



TJB Homes teams with EHM show to help family

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and builder TJB Homes recently joined forces to help a local family in need

The Swenson-Lee Family

It was a family tragedy that led Erik and Vicki Swenson to need a larger home. Vicki's sister, Teri Lee, was murdered in 2006 by her ex-boyfriend, leaving four children in need of a home. The Swensons already had three children and a fourth on the way, which meant within one year their family grew from 3 to 10 people.

Although the Swenson's previous home was in good condition, it was far too small for 10 people. So they asked the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" team for an old fashioned renovation, and the ABC show teamed with local builder TJB Homes to help the family out. Adding on to their existing home gave this family the space and security they need to grow into a family of 10. The family went from a home with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, to a home with 7 bedrooms and 5 baths!

Tom Budzynski, owner of TJB Homes, said the family was overwhelmed. "Vicki cried like a baby," Budzynski said, "and Erik was just so excited, he was jumping up and down."

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Builder TJB is a family business, and leadership on the project reflected that. Budzynski's son Jason served as senior project manager. He was assisted by Budzynski's brother Rick and another son, Justin, who was site supervisor. Budzynski's daughter Tiffany was volunteer coordinator.

"Extreme Makeover" producers had asked that the house, the biggest in the show's history, be built in 106 hours. TJB and its 200-plus crew of contractors and subcontractors turned the keys to the house over to the design team after 99 hours of construction labor.



Meet The Swenson-Lee Family Members

Vicki, Mom, Teacher - Family and Consumer Sciences, Head Volleyball Coach, "Coach of the Year" - Sec. 53A in 2005. Helped write 2 bills to protect victims of Domestic Violence. Both signed and included into a Public Safety bill signed on May 7th, 2007.

Erik, Dad, History Teacher (World Studies),
Head Football Coach, loves to sing and play guitar.

Samantha, Daughter - 10 years old, 4th grade.

Stella, Daughter - Twin 18 months.

Olivia, Daughter - Twin 18 months.

Baby-on-the-way Eva "Lynn" (after late-sister),
Daughter, Due Nov. 5th!

Taylor, Niece - 12 years old, 7th grade.

Tyler nicknamed "Ty", Nephew - 10 years old, 4th grade.

Trevor, Nephew - 8 years old, 2nd grade.

Tara, Niece - 6 years old



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