

EXTREME MAKEOVER – ROTARY EDITION



Sundays 8/7c on ABC

Space Center Rotary had the unique opportunity to participate in the popular TV show, "Extreme Makeover - Home Edition" which constructed a new home in Kemah, and Rotarians across the Greater Houston District 5890 had an integral part, supplying material, supplies, food, labor totaling over \$50,000, plus financial support.

In the course of 4 days, we raised \$101,000 toward paying off their existing mortgage as part of the show. Space Center Club President Jon McKinnie put the challenge to his club and our District and the response was tremendous. "This family certainly embodies and lives our motto of "Service Above Self" and we have no doubt that our hand up will "pay it forward" through their selfless contributions back to those in need."



Those who have been involved have been touched by the story of the awesome family receiving the home makeover. Larry and Melissa Beach are both 40 years old and have 13 children...9 adopted (5 with special needs) and 4 biological. One of their sons serves in the Marines and is stationed at Camp Pendelton. Larry is a line mechanic for Centerpoint Energy and Melissa is at home full time focused on these previous children.

On the morning of January 7th, Ty Pennington, popular host for Extreme Makeover - Home Edition, yelled "Good Morning Beach Family" which started a whirlwind of activities, culminating on January 14th with Ty again leading a chorus of "Move That Bus". In the course of 7 days, over 1,100 volunteers worked 24/7 to tear down the Hurricane Ike damaged home and build their new home, the largest home ever constructed in Extreme Makeover history.



Their family home was flooded during Hurricane Ike and quickly became a haven for mold, snakes, rats which was demolished down to the studs and concrete while the family lived in FEMA trailers for the past 15 months...the good news is Ty and Crew from Extreme Makeover Home Edition have rebuilt a fabulous home for this precious family...and Rotarians across the district helped make their life even better.

