

# Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives



## About Homes For Our Troops



**Mission** - To build and donate specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives. The Veterans Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) serves are among the nation's most severely injured with missing limbs, varying levels of paralysis, blindness and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

**About Our Specially Adapted Homes** - Each home is equipped with over 40 major special adaptations and exceeds ADA standards, providing full accessibility for the Veteran. These adaptations include wider halls and doorways; automatic door openers; roll under sinks, stove tops, and counters; pull down shelving, generators and safe rooms, all designed to help the Veteran live independently. HFOT builds four-bedroom, two bath, specially adapted energy efficient homes of approximately 2,800 square feet, the right size home for a Veteran to comfortably raise a family while limiting expenses for utilities.

**Building Homes and Rebuilding Lives** - Despite their life-altering injuries, many of our Veterans have embarked on new careers, completed their college degrees, and started families. Empowered by the freedom a donated specially adapted custom home brings, our Veterans can now focus on their recovery and returning to their life's work of serving others. Many have embraced their roles as motivational speakers, sharing their messages of persevering through adversity with groups and classrooms around the country; others take to a national platform to promote awareness of Veteran suicide, homelessness and PTSD. Their incredible stories are the driving force for the work we do at HFOT.

**Building on Success** - As of September 2024, HFOT has built and donated over 400 specially adapted custom homes nationwide. Our goal is to build a home for every Veteran who qualifies for one of our specially adapted homes.

**Top-Rated Charity** - Homes For Our Troops continues to be a top-rated military charity by Charity Navigator, Candid, and Charity Watch, and is accredited by the Better Business Bureau.

**Our Funding** - Homes For Our Troops is a publicly funded nonprofit, with approximately 65 percent of our operational budget generated by individual donors, private and family foundations, and community fundraisers nationwide who step up to help our Veterans by coordinating everything from lemonade stands to golf tournaments. The remaining 35 percent comes from corporate supporters in the form of cash and donated materials.

**What Makes HFOT Different?** - Rebuilding Lives is the most important aspect of our mission, therefore, we stay in contact with our Veterans after home delivery. Homes For Our Troops provides a pro-bono financial planner for three years to assist in financial planning and household budgeting. We also provide homeownership education and warranty coverage to ensure that the Veteran is set up for long-term success as a homeowner. One staff section's sole focus is following up with our Veterans, and we also have a peer mentoring program consisting of Veterans and spouses in the HFOT program. To improve this support, we continue to expand our network of nonprofits, corporations, and government entities to provide assistance with employment, education, training, health, and other issues. We strive to provide the linkage between the Veteran and the assistance he or she needs. Other HFOT differences include spending nearly 90 cents on the dollar to support the Veterans since our inception in 2004, building where the Veteran wants to live, and a comprehensive selection process.