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YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES VETERANS TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope your year has gotten off to a wonderful start. We are busy here at Homes For Our Troops, working diligently to find land and build homes for the 95 Veterans in our pipeline. I am excited to share with you some of their inspiring stories in this newsletter.



In these pages, you will meet Marine Corporal Mark Haegele and his wife Kari. They have been able to expand their family, thanks to the extra space in the specially adapted custom HFOT home they received in October 2015. We also introduce you to Army Sergeant Lyndon Sampang, who will receive his home in Pennsylvania this year. Lyndon has already beaten many odds to become an adaptive athlete, and he is looking forward to additional accomplishments once he receives his home. These success stories are only possible because of the support from generous people like you.

We are continuing to partner with many great organizations and devising new programs to expand and promote our mission. In this issue, we highlight our partnership with one of our newest corporate partners, Channellock. We also announce the launching of the Honor Home Program, which provides real estate professionals the ability to support HFOT. I encourage you to share the information with your realtor community.

Giving back is always a great way to mark an important milestone. If you have an upcoming birthday or wedding, you may want to mark the occasion with a tribute gift to HFOT. You can also make a gift to honor the memory of a loved one. On page three, we explain how you can make an impact through tribute giving.

Of course, we cannot forget to acknowledge the wonderful work of our fundraising community. This past year, we had over 500 HFOT supporters host events and campaigns to raise funds for severely injured Veterans. Paul's Rods and Restos is one of them. This car shop is in the process of restoring a 1965 Mustang to auction off later this year with all of the proceeds going to HFOT.

As always, thank you for your dedication to our mission. We look forward to another year of building homes and rebuilding lives with you. Hope to see you at one of our events this year.

Sincerely,

Bill

William D. Ivey
Executive Director
Homes For Our Troops



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HFOT is evaluated as one of America's Top-Rated Veterans and Military Charities



Show APPRECIATION WITH A TRIBUTE GIFT

A tribute is an act, statement, or gift that shows gratitude, respect, or admiration.

Tribute gifts are a great way to show your appreciation to friends and family. Here at Homes For Our Troops, there are many ways to honor someone who has made a lasting impact in your life. Additionally, your generosity will help build homes and rebuild lives for deserving Veterans waiting to receive their specially adapted custom homes.

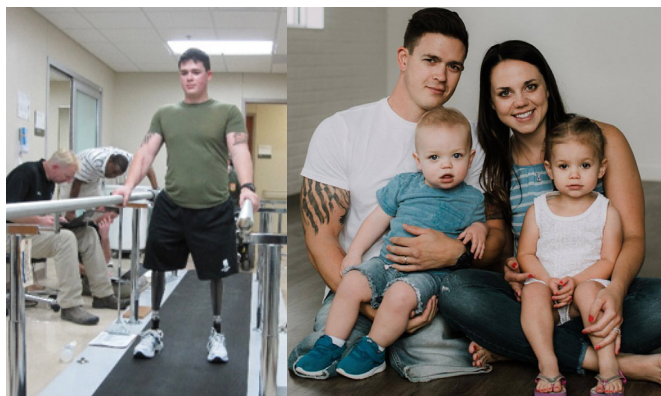
Examples of tribute gifts include, but are not limited to:

- Gift in honor of a Veteran, loved one or friend
- Gift in memory of a loved one
- Donation in celebration of someone's birthday, an anniversary, or a holiday
- Request by a couple for donations to be made in lieu of wedding gifts or favors
- Request for donations to HFOT in lieu of flowers in an obituary
- Gift in celebration of someone's milestone or accomplishment

HFOT will send an acknowledgment to a designee of your choice that a gift has been made in their honor or in memory of a loved one. You can choose to have the notification sent via e-mail or a personal note.



Please contact our Development Department at 508-823-3300, Ext. 502 with any questions about making a tribute gift, or to set up a memorial.



THEN & NOW: Marine Corporal Mark Haegele

THEN: On April 21, 2011, Marine Corporal Mark Haegele, a combat engineer, was clearing a compound while serving with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) in Mehraj, Afghanistan. The blast resulted in the loss of both his legs, injuries to both arms, and hearing loss.

Mark's injuries made navigating his previous home difficult. He would often have to climb up on kitchen countertops to reach the shelves. His driveway had a steep incline, which made getting to his vehicle risky – especially in frigid North Dakota winters.

NOW: Ever since receiving his specially adapted custom home in Bismarck on Oct. 15, 2015, Mark and his wife Kari have been able to live life to the fullest. Mark says his favorite aspect of the home is being able to expand his family. Their daughter is almost three and they now have an 18-month-old son. Having a fully wheelchair-accessible home makes parenting much easier for Mark. "I really enjoy watching them grow, and being able to play with them every day without difficulty is amazing," he says. "We can roll around the entire house chasing each other and being silly without worrying about hitting a wall or not fitting through a doorway."

In addition to parenting being easier, daily tasks that were once a challenge are now a breeze for Mark. The roll-under sinks and roll-in shower make it easier for Mark to get ready in the morning. The home has also allowed Mark to pursue his goal of being a gunsmith. "Without having to worry about a mortgage or rent, I can really focus on learning the trade," he says.

MESSAGE TO HFOT'S DONORS AND SUPPORTERS: "I want donors and supporters to know that what they do matters. We have benefited greatly from their support. We are able to go on with our lives – live, love, and work. It is comforting knowing there are still people out there who care. Their actions have also inspired us to give back as well."

HFOT WELCOMES CHANNELLOCK AS NATIONAL PARTNER

Homes For Our Troops is proud to have recently signed Channellock, Inc., as a Corporate Partner for 2018. HFOT announced the partnership with a signing ceremony on Nov. 10, 2017 in Meadville, PA, with HFOT representatives and future HFOT home recipient Navy PO3 Justin Hendrickson.

“We are honored to join Homes For Our Troops in helping our most severely injured Veterans and their families to improve their quality of life with a new home that better fits their special needs,” says President and COO of Channellock, Inc. Jon DeArment. “As an American hand tool manufacturer that still makes tools in the United States, and the employer of many Veterans, patriotism is a big part of our corporate culture. This is a wonderful opportunity to invest in our communities and give back to those who sacrifice so much for our freedom.” Channellock will be our exclusive partner in the tool sector.

“Our ability to provide quality, specially adapted custom homes to our severely injured Veterans is only possible through the



(From left) HFOT Veteran Justin Hendrickson, Channellock President and COO Jon DeArment, and HFOT President/CEO Tom Landwermyer.

generosity of individuals and corporations like Channellock who share for passion and loyalty to military Veterans and their Families,” says HFOT President/CEO Tom Landwermyer.

Is your company interested in becoming a Corporate Partner? Learn more at www.hfotusa.org/partner.



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Homes For Our Troops
Honor Home Program
For Real Estate Professionals

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WHAT IS THE HONOR HOME PROGRAM?

The Honor Home Program allows real estate professionals across the nation to get involved with our mission by making a donation for each transaction or hosting fundraising events.

HOW THE HONOR HOME PROGRAM WORKS:

- Real Estate Agents, Offices, and Associations make a commitment to contribute to Homes For Our Troops through a custom online donation page.
- Honor Home Program Members will receive rewards to reward their relationship with Homes For Our Troops in their homes.
- Homes For Our Troops will recognize Honor Home participants each year they reach their goal.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT

WHAT IS AN HONOR AGENT?
An individual agent who contributes \$500 or more in a calendar year.

WHAT IS AN HONOR OFFICE?
An Honor Office is a real estate office that contributes annually the minimum commitment level based on the number of agents within their office.

- Office with one or two agents: \$2,500
- Office with six or more agents: \$5,000

WHAT IS AN HONOR ASSOCIATION?
State Associations who contribute \$50,000 annually.

WHAT IS THE CIRCLE OF HONOR?
Agents, Offices, and Associations that go above and beyond the commitment levels. The rules for recognition as a Circle of Honor member are:

- Individual Agent/Office: \$1,000 in a calendar year
- Office (5 Agents or less): \$5,000 in a calendar year
- Office (More than 5 Agents): \$15,000 in a calendar year

REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS GIVE BACK WITH HONOR HOME PROGRAM

Homes For Our Troops is excited to announce the launch of a new fundraising program specifically for real estate professionals! Real Estate Agents, Offices, and Associations across the country are now able to contribute to HFOT through transaction donations and/or hosting fundraising events through the Honor Home Program.

Real estate professionals participating in the program are passionate about supporting severely injured Veterans and helping HFOT build homes and rebuild lives. By joining, you will stand out in your community as a leading supporter of a top-rated Veterans charity.

Our goal is to have Honor Home Program participants fund an entire home.

Help us expand the program by telling your realtor about this great opportunity!

To learn more about the Honor Home Program, please visit www.hfotusa.org/HHP or email us at honorhome@hfotusa.org



Future HFOT home recipient Army SGT Lyndon Sampang and family.

Army Sergeant Lyndon Sampang is working on his physical fitness and

ADAPTING TO THE LIMITS

Today Lyndon Sampang spends much of his time working on his physical fitness through CrossFit, weight lifting, and playing basketball.

It is hard to believe someone as active as Lyndon had to relearn how to walk and run again. On March 18, 2010, Army Sergeant Sampang, an Infantryman, was serving with the 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), in Afghanistan when he lost his right leg when a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) struck the vehicle he was riding in. Immediately following his injury, Lyndon could not even picture being the accomplished adaptive athlete he is now.

While being treated at Walter Reed Medical Center, medical staff introduced Lyndon to CrossFit. Working on strength and conditioning helped Lyndon through his recovery. "I did not want to let my disability stop me from doing what I loved to do. Instead, I overcame all the negative thoughts and obstacles," he says. "CrossFit challenges me, relieves stress, and keeps me from being depressed."

Though Lyndon is excelling in adaptive sports, after a long day of working out, he faces a new set of obstacles when he returns home. His current home is located on a hill, making it difficult for him to do outdoor activities with his wife Cindy and two children, Aniyah and Gabriel. Receiving a specially adapted custom Homes For Our Troops home built on one level with an open floor plan will resolve these issues for Lyndon.

The home will also be beneficial for his family. Lyndon will be able to help Cindy out more around the house and he will have more energy to play sports with his children. Once they are settled in the home, Lyndon and Cindy plan to create their own home gym.

The Sampangs say HFOT's donors and supporters are making their dreams come true. "Because of you, my family will be able to spend more time together without any problems around the house," Lyndon says.

Homes For Our Troops kicked off the building of Lyndon's home in Gettysburg, Penn., on Jan. 13, 2018. JG Wentworth, a diversified financial service company, is sponsoring the events for this project.



FULL THROTTLE FUNDRAISING: PAUL'S RODS AND RESTOS

The team at Paul's Rods and Restos is working on a special restoration project and there is a car in their shop with HFOT's name on it. Owner Paul DiMauro and his team are restoring a Pro-Touring 1965 Mustang Convertible to be auctioned off later this year with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Homes For Our Troops.

With over 26 years of experience in the auto restoration industry, Paul has been able to grow Paul's Rods and Restos into the success that it is today. Located on Long Island, the shop now has three assembly buildings where projects include rebuilds and restorations of street rods, muscle cars, customs, and classics on any given week. The shop caters to numerous special requests from auto enthusiasts. Paul understands that for his customers, "it's not about how much money you have, it's about the car you cruise in." By turning his business into an all-encompassing one-stop shop, auto enthusiasts now come from all over to fulfill their various restoration needs.

After learning about Homes For Our Troops from a friend and hearing about LCpl Matias Ferreira's build around the corner in Suffolk County, Paul was so inspired by the HFOT mission he felt compelled to take action. "I have a special place in my heart for our nation's Veterans. I believe that, because they put their lives on the line to protect our nation and our many freedoms, they deserve our full support," Paul says. "Paul's Rods & Restos is proud to be able to give back to our Veterans by building the Pro-Touring 1965 Mustang Convertible knowing it will result in a better life for one of our heroic Veterans."

Throughout 2017, Paul and his team have been educating customers, vendors, and local community members about the mission of Homes For Our Troops. They have also been working to drum up support for their restoration project by hosting various open house events, a family fun car show, and during regular day-to-day operations, by having the car displayed prominently in the shop.

The Paul's Rods and Restos team is excited to team up with HFOT where they can proudly say that they are Restoring Cars and Rebuilding Lives all at the same time.

To learn more about Paul's restoration project for HFOT please visit www.paulsrestos.com

Do you have a fundraising idea? We would love to hear it! Learn more at www.hfotusa.org/fundraising

