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Homes for Our Troops Build Brigades



Homes for Our Troops is in the middle of a building boom! Six Build Brigades were scheduled for spring and more than a dozen have been scheduled for this summer and fall!

A Build Brigade is a 3-day marathon build that begins with a foundation and a sub-floor. With the help of countless volunteers including construction and licensed trades people and local food and fundraising key volunteers, a home emerges over the course of the event, weather-tight to the elements.

During the following few months, the interior of the home is wired, plumbed, walled and finished! Once the finishing touches are completed, the home is given to our veteran at no cost to them, thanks to our generous supporters!

Upcoming Build Brigades:

Bryan Jacobs, Herriman, UT

John Jones, Fort Collins, CO

Travis Wood, Cedar City, UT

Mark Ecker, East Longmeadow, MA

Peter Rooney, Worthington, MA

Reas Axtell, Idalou, TX



Homes For Our Troops 3rd Annual Gala - June 13, 2009

Sponsored by:



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The Homes for Our Troops 3rd Annual Gala will be held at the Marriott Copley Boston. Last year's annual event was a great success and this year's Gala will be even bigger and better!

This Year's Gala Will Include:

- VIP Reception at 6:00 pm
- Cocktail Hour at 6:30 pm
- Dinner at 7:30 pm
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Live Entertainment:
Room Full of Blues

Admission is \$150
or \$75 for Military

For More Information:
www.HomesForOurTroops.org/gala

or Call Dianne Travers at:
866-7-TROOPS



*Help Us Build Homes
and Rebuild the Lives of
Severely Injured Veterans!*

A Soldier's Story: Army SGT Casaundra Grant

Army SGT Casaundra Grant lost both of her legs as a result of an accident while in Kuwait, en route to Iraq in March 2003. While preparing vehicles and equipment for transport to Iraq, SGT Grant was pinned up against a trailer by a tank. Airlifted to hospitals in Kuwait, Germany and the U.S., her injuries required the amputation of both of her legs.

SGT Grant was eventually sent to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX where she remained for 5 months before being discharged to begin her civilian life.



A single mother, Casaundra enjoys spending time with her young son who was only 2 years old at the time of her injury. She is a double major in college and plans to obtain her graduate degree and then head to Law school with aspirations to become a lawyer in the future.

We are building a specially adapted home for SGT Casaundra Grant and her son that will accommodate her needs and enable her to concentrate on recovery and their future.



For more information about Casaundra's project, as well as our other 29 projects, please visit www.homesforourtroops.org/grant

Newest Corporate Supporter:

Urethane Soy Systems will supply foam insulation for every home built by Homes for Our Troops!

"Urethane Soy Systems is very proud to have the opportunity to supply Spray Foam for these homes. As a veteran myself, I am proud that our company is able to provide this level of home energy efficiency to this group of American servicemen and women," said Mike Fusco, General Manager. "These folks will benefit from the reduced energy costs for years to come. No single group of people is more deserving of that benefit."



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When possible, Urethane Soy Systems will be partnering with local applicators to assist in this opportunity, if there is no local applicator that can help; Urethane Soy will install the foam insulation themselves. "We will ensure that every home that is built by Homes for our Troops is properly insulated and ready for the American veteran and their family,"

Urethane Soy Systems manufactures soy based polyols for use in the urethane industry, and soy based systems with some of the highest bio based content available. Additional information on the company's products is available at www.soyol.com.

Dunkin' Donuts Holds "Iced Coffee Day" to Benefit HFOT

Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation and Dunkin' Donuts provided a \$100,000 grant to sponsor 10 build brigades and on April 21, 2009 they sponsored a national "Iced Coffee Day" with 10% of the proceeds from the \$.50 cost of the coffee being donated to Homes for Our Troops!

In addition, Dunkin has created a camo koozie that is being sold in stores and online at DunkinDonuts.com with \$1 from each purchase going directly to homes for our troops.

This is an exciting partnership with Dunkin Donuts and Dunkin Brands Community Foundation and we want to thank them for their dedication to supporting our brave men and women of the military who make sacrifices every day on our behalf.

Purchase your camo koozie today at: www.homesforourtroops.org/koozie



Homes for Our Troops 2009 Boston Marathon Team

A team of truly high spirited individuals that not only accomplished completing the 113th running of the Boston Marathon but also succeeded in raising \$185,537.18 – 93% of their \$200,000 goal.

A total of 30 runners from across the country converged on Boston on April 20, 2009 to run the 113th Boston Marathon to raise funds to help us build specially adapted homes. Each of the runners reached out to family, friends, and business associates to pledge money in support of their run. The 31st member of our team, SGT 1st Class Chris Baker, ran the Boston Marathon in Iraq on April 18, 2009. At 44 years old, he came in 4th place overall.

Team HFOT is different than other charity teams in that this team hails from across the USA and beyond. From California to Iraq, the dedicated team of 31 each paid their own way to get to Boston to run the marathon in addition to all the money they raised for Homes for Our Troops. The team is made up, in part, by active and retired military members, Marines, Army, Navy, and Army Reserves who are proud to run on behalf of the injured comrades.

Mike Russo recently returned home from serving with the Army in Iraq. He started his marathon training while deployed and was looking forward to going back home to Boston to help support Homes for Our Troops.

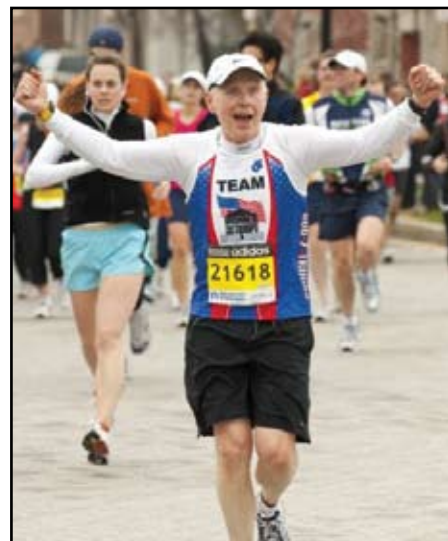


Boston Marathon Team Member Spotlight: Joseph Renaghan

Our top fundraiser for the team, Mr. Joseph Renaghan, a 63 year-young Marine Veteran. As an individual participant, Joe raised \$52,435.40.

Joe was in the Marine Corps from 1967 – 1971 after college and, as a Second Lieutenant, served as a Rifle Platoon Commander in Vietnam. Although Joe is basically a quiet, private person, he decided that to be successful in fundraising for HFOT, he would have to open up and share some of his personal stories so that people would understand why these injured Veterans are so important to him. Joe decided to dedicate his running of the 113th Boston Marathon to Lance Corporal Gilbert Muncy who died alongside him in Vietnam – To Joe, Gilbert represented bravery and devotion to duty.

“While many have made the ultimate sacrifice so that the United States may enjoy freedom and security, many others have returned with broken bodies and shattered families wondering how they’ll be able to go on.” With Joe’s motivation clear, he put his fundraising and training efforts to work - to date he has had in excess of 200 donors. Joe was persistent in contacting everyone he knew. He asked that people would go to the Homes for Our Troops website to see the photos and read the firsthand accounts of how war is so intensely personal and often tragic. In other emails he asked friends and family to please become an angel of the homefront battlefield.



Joseph Renaghan, 63, at the 25-mile mark

Join Team HFOT! Spots Are Limited... Contact Us Today!

The Marine Corps Marathon - October 25, 2009

Go to www.homesforourtroops.org/MCM09 to get an application,
or contact dtravers@homesforourtroops.org



6th Annual Bike Run to Benefit Homes for Our Troops

Sponsored by Texas Roadhouse and Manchester Harley Davidson

Join us for this amazing event on August 23, 2009! We are proud to announce this year our host dealer is Manchester Harley-Davidson in Manchester, NH.



Enjoy a Texas-sized BBQ by Texas Roadhouse. Mill City Rockers will be performing live once again!

And this year our raffle bike will be a custom Pro-Street DIRICO motorcycle from DIRICO Motorcycles USA! These bikes feature one-of-a-kind artistic design elements and top-of-the-line components, providing a balanced, tuned machine unlike any other on the road today.

Dirico Motorcycles USA was born because a collection of friends wanted to create a unique line of bikes that would turn heads

around the world. After a couple of years of design, engineering and testing, the company's first line of motorcycles debuted in 2007 and those friends — rock and roll legend Steven Tyler, renowned engineer Mark Dirico and Stephen Talarico of AC Custom Motorcycles — achieved their goal.

And you can purchase your chance to win one of these bikes at the Homes for Our Troops 6th Annual Bike Run for only \$100! Call the office at 866-7-TROOPS or buy online at:

www.homesfourtroops.org/6bikerun



Upcoming Fundraisers & Events to Benefit Homes for Our Troops

Sunday, May 24th – Traverse City, MI

"Putting for Patriots" Event to be held Memorial Day Weekend Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf, in Traverse City, Michigan will host the Third Annual "Putting for Patriots" fundraiser. This national event will occur simultaneously at 35 Pirate's Cove, Pirate's Island and Jungle Golf miniature golf courses throughout the United States. Visit their website at: www.piratescove.net

Thursday, June 4th – Bolton, MA

16th Annual CAI-NE Golf Tournament and Silent Auction at The International Golf Club in Bolton, MA. For more information: www.homesfourtroops.org/CAI-NE

Saturday, June 13th – Boston, MA

Plan to attend the Homes for Our Troops 3rd Annual Gala. Featuring the band Room Full of Blues, silent and live auctions as well as dinner and dancing www.homesfourtroops.org/gala

Saturday, July 25th – Hyde Park, MA

Come for a day filled with live entertainment from the country band Swift Kicks, many exciting raffles, and plenty of cookout food for everyone! Tickets are \$20 which you can purchase at the door or in advance by calling (617) 620-8286.

Saturday, August 15th – Plano, TX

First Annual Homes for Our Troops Bowling Fundraiser at the Plano Super Bowl. Raffles, trophies, and door prizes – for more information visit:

www.homesfourtroop.org/bowl09

Thursday, September 10th – Lakeville, MA

10AM Shotgun/Scramble at Poquoy Brook Country Club. For more information, please visit:

www.homesfourtroops.org/oakpointgolf.

Saturday, September 12th, Grandview, TX

Rock Creek Sporting Clays at Beaumont Ranch will sponsor their 1st Annual Sporting Clays Event to benefit Homes for Our Troops. For more information, visit:

www.homesfourtroops.org/DFW

Saturday, September 12th, Pennsauken, NJ

At Cooper River Park Stadium beginning at 8 AM there will be a 5K walk/run and a Kids for the Troops Dash put on by the BLSJ Charitable Foundation. To print out the registration form, go to: www.homesfourtroops.org/runforthetroops



To make a contribution today, please return the enclosed donation slip for much needed support!

Or donate online at: www.homesfourtroops.org/donate



Homes for Our Troops was named a Top Rated Charity by the American Institute of Philanthropy!