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CHARLOTTE PIPE AND FOUNDRY AND LOCAL CHARLOTTE PLUMBING CONTRACTOR MAKE MAKEOVER HAPPEN

CHARLOTTE, NC – October 31, 2008 – In August, a deserving Charlotte, N.C. family was chosen to receive a new home as part of the hit ABC TV show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. Curtis and Alisha King and their two children departed for a show-sponsored trip to Puerto Rico on July 29 while their one-story 1,900 square foot brick home was demolished to make way for a makeover – a brand new 5,100 square foot, two-story dream house. More than 6,000 volunteers worked on the project, which took 106 hours from demolition on a Wednesday to the last inspection on the following Sunday. Among the volunteers were plumbers from Price Brothers Inc., a residential contractor specializing in high quality single-family and multi-family plumbing systems headquartered in Charlotte and a loyal Charlotte Pipe and Foundry customer.

The Kings were living in their three-bedroom, two-bath house, originally built in 1961, and running a day care service for local families in their refinished garage. The house was beginning to show wear and tear, including an emerging mold problem. The Kings ran their Step By Step Home Daycare service at a loss to help out families in the Windsor Park neighborhood of Charlotte who were trying to make ends meet. Parents working a night shift or on weekends could always rely on the King's daycare, even if they could not always pay.

Normal houses can take up to four to six months to build. The Extreme Makeover: Home Edition house took just about 4½ days, with crews working around the clock. The Price Brothers crew of 25 plumbers were standing by on Thursday, waiting for their chance to get into the house. They finally got on the job at 8 pm and worked straight through until 4 am Friday, completing the rough-in work in just eight hours. It was the same story on Saturday, with a crew of 17 that finished the trim work – setting fixtures and hooking up connections – starting at 5 pm and completing the job at 3 am on Sunday. Charlotte Pipe PVC DWV pipe and fittings were used exclusively on the new home.

“Our crews have a lot of experience with these types of time-compressed projects, having worked on numerous Habitat for Humanity building blitzes over the years,” said Bob Price, owner of Price Brothers Inc. “However, this was a tougher challenge. There were some delays with the framing, so our guys had to wait in the staging area for several hours, chomping at the bit to get on the job. But the construction of the house is carefully coordinated, so we had to wait our turn. Once they set us loose, our guys went to work with a lot of energy and enthusiasm.”

According to Price, the Charlotte home is the largest and most complex the show has attempted to date. As such, every one of the trade sub-contractors had to know exactly what they were doing and when to do it. “All the subs were working around each other,” said Price. “Electrical contractors, HVAC contractors, framers, dry wall installers – we all had a job to do and very little time to do it. From the plumbing standpoint, the house was full of high-end fixtures that can be complicated to install. At one point, we had 14 of our guys working in the master bath at one time.”

The episode, which aired in October, showed the King family arriving back at their address to find a brand new, fully furnished home waiting for them, complete with a new day care filled with toys and educational materials.

“I’m very proud of our crews,” Price said. “I was very impressed with their preparation, their professionalism, but most of all their enthusiasm. They worked their tails off to do their part to get the home built on time without complaint.” When asked if they had the chance, would they volunteer to work on an Extreme Makeover home again, Price didn’t hesitate. “Absolutely,” he said.