
THE ABC HIT SHOW, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, chose Fibar® engineered wood fiber safety surfacing for a new house and playground in Gilbert, AZ. The 3,500-square-foot home came as a complete surprise to the family it was built for, the Okvaths.

The family had not asked Extreme Makeover for a house for themselves, but for a makeover of the children’s hospital wing at Tucson’s University Medical Center. One of their six children, lively eight-year-old Kassandra, was being treated there for cancer. The make over was Kassandra’s idea. She wanted to lift the spirits of other children at the Center.

The producers of Extreme Makeover decided not only to grant her request, but also to surprise the Okvaths with a new home, complete with a backyard playground.

Fibar Systems provides playground safety surface. When our local representative heard about the project, he volunteered to donate over 2,500 square feet of the Fibar System for the new home, a gift welcomed by the Extreme Makeover team. The System was installed under and around all the play equipment.

Fibar was the right choice for the Okvath playground, because it exceeds ASTM impact absorption standards (F1292), as well as the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Consumer Protection Safety Commission (CPSC). It is also certified by the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA). With more than 40,000 installations, Fibar Systems is the recognized world leader in playground safety surfacing.

When the project was completed, the Okvath family arrived home to the biggest surprise of their lives and a cheering throng of over 3,000 people. Fibar Systems is delighted to have played a part in Extreme Makeover’s exciting project for the Okvaths.

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