



# 9/11 Tribute Issue

# Honor & Sacrifice

Army SPC Michael Monthervil  
Future HFOT Home Recipient



## Foundations



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



Dear Friends,

The events of the September 11 attacks will forever stay with those who witnessed the tragedy unfold on that infamous Tuesday morning. For many of the Veterans we serve, the date holds a significant meaning – it was the day that carved out the path of their future. In that moment, many brave men and women chose to serve and defend the country they love by joining the military or reenlisting.

We can never fully repay these Patriots for all they have endured, but it is our duty as Americans to support them as best we can. Your commitment to HFOT throughout the years has assisted our mission in providing severely injured post-9/11 Veterans with the adapted homes they need, enabling them to live comfortably and safely, and continue rebuilding their lives. Please know we are truly grateful for all that you continue to do to help us keep America’s promise to our Veterans. Though the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan are no longer making headlines, there are still troops deployed stabilizing those regions. HFOT is committed to serve all post-9/11 Veterans, including those serving today and in the future.

In this issue, you will read accounts from some of our Veterans about how the events of September 11 impacted their decision to serve. The Anniversary of September 11 has evolved into a National Day of Service and Remembrance to keep the spirit of unity and compassion that arose going strong. During this day, Americans across the country volunteer in their local communities in tribute to the lives lost during the September 11 attacks, and the many who have risen in service to defend freedom. This year we are conducting Army Sergeant LisaMarie Wiley’s Volunteer Day to align with this day of charitable service. If you do not live near her build project in Garden Ridge, Texas, there are many ways for you to participate, including creating your own fundraiser, making a tribute or memorial gift, or spreading the word about the Homes For Our Troops mission.

Thank you again for being devoted to HFOT’s worthy cause and helping our Veterans receive the life-changing gift of a specially adapted custom home.

Sincerely,

H.T. Landwermer, Jr.  
Brigadier General, USA Retired  
President & CEO

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## A History of Excellence

HFOT has been evaluated as one of America’s Top Rated Veterans and Military Charities.

# 9/11 TRIBUTES

These longtime HFOT donors have turned the loss of their loved ones in the September 11 attacks into ways to honor them.



Cindy McGinty with HFOT Director of Development Chris Mitchell.

## Cindy McGinty

Cindy McGinty lost her husband, Mike, during the 9/11 attacks. An insurance broker, Mike had a meeting at the World Trade Center that day. She honors her husband's memory as a member of HFOT's monthly giving program, Operation Lasting Support (OLS). Mike was also a Veteran, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981 and served until 1989 as a Lieutenant Commander.

*"It is important to support the brave men and women who stepped up to keep our country safe," she says.*

## Jennifer Lynn Kane

Jennifer Lynn Kane was working on the 100th floor of the North Tower in the World Trade Center, when she lost her life in the September 11 attacks. She was 26 years old.

To honor their daughter's memory, Jennifer's parents, George and Faye Kane, founded the Jennifer Kane Scholarship & Charitable Trust, which seeks to support philanthropic causes that mirror Jennifer's kindness and her ability to bring joy to others.



Since 2007, the Jennifer Kane Scholarship & Charitable Trust has awarded approximately \$269,000 to Homes For Our Troops, to assist the organization's mission in rebuilding the lives of severely injured post-9/11 Veterans.



## Running for Those Who Served

### Mike Dell

For Mike Dell, running for Team HFOT is his way of honoring those who have served and sacrificed since the September 11 attacks.

*"Veterans deserve the help and care they require when they return. My family and I are doing a small part to make their lives easier for the sacrifices our Veterans have made."*

- Team HFOT runner Mike Dell



# Called to Duty

In the days, months, and years following the September 11 terrorist attacks, many brave men and women joined or re-enlisted in the military. Here are some of the inspiring stories from the Veterans we serve.

## Future HFOT Home Recipient Marine Cpl Darryl Charles

On Sept. 11, 2001, Marine Cpl Darryl Charles was in sixth grade; his father was serving in the Marines at the time.

*"I didn't understand much about it at the time. I just knew my father was going away. Over the years, I got a better understanding of him and why he served, and it felt like the right thing to do."*

He enlisted in the Marines right after high school and went on his first deployment to Afghanistan in 2010 and again in 2011. During his second deployment, Corporal Charles, a mortarman, was conducting a patrol with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED). He sustained severe damage to both legs and internal injuries.



Marine Cpl Charles during his recovery.

## Future HFOT Home Recipient Army SGT David Guzman

Army Sergeant David Guzman joined the Army in 1989 before transitioning to the Texas Army Reserve for a decade. The morning of September 11, 2001, David watched in disbelief as terrorists flew planes into the twin towers. *"I knew I had to do something. I decided to go active duty right then and there,"* he says.

David deployed a few years later to Iraq as a truck driver with the 593rd Support Group. On Sept. 17, 2004, David sustained shrapnel injuries and the loss of use of his right foot during an improvised explosive device (IED) blast. Despite his injuries, David says he's never regretted his decision.



David encourages Americans to help each other in any way they can to keep our nation united. *"Even a small gesture like leaving an extra tip, pulling over to help someone with a flat tire – these are the little things that go a long way,"* he says. *"The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is a great way to help fellow Americans."*

Army SGT Guzman at the 9/11 Memorial in NYC.



# Called to Duty

continued

## HFOT Home Recipient Navy PO3 Justin Hendrickson

Navy PO3 Justin Hendrickson was already in the Navy during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, attending the Navy Hospital Corps School. *"We were told the women would fill ship and hospital billets while the men prepared for the fleet Marine Force. They weren't far off and given the events, I was ready to go over."*

PO3 Hendrickson deployed to Iraq in 2004 as a corpsman with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, and again in 2005 to Iraq with the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines. On May 6, 2005, Justin and his unit were conducting a resupply mission to a forward outpost in Al Anbar Province, when his vehicle drove over an improvised explosive device (IED). His multiple shrapnel wounds resulted in the eventual amputation of his right leg.

*"September 11 is a reminder of how good we have it in the United States and how ugly the world can be. I'm grateful to live in America."*

Navy PO3 Hendrickson and his wife Jennie at his HFOT Key Ceremony.



# ★ September 11 ★

## National Day of Service & Remembrance

The National Day of Service and Remembrance is a culmination of efforts, originally launched in 2002, to encourage volunteering on 9/11 as a tribute to victims, survivors, and those who joined the service in response to the attacks. Homes For Our Troops will take part in this national day of charitable service this Wednesday by holding Army Sergeant LisaMarie Wiley's Volunteer Day in Garden Ridge, Texas.

*"Understanding the busy lives we all lead, please let me thank you for taking the time and participating in HFOT's Volunteer Day, especially on this important day of remembrance. Every year we revisit our toughest days, not with mourning, but with days of celebration to remember that which is lost. We are blessed with every drop of sweat during this build, and see our home as a representation of hope for a future without struggle; a future with security. Thank you for your selfless love – if it weren't for your contributions, we would not have a home. For all of you who have come together to create a future for us, we thank you."* – LisaMarie Wiley



Sign-up to attend **SGT Wiley's VOLUNTEER DAY** on 9/11  
[www.hfotusa.org/wiley](http://www.hfotusa.org/wiley)



Army SGT Wiley at her HFOT Community Kickoff event.

# Mark your calendars! NOVEMBER 7 - 17th

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and GEORGE CLOONEY



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