

GUSTAVE A. LARSON COMPANY JOINS WITH EXTREME MAKEOVER HOME EDITION TO MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE

The Gustave A. Larson Company, in partnership with The Trane Company and American Standard Heating and Air Conditioning provided HVAC equipment and supplies for Extreme Home Makeovers in Dundee, Wisconsin, Minot, North Dakota, and Des Moines, Iowa.

Dundee, Wisconsin – April 2006

After being diagnosed with metastatic melanoma in April 2006, Matt Koepke realized that he would not be able to make his dream of a safe home for his family might not come true. Matt, his wife Christine and their 4 children were living in the home built by Matt's great-grandfather which had exposed electrical wires and insulation, leaking roof, broken windows and an attic infested with bats. Matt Koepke lost his battle with cancer in August 2006 but Ty Pennington and Extreme Makeover Home Edition stepped in to make Matt's dream come true. The project began on the morning of October 1st and was completed on October 6th.

Roy Brouwer, Gustave A. Larson Company sales consultant, contacted Aero-Tec Heating & AC in Slinger, Wisconsin, about joining them in providing the American Standard system for the Koepke home. Chris Guenther, owner of Aero-Tec, donated all of his labor and recruited and coordinated 17 volunteers to install the American Standard HVAC system as well as a Honeywell Zoning System. Although the project was trying at times (imagine more than 500 volunteers helping to build a 3800 sq. ft. home in 5 days, including 3 days of rain), Chris would definitely do it again if he had the opportunity.

Minot, North Dakota – August 2006

Upon learning their second child, Aaron, had cerebral palsy, The Bliven family of Minot, North Dakota was told by their doctor, "Life's not fair." When Aaron's Little League team decided that his health was too big a risk for him to continue playing, Aaron and his mother Michelle started a league of their own. "Dream Catchers" is a Little League team made up entirely of children with special needs.

Unfortunately, the Bliven's modest house, bought almost 20 years ago, was no longer safe. Aaron, now 14, had to be carried from room to room because his wheelchair would not fit through the hallways and some doorways. Aaron's father, Bill, suffered two major heart attacks last year and is physically unable to lift his son, which leaves the entire weight on Michelle's shoulders.

Again, Ty Pennington and Extreme Make Home Edition came to the rescue. From August 19 through August 26, 2006, the community of Minot united to build the Bliven's family a new home. The Gustave A. Larson Company contact Trane dealer M & S Sheet Metal and together they provided a Trane XL 16i air conditioner, a Trane TUY furnace,

as well as a Trane humidifier, CleanEffects Air Cleaner, comfort controls and a Honeywell Zone system.

Des Moines, Iowa – November 2006

In December 2004, Shawn Kibe fulfilled a dream when he moved his family of five from the city to the country. That dream ended a few days before Christmas 2005, when their farm house was destroyed by fire. The family of five was forced to move into a tiny one-bedroom rented camper in a trailer park. The three boys split their time between sleeping on the couch or outside in tents. Again, Extreme Makeover Home Edition to the rescue. In partnership with Hubbell Homes of Des Moines, the community came together to build a new home and save this family's dream. The Gustave A. Larson Company in partnership with Heartland Heating and Cooling in Grimes, IA provided duct work and a Honeywell Trol-A-Temp Zoning System.