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## **The Toro Company Helps Extreme Makeover: Home Edition for Its *After the Storm* Series**

*Donates Equipment to Little League Baseball Park Destroyed by Hurricane Wilma*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (March 31, 2006) – Little League Park in Boynton Beach, Florida recently underwent a major renovation after being destroyed by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. With little league players and their families unable to rebuild the facility, the league turned to Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

In February, the city’s wish came true as producers of the popular home-remodeling show rolled into Boynton Beach to surprise the community and take on the four day project. In their quest to create a state-of-the-art ballpark, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition relied on the hard work of more than 1,000 people – and the expertise of several companies in turf maintenance.

“This was a tremendous gift to the league,” said Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor. “With all the storm damage, we didn’t know how we could possibly bring the fields into play for the season. I still can’t get over it.”

With expertise in the sports fields and grounds market, The Toro Company stepped up to help reconstruct the field, install a new Toro irrigation system, and provide equipment to support the renovation. To supply the equipment, Toro worked with Deerfield Beach-based Hector Turf, one of its distributors in turf maintenance equipment. Together, they provided several Toro Workman® utility vehicles to transport equipment and material around the facility; a Line Painter 1200 to mark the field and paint the team’s logo in the outfield; a MultiPro® sprayer to soak the turf and infield; and the Infield Pro® 3040 to prepare the infield. Toro also provided valuable onsite expertise. Boyd Montgomery, CSFM, SCPS, sports field and grounds district sales manager at Toro, donated countless hours on the project and played an instrumental role in making sure the field was built to specification.

It also was important to Toro to look beyond the completion of the project, and provide the facility with the tools to maintain the field’s professional look with little effort. To keep the field in excellent playing condition, Toro donated to Little League Park a *new* Infield Pro® 3040 with four separate attachments, along with a complete Toro irrigation system.

“We probably have the most outstanding field in the country, as far as little league goes,” Taylor said. “The equipment Toro donated means that we don’t have to go out and upgrade our equipment, and makes it so much easier for us to maintain the field.”

The Infield Pro 3040, which was donated to the field, was the *first* production unit ever built and will be available to the public this summer. Designed for users of all levels, this new model features innovations that elevate the overall versatility and reliability of these sports field management machines. The Infield Pro includes the new Quick Attach System, which allows operators in less than a minute to switch from among 17 different attachments – without the use of any tools. Most importantly, it does an excellent job at keeping the playing field level and safe. More information on the Infield Pro can be found at [www.toro.com/infieldpro/](http://www.toro.com/infieldpro/).

With water conservation in mind, Toro donated an irrigation system that includes many features to maintain the field's excellent playing condition and meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. The complete system offers at-the-head shutoff to stop watering in unneeded areas; TruJectory™ technology that provides precision coverage to defend against the wind; an intelligent system that knows when it rains and shuts down to prevent over watering; and a system that has the highest surge protection in the industry – important in Florida, which is known as the “Lightning Capital of the World.” More information on Toro irrigation can be found at [www.toro.com/watermgmt/](http://www.toro.com/watermgmt/).

“What Toro has done for this community is truly amazing,” said Jack McVey, president of the East Point Beach League. “We no longer have to worry about our equipment breaking down or the field drying up under the heat. This project has left its mark on the city and the kids for many years to come.”

Toro's equipment and expertise are utilized at a variety of venues including the Rose Bowl, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, University of Notre Dame, Walt Disney World, professional and collegiate baseball and football stadiums, and many of the world's premier golf courses.

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### **About the Toro Giving Program**

The Toro Giving Program enhances the health and well-being of all Toro communities through active outreach and involvement. The primary giving focus is to support organizations that preserve the outdoor environment. Contributions are also focused on programs that enhance education, health and welfare, culture, the arts, and civic projects. Toro also provides employee volunteer opportunities, and product and in-kind donations.

### **About The Toro Company**

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of outdoor beautification products, support services and integrated solutions. With sales of \$1.8 billion in 2005, Toro is committed to providing environmentally responsible products of customer-valued quality and innovation. Since 1914, the company has built a tradition of excellence around a number of strong brands that serve a customer base that includes golf course superintendents, groundskeepers, sports field managers, landscape and irrigation contractors, fruit and vegetable growers, and homeowners. The Toro Company is headquartered at 8111 Lyndale Avenue in Bloomington, Minn. Visit the company website at [www.thetorocompany.com](http://www.thetorocompany.com).

### **About Endemol**

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” is produced by Endemol USA, a division of Endemol Holding. David Goldberg is the president of Endemol USA. The series is executive-produced by Tom Forman. The show airs Sundays (8:00-9:00 p.m. ET), on the ABC Television Network.

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