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## **BELL FAMILY CHOSEN FOR *EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION***

**Tucson, Ariz. (January 27, 2009)** — This morning the American Red Cross hero Lizzie Bell and her family were surprised by Ty Pennington and "*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*" to have a new home built in seven days.

Lizzie Bell was born with a rare blood condition, Diamond-Blackfan Anemia, which is characterized by a failure of the bone marrow to produce red blood cells. Less than 700 kids in the world are stricken with this disease. Lizzie and her family established the John P. Bell Foundation and for the past ten years have been working to raise awareness about the ongoing need for blood donations. Lizzie was given the Red Cross Hero Award for her ambassadorship in telling others about blood drives and donating blood.

While she's been helping others, the Bell's own home has been neglected due to the high costs of her medical bills. The home is sinking with gaping cracks in their cement floor, suffers mold and termite problems and is in need of other repairs.

**Location:** 4630 N. Paseo Aquimuri, Tucson, Arizona 85750

### **DESIGN TEAM FOR THIS EPISODE:**

Ty Pennington  
Ed Sanders  
Didiayer Synder  
Ribb Hills  
Eduardo Xol

### **TODAY'S REMAINING NOTABLE EVENTS:**

**Tentatively 11:00 a.m.:** Designers and builder available for interviews, B-roll of shoot.

**Approx. 4:00-5:00 p.m.:** **Family Interview**, the only chance to interview Lizzie Bell and family before they leave on vacation. Family meets the builder, John Wesley Miller for the first time.

**About EMHE:** *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its sixth season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Conrad Ricketts is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The show airs on Sundays (7:00-8:00 MST), on the ABC Television Network.

**About John Wesley Miller Companies:** For over fifty years, John Wesley Miller has been building homes in Tucson, Arizona and is a national leader in energy conservation and green building practices. John Wesley Miller Companies' small, in-house staff of construction and building professionals contributes years of construction, site development, marketing and management experience and expertise.

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## REVISED MEDIA GUIDELINES

### **General Information:**

The media is welcome and encouraged to come on-site daily to cover this extreme build. Nona Patrick will answer your questions and provide you daily with updated information. Her office number is: (520)-624-1116, cell: (970)-270-3069 and email: npatrick@lpginc.com.

### **Parking for Media:**

Security will direct media to the appropriate parking locations.

### **Parking for Volunteers and Spectators:**

Parking information is available at [www.extrememakeovertucson.com](http://www.extrememakeovertucson.com).

### **Media Tent:**

The media tent will be open daily from 8:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m. The media tent is your front row access to the build. Each media representative will be required to show station/publication credentials and photo ID in order to obtain access. Please be advised that all media are required to stay in the media tent for their coverage. Media are never allowed to be part of construction, volunteer or walk into the house during the build or until after the airdate.

### **Clothing Rules:**

Media, volunteers and subcontractors must wear closed toe shoes at all times. No exceptions. Please keep in mind that this is a closed construction site. Safety is of utmost importance and all rules must be followed.

### **Interviews:**

Interviews can be scheduled through the duration of the project. All interviews must be scheduled through Nona Patrick or through an on-site representative at the media tent. They will do their best to schedule interviews with whom you need, when you need them. Please keep in mind that this is a busy construction site and everyone involved is in a race-against-time to complete the build. Your patience and understanding are appreciated. Attempts to interview on-site without permission will result in loss of access to the site.

### **Live Shots/Satellite Trucks:**

Please note that space will be limited at the construction site. The ability to do live shots will depend on space available. We will do our best to accommodate but please keep in mind this is a closed construction site. Due to the possibility of production interference, wireless microphones are **not** allowed on-site

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