

LOCAL LAW FIRM LENDS A HAND TO BUILD A NEW HOME ON A NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED TV SHOW

**“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” Comes to the DC Area to
Build a Home and Community Center
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Continuing its tradition of community service, Potomac, MD-based law firm Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy, & Ecker, PA, provided nearly two-dozen volunteers in conjunction with United Way of the National Capital Area (UWNCA) to help the ABC show “*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*,” to build a new house and community center in the Washington, DC area in August.

The nationally-recognized TV show helps extraordinary people dealing with deteriorating home conditions and the inability to fix them. In a massive volunteer effort headed up by UWNCA, the house was torn down and reconstructed in just one week.

“Lending a hand in this worthwhile community effort is a great opportunity to make a difference for a deserving family,” said Don Rogers, Partner of Shulman Rogers. “In addition to providing legal services to our clients, our attorneys understand the importance of being good citizens and helping our neighbors. Along with United Way, we want to work with others who care about making our community a better place.”

Volunteers from Shulman Rogers went above and beyond the expectations, returning to the site the day before the home was revealed to the family, so they could assist with last minute tasks.

Those from Shulman Rogers were joined by hundreds of others in an effort organized by UWNCA, which is dedicated to addressing affordable housing issues in the greater Washington area.

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Thousands of volunteers from a number of area businesses provided man power to finish building the home and the community center.

“This was an exceptional opportunity to show the community how much we care,” said Bill Hanbury, President and CEO of UWNCA. “Through this effort, we took a hands-on approach to supporting safe, affordable housing in our area because a place to call home should not be a privilege for our neighbors. It is a basic need, and United Way champions this cause every day.”

Work on the home took place between August 22 and 29. Upon completion, the Trip family set foot into their new home, and community was revealed to the local students.

About Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker

Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PA is one of the largest, most respected law firms in the Washington Metropolitan area. Founded in 1972, the firm and its highly-skilled attorneys and staff are committed to client service, a relentless focus on problem solving and an underlying compassion for its clients and community. The firm has a general practice with experience ranging from corporate law, to real estate, to litigation to estate planning and family law. Additional information on Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker and its practice areas is available at www.shulmanrogers.com/firm

About “*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*”

The Emmy award winning reality program "*Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*," entering its 7th season, is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. It is executive-produced by Anthony Dominici. David Goldberg is Chairman, Endemol North America. The show airs Sundays from 8:00-9:00 p.m., ET on ABC.