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## **ABC2 Live Special “Extreme Maryland Makeover: Behind the Build”**

**A behind the scenes look at how Clark Turner Signature Homes built this Extreme Home in 7 Days**

**Baltimore, MD** – Watch the live ABC2 special, “Extreme Maryland Makeover: Behind the Build” Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on WMAR-TV, ABC2. The subject of the makeover is the Luther family who live on a farm in Cecil County.

For 25 years the Luthers have run “Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding,” using their farm in Port Deposit to help thousands of people enjoy and benefit from their therapeutic riding lessons including a roster of students who suffer from a wide range of physical problems that include brain injuries, broken necks, autism, cerebral palsy, and other developmental issues. It is inspiring work. But when Renee Luther’s husband passed away last year, the farm’s future was in jeopardy.

This past October, hope arrived. ABC’s Extreme Makeover: Home Edition design team leader, Ty Pennington, woke up the family with his famous “good morning Luther family!” wake-up call. ABC sent Renee Luther and her two children, Alex and Ellie, to Italy for a vacation. And a team of dedicated builders and volunteers got to work building them a new home and riding facility in just seven days.

Clark Turner Signature Homes, along with Pennington and fellow designers Paige Hemmis, Rib Hillis, Ed Sanders and Eduardo Xol, completed the massive project with the help of more than 1,500 contractor and trade people volunteers. Clark Turner Signature Homes is an award-winning builder of high quality homes in communities throughout Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties in Maryland. In 2007, Clark Turner was named “Builder of the Year” by the Home Builders Association of Maryland (HBAM).

The ABC2 special, “Extreme Maryland Makeover: Behind the Build” airs Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on ABC2, hosted by Mary Beth Marsden, Brian Wood and Norm Lewis. The two-hour Luther family episode of ABC’s ‘Extreme Makeover: Home Edition’ immediately follows the special at 8:00 p.m.

### **About WMAR-TV and Scripps**

WMAR-TV was the nation's 11<sup>th</sup> television station to air in the nation in 1947. The station has been the site of many technological breakthroughs: first with a color film processor for television news and production, and the first Zoom camera lens for film and tape cameras. WMAR is owned by the E.W. Scripps Company.

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### **About Clark Turner Signature Homes**

Clark Turner Signature Homes was founded 30 years ago and today is an award-winning builder of high quality homes in communities throughout Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties in Maryland. Current Clark Turner Signature Home projects include condominiums, villas, town houses and single family residences in communities where amenities such as golf courses and waterfront locations are key features. Also known for its landscapes and hardscapes, complete with gazebos, fountains and other details that create communities rather than sub-divisions, the firm has been awarded numerous industry and civic awards and in 2007 Clark Turner was named "Builder of the Year" by the Home Builders Association of Maryland (HBAM), the only builder to win this prestigious recognition twice. Additionally, he received the "Developer of the Year" award by the HBAM Land Development Council and is a 36-time recipient of the association's "Award of Excellence for Quality and Value." He has twice won the Best in American Living Award by *Professional Builder* magazine for his homes at The Residences at Bulle Rock, and three of his residential communities have each been named "Project of the Year" by the HBAM Land Development Council. For more information visit [www.CTsignature.com](http://www.CTsignature.com).

### **About *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition***

*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its fifth 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. For more information, visit <http://abc.go.com/primetime/xtremehome/>.

