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***EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION* Build with Kitchen and Family Room Countertops for Howie Huber Family in South Range, Wisc.**

HOUSTON, Texas, and BEAVERCREEK, Ohio (Aug. 10, 2009) -- Howard "Howie" Huber and his family will get their first look today at the new home that *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* and other volunteers built for them in South Range, Wisc. The Hubers were nominated for the rebuild project by Dave Ross, Mayor of Superior, Wisc.

The reveal will take place on Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Huber home located at 5742 South Swamp Road in South Range, Wisc. Media, friends, family members, volunteers and other supporters are asked to be on site by 1 p.m.

Howie Huber, 33, is a firefighter who received Meritorious Service Awards in 2006 and 2007 from the City of Superior and Mayor Ross for his bravery in saving four lives. One incident involved rescuing a woman and her two children from a burning building. When Howie went to work at the fire station, he often feared that the next 911 call he intercepts might be for his own home. Howie got concrete evidence that concerns were valid, after the septic tank exploded and the chimney collapsed, forcing them to live with relatives.

When Howie and his wife Jessica met, they were attracted to each other's commitment to hard work and community involvement. Jessica, 30, a nursing student who works with other moms to provide resources for impoverished families, encouraged Howie to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a firefighter. They bought a dilapidated farmhouse, planning to use Howe's construction experience to fix it up within a few years. They have two children – Henry, 6, and Rosemary, 3. The Hubers attempted to repair the old farmhouse, but it had a chimney that was separating from the house, improperly installed windows and severe water damage throughout. The electrical, heating, and sewage systems also were unsafe.

The design team for this episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" features team leader Ty Pennington and designers Paige Hemmis, Paul Dimeo and Eduardo Xol. Joining them for the seven-day build program were local home builder Builders Commonwealth, Silestone® by Cosentino® and AMC of Wisconsin, celebrity volunteer and Emmy Award winning actress Patricia Heaton, and thousands of other volunteers.

"We are honored to join the entire *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* team to help Howie, Jessica and their kids have a new home that is safe and functioning properly. Silestone countertop surfaces are antimicrobial,

scratch- and scorch-resistant, which are assets to growing, active families like the Hubers,” explained Lorenzo Marquez, vice president of marketing for Cosentino North America, which is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Cosentino, with hands-on involvement from AMC at the Huber build site, has donated Silestone quartz kitchen and family room countertops, custom-fitting and installation services valued at approximately \$20,000 as part of the construction and furnishing of the Terpenning family home. Cosentino has been working with AMC for 11 years, first in Minnesota and then in Wisconsin after the company relocated to Fond du Lac.

AMC of Wisconsin (www.amccountertops.com) is one of a few contractors, in addition to the home builder, Builders Commonwealth, that was asked to participate in this project. AMC of Wisconsin provides residential and commercial installations of contemporary stone surfaces throughout the state of Wisconsin. AMC offers Silestone quartz products, Cosentino’s ECO line made of 75 percent recycled content and Cosentino’s SENSEA line of maintenance free granite surface. AMC is the largest fabricator of Silestone in Wisconsin and is known for higher level customer service and quality installations. AMC is regarded as the premier Silestone source in Wisconsin.

“AMC had only seven hours to measure the cabinets after they were installed and then custom-cut and install the countertops for the Huber home. We put together a team of six of our best players to be able to coordinate, measure and install the job. We got a prime parking spot for our trucks – right by the front door of the build site– and brought all the tools we needed to get our work done within the timeframe we were allotted. We were actually ahead of schedule! Normally, we have days or weeks for a job like this,” explained Carmina Mendez, marketing director for AMC of Wisconsin (www.amccountertops.com).

“There were dozens of people working in the same room at a time, and it was amazing to see that people who don’t know each other can actually work together as a perfect team when you have a positive attitude. Nobody bumped into each other or got frustrated. Rather, the whole environment was one of cheerfulness and happiness. Pete Huber, Howie’s dad, came to us and fervently thanked us and then went to the back of the truck, covered his face and started weeping. It was such an emotional moment. The *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* designers were anxiously waiting for the countertops and were thrilled when they saw them being installed. They were happy about the ‘perfect selection’ they had made. The countertops look fantastic,” Mendez added.

“Working with Cosentino on this *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* project provided AMC a great opportunity to showcase the contemporary beauty and flexibility of Silestone while helping a truly deserving young family. We are thrilled and thankful that Silestone included us. This has been a wonderful experience,” Mendez said.

Silestone quartz is known for offering a cleaner and safer surface and for its built-in Microban® as well as its GREENGUARD certification for clean air quality and National Sanitation Foundation certification for food preparation – which represent extensive safety and environmental benefits to families like the Hubers. Silestone quartz also comes with a 15-year limited manufacturer’s warranty.

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’s executive-produced by Anthony Dominici. David Goldberg is Chairman, Endemol North America. The show airs Sundays from 8 to 9 p.m. EDT on ABC.

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