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Live Concert and Braveheart March Kicks off Build in Manchester's Own Backyard

Manchester, NH, October 20, 2007 The west side of Manchester is no stranger to music. They make the music of a community coming together to build a home for a family in need. This morning the music took to the streets of this neighborhood in the form of an opening concert and Braveheart march to kick off the build with country music star Rodney Atkins taking the stage to celebrate the weeklong construction and filming.

Neighbors and friends gathered in front of their homes in anticipation hoping to catch a glimpse of the action. The streets were abuzz with camera crews as they setup to shoot the day's opening.

While some of the neighbors were there to watch a concert put on for the volunteers and sponsors, others had a different agenda in mind. Casey Kehoe, 27 from Manchester, said, "We are all very excited about this. We watch the show every week". When Casey and her family were asked who they were looking forward to seeing the most during the celebration, a resounding "Ty Pennington" was heard from the locals.

Most of the families interviewed in the morning are big fans of the ABC series. Lisa, a 46-year-old employee of JGI Eastern said, "We watch the show every Sunday as a family and cry together. I think it teaches our children excellent values. It helps them to look at others in a different way and learn how to help out".

The quiet neighborhood on the west side does not mind the setup at all. Everyone wants to pitch in to help. One family even prepared a Birthday pumpkin for Ty in honor of his 42nd birthday on October 19.

Matthew Kelley, a 9-year-old boy from the neighborhood was eager to be a part of it. In his soft and curious voice, he asked, "Can I still sign up to volunteer?"

For more information on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition in New Hampshire, or to find out how you can help, visit www.unitebuildchange.com

About *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is in its 5th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Denise Cramsey is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The show airs "Sundays 8/7c on ABC". For more information, visit <http://abc.go.com/primetime/xtremehome/>.

