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Gribin Construction Pitches in to Help with ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition

Supervising a Top Quality Team to Give a Second Chance to a Family Struck by Tragedy on Three Devastating Occasions

[Norwalk, Conn., July 26, 2007] It's a far cry from the backcountry of Greenwich or the Westport shoreline, but Gribin Construction is lending its expertise to help ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* build a new home for a well-deserving Bridgeport family.

Each episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* features a race against time involving a team of designers, contractors, and hundreds of workers who have just one week to totally rebuild an entire house -- every single room, plus the exterior and landscaping. The Extreme Makeover in Bridgeport is taking place July 25 – 31.

Eric Gribin, founder and president of Norwalk-based Gribin Construction, is no stranger to tight deadlines. As a highly experienced construction manager, Gribin specializes in complex residential and commercial projects. Unlike general contractors, construction managers take building projects through each phase and are depended upon to find innovative ways to contain costs and deliver projects on schedule. As part of the site management team for the Bridgeport build of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, Gribin has been charged with sequencing, scheduling, and supervising construction, as well as troubleshooting the inevitable problems and conflicts caused by field conditions. Gribin also plays a crucial role by recruiting top quality subcontractors, tradesmen, and suppliers of building materials who are donating their time, skills and merchandise. "I am thrilled

to be a part of this exciting and worthwhile effort and to lend my experience and resources to the team,” notes Gribin.

Fabric of the Community

Gribin is offering his services for the Brown family of Bridgeport. Church Elder Gloria Brown always wanted better for her children, her community, and herself. She worked hard to move her family of four out of the projects, and, in time, she became a proud homeowner. Just as her life seemed to be coming together, tragedy struck the family, not once, but three times. First, a flood devastated their home, then it was destroyed by fire. Gloria was saved by her 16-year old son who knocked down the door that had trapped his mother. Following the fire their home was repeatedly robbed and stripped of everything of value. Despite these tragedies, Gloria remains committed to make Bridgeport a better place.

Together the Browns have founded a variety of outreach programs, including a youth-based radio show and heading up the local chapter of the NAACP. Gloria also founded the Bridgeport community annual festival, which unites the area. Now it is the Brown’s turn to receive some help.

Gribin was attracted to the Brown’s situation having served in leadership positions on numerous community and non-profit organizations. Says Gribin, “I am very fortunate to be able to work on exceptional projects, but some of the ones that I am most proud of are those that truly make a difference in their communities.” Gribin’s construction management skills were instrumental in delivering the newly renovated American Red Cross headquarters in Greenwich 15% below budget and value-engineering \$3.5million in savings for the first transitional housing facility for mentally ill homeless adults in Manhattan. Recent residential projects include the renovation and home addition to a 1950’s Southport, CT colonial that incorporates modern amenities while retaining the house’s original charm and the gut-renovation of a 13,000 square foot Greenwich home (in association with Hobbs, Inc.), which was awarded a 2006 HOBBI for Best Remodeled Home by the Connecticut Home Builders and Remodelers Association.

The episode “Brown Family” is scheduled to air during the 2007-2008 season.

Gribin Construction specializes in complete project management for residential and commercial properties in Fairfield and Westchester counties. The company’s full list of services and on-line portfolio can be found at www.gribinconstruction.com. To request more information about Gribin Construction, call 203-866-8060 or email info@gribinconstruction.com.

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is in its 5th 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.

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Brown Home-Before: Gribin Construction is working with *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to rebuild the Brown’s home after it was devastated by flood, fire and robbery.

Eric Gribin-headshot: Eric Gribin of Gribin Construction is lending his experience and resources as a construction manager to help *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* rebuild the Brown’s home.

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