

# **Deltec and EcoBuilders Team Up to Help Re-Build New Orleans**

## **Asheville Builders to Take Lead Role in Extreme Makeover Season Finale**

Orlando FL-February 14 2008- Deltec Homes and the EcoBuilders of Asheville NC are among a group of builders selected from across the country to lead the construction of a home by "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" in Katrina-ravaged New Orleans.

"Extreme Makeover" made the announcement Thursday afternoon at the International Builders Show in Orlando, Fla. and at a press conference held at Disney World.

The seven-day build in the greater New Orleans area is the ABC TV show's last stop on a 50-state tour and will wrap up the show's season. The build will take place March 8-14 and the episode will air on May 18 as a two-hour show.

Deltec Homes will be featured as the lead builder in the show. "The project was a perfect fit for us," said Joseph Schlenk, Director of Sales and Marketing for Deltec Homes. "Extreme Makeover not only needed a hurricane resistant home but one that could also be constructed to strict green building standards. They wanted to build a home for the deserving family that is not only safe but also healthy to live in," said Schlenk.

"We are in need of donations. Skilled and unskilled labor, building materials, tools and volunteers of all kinds are needed." said Schlenk. "Anyone interested in donating to the project can do so by going to [www.extremeneworleans.com](http://www.extremeneworleans.com) or to [www.deltechomes.com](http://www.deltechomes.com)"

The Louisiana coalition includes past builders from other "Extreme Makeover" projects and represents a first-ever effort by the show to form such a coalition to build a home in a week with donated materials. The show decided to organize this all-star team because of the continued dire conditions in New Orleans, said Diane Korman, senior producer of "Extreme Makeover."

"In New Orleans, building is very difficult because Hurricane Katrina is not a three-year-old story," Korman said. "It's a story right here and right now. It's going to take an entire nation of builders to come and help."

Builders and resources are limited in New Orleans because so much rebuilding is still underway, she said.

"We need manpower, leadership and builders who know how to build a house in a week,"

Korman said. ``This coalition of builders knows how to do that. They don't ask how or why, they said when and where do you need me. They are the true heroes. America is coming to Louisiana to make a difference."

Other builders who have signed on as part of the leadership team hail from Montana, Louisiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, New York, Mississippi and Tennessee.

``We would be nothing without the heart and soul of builders like Deltec Homes and EcoBuilders stepping up," Korman said. ``It's not going to take nails and sticks of wood to heal the Gulf Coast. It's going to take heart, soul, passion and manpower. That's what it's all about."

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