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Tyco Fire & Building Products and Fire Team USA Protect Tennessee Family with Rapid Response[™] Residential Sprinkler System

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. (December 28, 2006) – Firefighters and contractors delivered peace of mind to a Hendersonville, Tenn., family, thanks to a partnership between Tyco Fire & Building Products and Fire Team USA.

On April 7, 2006, an F4 tornado ripped through Tennessee, leaving massive property destruction in its wake and claiming the lives of 12 people. Amy Hawkins and her two young sons, Jair, 6, and Cole, 3, were in their Hendersonville home in suburban Nashville during the storm. She whisked her sons into the basement and covered them with her own body for protection.

The tornado completely destroyed the Hawkins' home. Amy saved her sons but suffered head trauma, punctured lungs and crushed ribs and vertebrae, ultimately causing paralysis from the waist down, when an exterior brick wall fell on her.

People from around the country sent an outpouring of more than 70,000 petitions to the hit ABC show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," and producers chose to rebuild the Hawkins' home. Crews began rebuilding the home in late July 2006, but the installation of a residential sprinkler system was not in the plans.

The inclusion of a sprinkler system in the home is of great importance not only for the entire family's safety in a fire emergency, but because Amy's mobility is limited.



Dennis Phillips, Sales Representative for Tyco Fire & Building Products, and Vickie Pritchett, Project Manager for Fire Team USA, a Tennessee-based fire safety partnership

that emphasizes the importance of residential sprinkler ordinance adoption, quickly stepped in and organized materials and labor to retrofit the home with a sprinkler system when the show's production timeline could not accommodate for it.



Contractors and firefighters from the Ashland City, Brentwood and Pleasantview Fire Departments met at the Hawkins' newly rebuilt home on the morning of Dec. 1, 2006, to retrofit it with a Tyco Fire & Building Products Rapid Response™ residential sprinkler system. Nine hours later, it was finished.

Amy's husband, Jerrod, is a firefighter and paramedic with the Brentwood Fire Department.

WSMV/NBC of Nashville, Tenn., covered the installation of the sprinklers. The story can be viewed at <http://www.wsmv.com/video/10444949/detail.html>.

About Tyco Fire & Building Products

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