

Home makeover show visits Las Vegas

More than 100 companies come together

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Volunteers, vendors and crew from the ABC television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" work March 17 on the Cerda family's new home project at 5760 Royal Castle Lane.

More than 100 local businesses donated time and supplies to turn a northwest Las Vegas home into a residential dream-come-true for one family that will be featured in an upcoming episode of ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."



The Cerda family's original 1,500 square-foot track home, at 5760 Royal Castle Lane, was demolished March 5. By March 10, a truck from Walker Furniture had dropped off the finishing touches for the 3,000-square-foot home that took its place.

Companies such as Jason's Deli and Memphis Championship Barbecue donated food and fed an average of 350 people every four hours as construction was completed around the clock. ABC approached locally based Wright Custom Homes to build the project. "We had three weeks to organize for the build," said Daniel Bartlett, principal of the custombuild and engineering firm. "We called upon volunteers for construction and non-construction items. The entire house is donated."

The home's distinctive design elements include a stainless steel-plated copper roof. "They were looking for something less traditional" said Quinn Boesenecker, principal of Pinnacle Architecture Studio. "We had only one week of design and another week for construction but it was awesome. I'd do it again."

Because both Cerda children suffer from combined immune deficiency disease, the new home was designed with their specific health needs in mind. A patented Cupolex dome flooring system collects gases and ventilates the home, thus improving indoor air quality.

The extreme transformation effort was not only charitable, it was "green." Evergreen Recycling donated its services and collected 19.92 tons of recyclable materials from the construction site.

"We were happy to assist Wright Custom Home to make the project as green as possible and divert as much material as we could from the landfill," Evergreen President Rob Dorinson said. "It was a pleasure to donate our time and resources to such a worthy cause." Materials collected ranged from wood and metals to carpet pad and drywall.

The new residence, complete with solar panels, achieved platinum certification from the National Green Building Program. "We've reduced the combined energy bill on this house from \$173 per month to \$30 per month," Bartlett said.

Bartlett said he was impressed by the outpouring of support that helped complete the project within five days. "Over 100 companies donated time and materials to this project and many of those companies are struggling themselves," he said. "It says a lot about our city and our people." ABC will air the Cerda family's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" on May 10.

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