Dear HFOT Supporter:

(A Letter from Our Founder and President)

As 2009 comes to an end I look forward to a new year with a renewed sense of urgency to build more homes that provide freedom, independence and comfort to our severely injured troops. I have had the honor and privilege of seeing Homes for Our Troops grow into a first class philanthropic organization in just 5 short years. During those years more than 40 homes have been completed, and we have dozens more currently underway. As we continue our mission of building specially adapted homes for these returning heroes, I am reminded of the daily challenges faced by these veterans and how this impacts the entire family. I have seen firsthand how our severely injured veterans’ lives have been transformed by regaining their freedom and independence having homes that were designed for their specific needs and built through Homes for Our Troops. We have been able to achieve so much because of your generous support yet there is so much more to do.

Since 2001, we have been a nation at war. Almost two million American troops have served in combat; many in multiple tours, more than 5,100 have been killed and more than 35,000 have been seriously injured. Every day our military stands and fights for our freedom. I am personally asking you to respond to their needs once they return home after suffering devastating injuries by supporting our mission with a tax deductible donation. Homes for Our Troops has consistently maintained an average cost for administration and fundraising at 8% of revenues so you know your donations are being used efficiently.

As our waiting list grows, so should the support and awareness needed to bring our mission to all Americans. With your help we will continue to provide the much needed support to our returning severely injured veterans. Please help us tell all Americans, “they were there for us, we must be there for them”.

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4th Annual Gala

SAVE THE DATE! Our 4th Annual Gala will be March 6, 2010 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. Please join us for a great night of dinner, live and silent auctions, live entertainment, and lots of fun! We hope to raise enough money to take another deserving Veteran off of our waiting list. BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE at www.homesforourtroops.org/gala

Technology Corner

HOLD A FUNDRAISER to benefit Homes for Our Troops!

On our website we provide you with the tools and support necessary to run your own event, raffle, or fundraiser. Our “Steps Toward Home” personal fundraising section gives you the ability to easily create a webpage for a fundraising event of your choice; whether it’s a marathon, walk, bike run, bake sale, party, or something completely different, you will be able to personalize it for your needs!

Our website gives you the ability to upload photos, track donations, email friends and family, and create a custom URL.

Start a fundraiser today!

www.homesforourtroops.org/fundraising

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS

MEANINGFUL GIFT IDEAS

NEW! 2009 LIMITED EDITION Ornament!

A gift from the heart for the holidays and any day! This high-quality, gold tone ornament was crafted by ChemArt and is made in the USA! Give a gift that will keep on giving to our severely injured Veterans and will be enjoyed for generations to come by the recipient!

The ornament features our logo and a home exhibiting one of our designs used to build homes for HFOT Veterans. It also has the year with a flag and flagpole. On the back is inscribed “Limited Edition 2009” as there will only be 200 ornaments sold this year. It comes with a gold hanging cord, a blue box lined with red and a gold stamp of the ornament on the outside of the box. It’s so beautiful, you don’t need to wrap it!

Only $20 plus shipping! Order while supplies last!

Our GIVING CARD PROGRAM continues!

For a minimum donation of $20, we will send a card to someone on your list. www.homesforourtroops.org/shop

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Green Building Update

Homes for Our Troops was proud to turn over the keys to our first LEED-H certified home to Marine Cpl Visnu Gonzalez. The home was a capstone project for the first year of our Green Building Program funded by The Sierra Club Foundation. We received 95 points in all LEED categories assuring that the home will use very little energy for heating, cooling and lighting, provide superior air quality, and use less water than a traditional residence. Aside from the benefits it will provide for Visnu and family, this home has been a great learning experience for the contractors involved and members of the community that have taken part in the project. Most projects provide a sense of community and an opportunity to give something back to those who sacrifice so much. For the folks in Hillsdale and the surrounding community they will also have a greater sense of the impact of the built environment, green building processes and methodology, and the future of green building.

Spotlight: HFOT Supporters

On 11.08.09, we were excited to see so much community spirit close to home.
From Dartmouth, MA, high school student Bud Barry who took it upon himself to run for our cause as a participant of World Run Day (www.sunday.com) and as part of his community service...to the many individuals who gave us envelopes of collected money from family and friends...to a presentation from Shaw's Supermarkets giving us a $10,000 check towards the renovation of our headquarters office...we are so grateful for all these gifts above and beyond what we asked for on the day of our VLM Run. THANK YOU!

Bud Barry shakes hands with John.

Spotlight: HFOT Volunteers

MATT FEBBI
HFOT ROAD WARRIOR
Matt Febbi became a Road Warrior shortly after his son Rich Febbi (US Marine and Army Cav Scout) was killed in a car accident.
He has dedicated his retirement years to Homes for Our Troops in an effort to make his son as proud of his father as he was of him. There have been many folks asking how Matt is doing after a recent stay at the local Veterans Hospital in East Orange, NJ. We are happy to report that he is scheduled to leave the hospital before Thanksgiving. Matt, we wish you a speedy recovery! Thank you for all you do in making the HFOT Mission your own!

SUSAN BEATINI
HFOT VOLUNTEER
Since the loss of her husband on 9/11, Susan says, “I simply feel that ‘community’ is what keeps us all alive.”
Susan was instrumental in bringing her community of 25 women to Cpl Gonzalez’s home to clean it from top to bottom for his Key Ceremony. Thank you Susan!
BUILDING HOMES, REBUILDING LIVES: COMPLETED BUILD BRIGADES

MACOMB, MICHIGAN
October 30, 31 and November 1, 2009
GC: Palazzolo Brothers, Vito Anthony Homes

CARTHAGE, NEW YORK
October 21, 22 and 23, 2009
GC: Olley’s General Contractors, LLC

EAGLE, WISCONSIN
October 21, 22, and 23, 2009
GC: Kain Construction, LLC

HFOT thanks the General Contractor and the many skilled/unskilled Volunteers on every one of these projects!

As of our press time (November 16, 2009):
UPCOMING BUILD BRIGADES

SSG MAURICE CRAFT
FAYETTEVILLE, NC

SSG DWAYNE A. COLE
HENRICO, VA

SSG MICHAEL DOWNING
MIDDLEBORO, MA

PO2 ANTHONY THOMPSON
HOUSTON, TX

Watch our website and sign up for updates on these projects or volunteer for a Build Brigade.

Upcoming Key Presentations

SGT CHASE MATTHEWS
EDDYVILLE, KY

SSG MIKE MINARD
UNION BEACH, NJ

SGT PETER ROONEY
WORTHINGTON, MA

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SGT Travis Wood’s Key Presentation

On November 13, 2009, we were proud to hand over the key to SGT Travis Wood, his wife Stephanie and their daughter Maddy for their new specially adapted home in Cedar City, Utah.

SGT Wood told reporter Nur Kausar from The Spectrum back in February of this year, “My biggest fear wasn’t my own welfare - it was for my family. Where would they go if something did happen?” Wood said. “That biggest scare - where is my family going to live - is gone.”

For this build, we were honored to have Brian Nichols as our General Contractor. In Brian’s words:
“"The Travis Wood home was a success in every meaningful way—the quality, the level of donor generosity, and teamwork. We are so happy to have been a part of it."

Thank you Brian Nichols and the crew at Nichols Building. Thank you to the many Volunteers who helped build SGT Wood a home and the means to a brighter future!

More Veterans Who Received Their Keys:

CPL VISNU GONZALEZ
Hillsdale, NJ (KC: November 10)
GC: Godsil Construction

CPL EVAN MORGAN
Bakersfield, CA (KC: November 14)
GC: Dave Packer Custom Homes
Spotlight: SeeHere.com from FujiFilm

We are happy to announce a new partnership. SeeHere.com, the photo sharing website from FUJIFILM has begun a campaign on our behalf. SeeHere.com is offering a steel travel mug, a hooded sweatshirt and a tote bag online. For each item ordered, SeeHere.com from FUJIFILM will donate $2.00 to Homes For Our Troops.

Go to www.seehere.com/homesforourtroops to order yours today!

FUJIFILM is also committed to supporting our mission through support of Kids for Our Troops, a division of Homes For Our Troops. We know kids of all ages want to get involved in the effort to help and support our American Heroes. Homes For Our Troops created the Kids for Our Troops website to help parents, children, teachers, students, club leaders and civic organizations find out how they can get involved in our effort to provide specially adapted homes for our most severely injured soldiers.

We are thrilled that FUJIFILM also sees the importance in nurturing our future leaders.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

When I returned home with this severe disability, our home became a prison, I was trapped inside. This new (specially adapted) home will give me back my freedom and enable our whole family to heal and look toward the future.

HELP US ease their pain. Give back FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE to our severely injured Veterans; these Veterans were injured preserving our freedom and independence.

Please make your YEAR END, TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION to Homes for Our Troops postmarked by December 31, 2009. Thank you.

DONATE NOW USING THE ENCLOSED SLIP AND ENVELOPE OR DONATE ONLINE at: www.homesforourtroops.org/donate

Donations are tax-deductible and with our low 8 percent overhead, you know your money is going a long way and making a big difference.

Homes for Our Troops is a Top-Rated Military & Veteran Charity by the American Institute of Philanthropy.