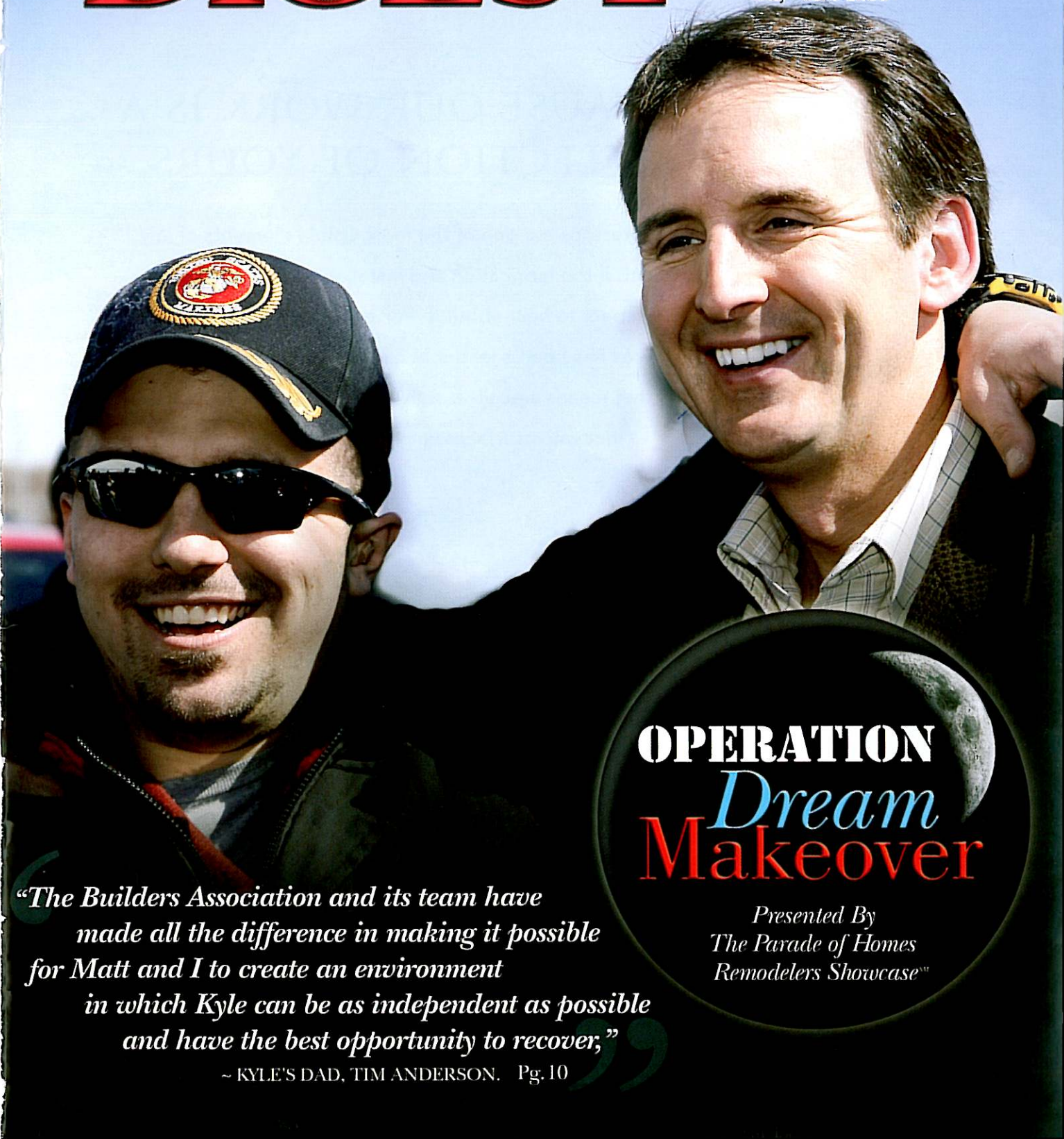


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“The Builders Association and its team have made all the difference in making it possible for Matt and I to create an environment in which Kyle can be as independent as possible and have the best opportunity to recover;”

~ KYLE'S DAD, TIM ANDERSON. Pg. 10



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WOW!

Those of you who participated in the Operation Dream Makeover project will recognize our headline. One of Kyle Anderson's most used words is "Wow", and he used that one a lot at our Big Reveal event held on March 28th.

This project began last year when we were brainstorming some ways to launch the new spring edition of the Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase™. With a lot of help from the Remodelers Showcase™ committee members, Builders Outreach Foundation volunteers, BATC staff and consultants, and our media partner WCCO AM radio, Operation Dream Makeover was born. And when we found Kyle Anderson, a Marine wounded in the Iraq war, we knew we had to move forward.

If you had the honor to meet Kyle you know the real reason this project was a success. Kyle was a state wrestling champ who chose the Marines and duty in Iraq over what surely would have been a hugely successful college and sports career. Kyle served heroically, saving the life of another Marine under heavy fire just a week before being struck by an RPG which caused severe brain trauma.

While most of us would not have survived, Kyle is truly made of stronger stuff. From the first week spent in a Baghdad hospital because he couldn't be moved, to the months he spent in a coma, to the

exhausting hours he spends in physical and speech therapy yet today, this is a young man that never faltered from exhibiting strength, optimism, courage, and humor.

Launching Operation Dream Makeover required asking many, many BATC members to help out (please check out the complete donor list on the next page). And every one of them will tell you that the minute they met Kyle, they knew they simply had to participate.

Working throughout the fall and winter, Kyle's home was transformed. Please take a look at our Operation Dream Makeover website for design details, background, virtual tour of the finished project, and a comprehensive photo gallery that documents the construction phase. You'll also want to check out the photos from the Big Reveal event there. The day was beautiful, perfect for the open air tent we set up across the street. We blocked the view of the home with a big Scherer Bros. truck and banner that said "Welcome Home Kyle." We were honored to have Governor Pawlenty and Inver Grove Heights Mayor Tourville speak, and then presented Kyle and his dad, Tim, and brother, Matt, with their new keys. Then the crowd joined in yelling "move that truck," and Kyle was escorted across the street in the Marine's official Humvee by a contingent of Marines in dress uniform to see his new and improved home.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Dream Makeover, it's been a rewarding and humbling experience.



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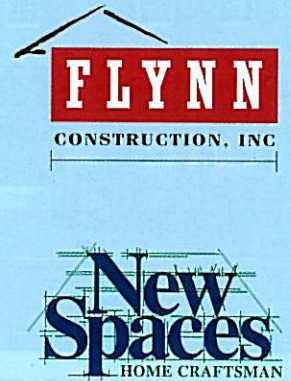
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