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**"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" Extends a Helping Hand
to a Remarkably Resilient Woman
Who Opens Her Heart and Home to Her Neighborhood's Disadvantaged Children**

Media are invited to the home at 3:30 p.m.

A press conference with the family and Maleno Development is scheduled for 5 p.m.

On June 25, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" travels to Erie, Pa., to meet the indomitable Clara Ward, who has cast the adversity of her health and surroundings aside to run a nonprofit youth development and family center from her home. Team leader Ty Pennington, his designers and hundreds of volunteers will rebuild Clara's home in seven days, enabling her to continue her big-hearted work in support of the neighborhood's underprivileged children.

Having experienced a childhood of hardship, Clara vowed to make a difference for the next generation. Neither modest means, nor the challenges of Myasthenia Gravis, a degenerative muscular disease, have stopped her so far. For decades, Clara has put her personal needs second to feeding, clothing and nurturing children in her home, organizing charitable drives, arranging field trips, tutoring, giving cooking lessons and much more.

But the rampant disrepair of her crumbling two-story home -- including a cracked foundation, a leaky roof, peeling walls and a faulty sewage line -- increasingly threatens the life-long mission that means so much to Clara and the people in her neighborhood. Furthermore, the house lacks the wheelchair accessibility she needs, requiring her to stay with her daughter and head back and forth each day.

While the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" team, local builder Maleno Development, workers and volunteers rebuild Clara's home, the Ward family will go on vacation to Walt Disney World.

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The design team for this episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" will feature team leader Ty Pennington and designers Paul DiMeo, Paige Hemmis and Grammy-Award-winning, R&B recording artist, Mary J. Blige.

The location address is: The Ward Family, 650 East 21st Street, Erie, Pa. 16503

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is broadcast with Spanish subtitles via secondary closed captioning. A TV parental guideline will be posted closer to airdate.

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About ABC-TV's "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 7th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Anthony Dominici is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The show airs Sunday from 8 to 9 p.m. ET on ABC.

About Maleno Development

Co-founded in 1976 by John Maleno and his wife, Lynn, Maleno Development began as a husband-and-wife building and remodeling operation in Erie, Pa. Since then, the company has built more than 1,000 homes and apartments in their hometown. Maleno Development has changed the face of many Erie areas by creating beautiful neighborhoods and residential communities on otherwise undeveloped lands. What started with the Calico Fields subdivision off of West 38th Street now includes 13 residential developments. Today, five of John Maleno's seven children, his sister and his son-in-law are part of what is now a full-service real-estate team that specializes in construction, land development, property management and real-estate sales. For more information about Maleno Development, visit www.malenodevelopment.com.



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