerstone Construction Group, go to www.cornerstonecgextreme.com.

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