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## ***Transportation Update***

*A reminder for spectators of the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition project*

**Freeport, Ill., 10 September 2009** – We have had a number of queries regarding the necessity of spectators living in Lena and west of Lena driving to Freeport to board the spectator bus, which departs from Lincoln Mall in Freeport. The transportation system was set up to accommodate the greatest number of both spectators and volunteers in the most efficient and effective manner. While it may seem counter-intuitive for people to drive to the east to get on a bus that will then take them west, please be assured that many options were considered and this was determined to be the best way to handle virtually thousands of volunteers (who need to follow special check-in procedures) and other thousands of spectators.

**There may be a 30 – 90 minute wait for the spectator bus as it completes its round-trip.**

If you are **NOT** a volunteer and attempt to board the bus at Rafters outside Lena, you will be directed to the spectator pick-up in Freeport. Please do not attempt to convince the hard-working volunteer area check-in coordinators, who are also volunteering, that you should be allowed to ride the volunteer bus. The transportation information for both volunteers and spectators appears below to reiterate the process.

We have also had questions regarding handicap accessibility of the buses and site. The spectator bus is handicap-accessible but please keep in mind that this is a construction site and access at the site itself may be less than ideal. The logistics crew onsite will be as accommodating as possible while still working to ensure the safety of everyone there.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Visitor Information:**

All visitors must take scheduled transportation to the build site. Please board the Spectator Bus at Lincoln Mall in Freeport ([1265 W. Galena Avenue](#)). There is parking available at the mall for your vehicle: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE TO THE BUILD SITE – you will be turned back. The bus to/from the build site will run continuously– there are no scheduled departure/arrival times.

Please note that spectator hours are as follows:

10-15 September – 8 am to 8 pm

16 September (Reveal Day) – 8 am to 6 pm

17 September – no spectators permitted (bus will not run)

**Volunteer Information:**

If you have been accepted as a volunteer on the build, you should have received an e-mail verification regarding your shift(s). If you received an e-mail but the shift information section was blank, you are an on-call volunteer and will only be called to work if needed.

Please report to the volunteer check-in area at Rafters Restaurant ([9426 W. Wagner Road](#)) a minimum of 45 minutes prior to the start of your assigned shift(s). Here you will receive your blue volunteer t-shirt and other information, and will need to complete paperwork (you can make this part go faster by downloading and completing the [Volunteer Release](#) and an [Appearance Release and Confidentiality Agreement](#) available online at [www.extremehaskenconstruction.com](#)). DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE TO THE BUILD SITE – you will be turned back. The bus to/from the build site will run continuously from Rafters – there are no scheduled departure/arrival times. Please do not bring any personal items with you – there is nowhere at the site where they can be securely stored (the exception is tools for skilled trades – tradespeople, you should already have all necessary information about this).

Please remember to wear closed-toe shoes – you will not be allowed to board the bus without them.

For more information on the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* northwest Illinois build, visit [www.extremehaskenconstruction.com](#). Follow events leading up to the build – and the build itself – via [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

**About Hasken Construction**

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The Haskens began remodeling existing homes in 1982. In 1985, Hasken Construction began building at Lake Carroll, Illinois and since that time they have become a major presence in northwest Illinois.

**About ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition***

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," which has won back-to-back Emmy Awards as Best Reality Program (non-competitive), is entering its 7th season on ABC. The program is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. Anthony Dominici is the executive producer; and David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The show airs on Sundays (7:00 p.m. CST), on the ABC Television Network.

*Regular updates, news releases and other media materials about the build will be available through the above media contacts before, during and after the build.*

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