Special opportunities for you to make a lifelong impact on our Veterans and their families

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Homes For Our Troops
Mission Investment Guide

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## Your Investment Today Offers Support for a Lifetime!

Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) relies on generous, impactminded supporters like you to fuel our mission to build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for every severely injured post-9/11 Veteran brought into our family. The following pages outline investment options for you to consider as you help underwrite our home-build projects for these deserving Veterans and their families. Additionally, a dedicated team of Philanthropy Advisors is happy to help guide you through your charitable investment experience with HFOT, and customize a giving plan based on your personal philanthropic aspirations.

Gift amounts included in this Mission Investment Guide are approximate. Costs fluctuate according to geographic areas, local building codes, and construction inflation.

#### Safeguarding Your Investment and Our Veterans

- HFOT offers a lifetime of assistance to Veterans and their families after home delivery, and a dedicated staff remains in close contact to support their needs as they rebuild their lives.
- Since its inception in 2004, nearly 90 cents of every dollar spent goes toward our programming for Veterans.
- HFOT carefully manages our build schedule with our revenue flow to ensure we continue to build a home for every Veteran brought into our program.
- HFOT provides a pro-bono financial planner to each Veteran for three years to assist in financial planning and household budgeting.
- HFOT places a ten-year lien on the home to protect the Veteran from losing the home to foreclosure, and safeguard our donors' investment.



"One of the major reasons we chose HFOT to partner with over a decade ago was their fantastic record on fiscal responsibility. HFOT continues to receive high marks for accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility by the major charity watchdogs. As a wealth advisor, I also appreciate the level of efficiency that HFOT brings to the table when they steward funds that are entrusted to them. If donors to HFOT are as lucky as we've been, they'll receive a blessing ten times greater than their gift. To see the impact that a specially adapted home can have on the life of not just a Veteran, but the entire family... it has been truly rewarding in every way!"

Jacob Tamme, former NFL player and longtime HFOT supporter





"For almost five years now I've been living in this awesome specially adapted home that Homes For Our Troops built for me. During the pandemic, I lost weight due to stress and my prosthetic didn't fit, so I've been spending the majority of my days out of my prosthetic and in my wheelchair. I am VERY grateful to be able to give my legs and back a break and safely get around instead of exacerbating issues, and still contribute around the house. This is my 'forever home' and I couldn't be more grateful."

> Army CPT Robert "Bobby" Withers Winter Garden, Fla.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

At a minimum, our home lots require a flat, one-acre area, and must be free of structures or utility/electrical wires, with minimal to no risk of flooding.



### LAND OF THE FREE

### Your Investment: \$100,000 - \$300,000

Veterans in our program are able to choose their home locations, and usually base their decision on proximity to family, access to VA hospitals and specialized medical care, school systems for their children, ease of commute to school or work, privacy, and climate preferences. HFOT's Land Acquisition Team works diligently with the Veteran to identify acceptable lots, with the Veteran making the final selection. Your investment promises the Veteran and their family the opportunity to establish deep roots in his/ her chosen community.



Army PFC Heather Cramer cuts the ribbon to her home during her Key Ceremony in 2018.

"I love the peace my lot affords...trees and stars are my views. The home is set up so there is plenty of space to navigate. It is enabling me to push my physical therapy/training even further. What I most like about the home is the freedom it means."

**Army PFC Heather Cramer** Cartersville, Ga.

## **FRAMING THE AMERICAN DREAM**

### Your Investment: \$50,000

When the framing crew arrives, they establish the 2,800 square-foot, singlestory living space, followed by the installation of trusses that distribute the roof weight to the exterior walls. Multiple inspections validate that special adaptations meet specifications before the insulation and drywall teams begin their work. After months of finish work, the beams and timber are transformed into a picture-perfect home for our Veteran and his/her family. Your gift will provide our Veteran and their family shelter for a lifetime.



"Wide hallways, lowered down sinks and stoves, automatic doors to help me get in and out with my wheelchair, a roll in shower...everything I could possibly need to make my life easier in a wheelchair, Homes For Our Troops put into this house."

Army SSG Jason Letterman, Hinesville, Ga.







### **DID YOU KNOW?**

HFOT provides homeownership education and warranty coverage to ensure that the Veteran is set up for long-term success as a homeowner.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Each of HFOT's specially adapted homes are equipped with a generator to ensure our Veterans have backup power during outages.



The master bedroom closet in an HFOT home features a steel reinforced concrete "safe room" built to FEMA standards, which provides our Veterans and families emergency shelter during severe weather. A generator is also installed to ensure our Veterans have backup power during outages.

### **POWER ON**

### Your Investment: \$23,000

The electrical infrastructure in an HFOT home not only powers the home and appliances, it ensures our Veterans and caregivers have sufficient voltage to charge prosthetics. It also generates the more critical life-sustaining power for our severely injured Veterans who are non-ambulatory and rely on ventilators. Thanks to you, our Veterans will be hard wired for success!



"The staff is extremely competent, professional and motivated to help these Veterans. This is one of the most efficiently run organizations I have ever seen. We hold a memorial golf tournament every year for our daughter who was a victim to the terrorist attacks on September 11th. HFOT has been one of the benefitting charities. Our daughter was very patriotic and I know she would approve of the donations." George Kane, **HFOT Supporter** 

## WELL-NESS FOR LIFE

### Your Investment: \$11,000

For projects where municipal water systems are unavailable (approximately half), HFOT pays the costs associated with drilling wells and installing the equipment required to provide water to the home. Your gift will ensure our Veterans and families have an endless supply of clean, accessible water for all their daily needs.



"Things like preparing a meal, taking a shower, or doing laundry are comfortably and safely accomplished from my wheelchair. That is not something that was possible in my prior living space. There are so many additional features that make daily life so much better, like having a separate climate control in my bedroom and the spa tub that helps my muscles relax after a long day."

Army SSG Christopher Gordon Groveland, Fla.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately 65% of HFOT's operational budget is generated by individual donors, foundations and fundraisers; the remaining 35% comes from corporate supporters in the form of cash and donated materials.



### **BUILDER'S TOOLBOX**

### Your Investment: \$5,000

From nails and drywall screws, to door hardware and window trim, HFOT funds all of the crucial consumables that contractors and their crews of licensed craftsmen need to build specially adapted custom homes for the Veterans in our program. Although HFOT relies on paid professional custom home builders instead of volunteers, our supporters can take an active role with our construction projects by assisting with landscaping on Volunteer Days and organizing fundraisers to help defray the costs of the tools and materials used by our crews to Build Homes and Rebuild Lives.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

HFOT networks with dozens of other nonprofits, corporations, and government entities to provide assistance to Veterans in the areas of employment, education, training, and health/wellness, to help these families rebuild their lives.

"I think the mission of HFOT is magnificent. Not only does it provide enormous financial support by providing mortgagefree homes specifically modified to the needs of these injured Veterans, it restores their dignity. The homes enable them to perform their hygienic needs all by themselves or mostly by themselves, thereby lifting a huge burden off their spouses who can devote more time to caring for their children, managing the house, or holding down a job." **Thomas Weck, HFOT Supporter** 



### SETTING UP OUR VETERANS FOR SUCCESS

After a comprehensive vetting process and background check, severely injured Veterans who meet our program criteria attend a three-day conference/orientation in Massachusetts to prepare them for home ownership. The home, along with pro-bono financial planning and a lifetime of assistance from our staff, provide these Veterans with the foundation and resources they need to thrive in their post-military careers, and focus on family and recovery.

"Financially, we are in a much better place now than when we submitted our HFOT application a few years ago. I have no one to thank but HFOT and their financial planning process. The combination of a safe, fully accessible home and the financial help that was given to us has been a blessing, and has improved our way of living tremendously."

Melissa Doyle, wife of Army SGT Richard Doyle, Bulverde, Texas





Matt Amos' specially adapted home has been instrumental in helping him launch a beard oil business called Admiral's Pennant. The roll-under sink affords him the convenience of blending each bottle by hand from his wheelchair. *"Being able to do this from a fully accessible, mortgage-free home is absolutely perfect,"* he says. *"It's made it more of a family business. With no overhead, it keeps costs down and even during Corona we weren't shut down because it's run out of my home. I am truly grateful to Homes For Our Troops, their donors, and the folks who join up for a cause to help someone else."* 

Marine Sgt James "Matt" Amos, Mount Hope, Kan.

**OPPORTUNITIES ALSO EXIST TO FUND A VETERAN'S ENTIRE HOME.** For additional information, please contact: (508) 823-3300 x502 or advisor@hfotusa.org