

Extreme Home Makeover in Kokomo

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On Thursday night and Friday morning at the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” site, it rained more than two inches. The rain could have severely hampered the ability for the project to be finished. However, partially thanks to the quick thinking of Monty Henderson and the generosity of many, the project was able to get back on track.

Henderson had the idea of bringing in straw to the build site to cover the mud. After making a few calls, including to Dave Simpson at Simpson Straw in Sharpville, Ind., more than an acre of straw began coming to the build site. Simpson Straw donated more than 12 tons of straw alone. And as the day went on, more and more groups and individuals donated straw that was spread out over the muddy field.



This is also the quick thinking that helps Henderson at the Small Business Development Center in Kokomo. Henderson gives business advice to many small business, including Randy Fletcher at the Kreole Kid. Henderson also came out on Monday to help Fletcher make sandwiches for the volunteers and spectators.

Henderson has been at several of the events leading up to the build as well. He came to the pre-production press conference as well as the Hallmark Homes march to the build site. His attendance Friday and fast thinking will likely be his biggest influence on the Extreme Makeover build.