

With Your Support, Our Mission to Assist Our Injured Service Members Will Continue to Grow



In 2007 we completed 13 home projects and had 14 more underway at the end of the year, and we want to thank you for your past support that made the dream of home ownership a reality for these military men and women.

In 2008 our goal is to complete 30 home projects - and we are asking for your continued support so we can meet that goal

LATEST NEWS

Looking ahead to 2008!

We are spending your donation dollars right!
7% Overhead

RECENT EVENTS

Texas Sporting Clays Tournament Raises \$100,000

Team Homes for Our Troops in the Boston Marathon and Marine Corps Marathon

2nd Annual Homes for Our Troops Gala April 5, 2008!
Don't miss it!

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

A HOME FOR SGT ERIC EDMUNDSON

SAMPLING OF PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2008

Bakersfield, CA
Waxhaw, NC
Pittsburgh, PA



Army SSG Travis Strong

Some of those 30 homes were begun in 2007 thanks to your past donations, and they will be ready in early 2008 so these men and women can live in a home specially designed to meet the challenges they face due to their life-altering injuries.

There are thousands of severely injured Veterans, and many of our military men and women continue to be injured as the fighting continues in Iraq and Afghanistan. These young men and women have already sacrificed greatly - physically, emotionally and financially - and we as a country have a responsibility to make sure they can live in a specially adapted home that makes their lives less difficult.



Marine Cpl. Greg Edwards and his wife at the site of their future home.



Volunteers help make our mission a success!



Your past support shows that you share in this belief, and we ask you to continue your generous support as we enter 2008.

OVERHEAD ONLY 7% IN 2007

We do our best to wisely spend your hard-earned dollars that you entrust to us, and like you, we believe that as much money as possible has to go to build these homes. We are proud to report that in our fiscal year ended 09/30/2007, only 7% of donations were used for administration and fundraising costs.

EVENTS TO BENEFIT HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS

Companies, organizations and individuals across the country are hosting events to raise funds for Homes for Our Troops and raise awareness for the need to provide specially adapted homes for our severely injured Servicemen and Women.

Here are some examples of exciting events to benefit Homes for Our Troops!



Texas Sporting Clays Tournament

Energy Corporation of America's 1st Annual Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit Homes for Our Troops was held near Houston on January 25-26, 2008. Thanks to the 800 people that participated and the many volunteers and sponsors, this event raised over \$100,000!



Boston Marathon Team Homes for Our Troops

On April 21, 2008, our 19 person team will be raising money and awareness in the 112th running of the Boston Marathon! Want to support our Team? Come to Boston and cheer us on or make a monetary donation through our team fund raising web page.
www.homesforourtroops.org/team08



West Middle School in Andover, MA Raises \$18,850!

The students and staff at this school generated donations by pledging to run a mile. The day before Thanksgiving, they braved the elements (cold, damp, misty 34 degree day) and ran the mile raising a total of \$8,850. The kids presented a check to SGT Brian Fontaine of Plymouth, MA in a ceremony at the school. Inspired by the kids efforts, Homes for Our Troops received an additional donation of \$10,000!

Join Us for our 2nd Annual Gala to Benefit Homes for Our Troops!



Last year we packed the house and expect it to be bigger and better this year! Purchase your tickets or sponsorship today as they are going fast!

SILENT AUCTION ~ LIVE AUCTION ~ RAFFLES

COCKTAILS ~ DINNER ~ LIVE MUSIC

Visit www.homesforourtroops.org/gala for ticket and sponsorship purchases.

Date: Saturday Evening April 5, 2008

location: Quincy Marriott, Quincy, MA

Tickets \$75

TICKETS/SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATRIOTIC EVENT!

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT - A HOME FOR SGT ERIC EDMUNDSON

The homes we build make a difference in the lives of each and every Veteran and their family - families of veterans like Sgt. Eric Edmundson.



SGT Eric Edmundson before deployment to Iraq

Sgt. Edmundson was a member of the 172nd Stryker Brigade, 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry, stationed out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. On October 2, 2005 the Stryker vehicle he was driving hit an improvised explosive device. Eric's injuries included shrapnel wounds to his right leg and abdomen (which required the removal of his spleen), and right leg, and fracture of the T4 and T5 vertebrae.

While awaiting transport to Germany, Eric went into cardiac arrest. He was able to be revived,

but because of the time taken to revive Eric, he sustained an anoxic brain injury.

Due to Eric's severe brain injury, the family was told that his condition would not change rapidly or drastically. They recommended that he be placed in a long-term care facility.



SGT Eric Edmundson reunited with family at military hospital

Eric's wife, Stephanie and his parents were adamant that Eric not be placed in a nursing home, so they all moved in together in a rental apartment so they could provide the 24 hour care that Eric required.



Breaking ground on new, specially adapted home in New Bern, NC

The home was not handicap accessible, so they could not get Eric into the bathroom and thus had to provide for his daily hygiene and bathroom needs in his bedroom. He had very limited access to the rest of the home because his wheelchair is very long.

Thanks to the support of his family and intensive rehabilitation, Eric's condition has improved over the last year, although he still requires much help in taking care of his daily needs.

And thanks to Kit Corp Homes, local support in the community and your generosity, the Edmundsons live in a home specially designed to allow Eric the ability to participate in daily family life and allows his family to provide Eric's needed care with much less difficulty.

The home has a roll-in shower, a lift system, automatic doors that allow Eric more freedom and many other special adaptations designed specifically for Eric and his family.



Home dedication day when Eric, his wife and young daughter receive the keys to their new home.

"We thank you not only for Eric, but also for the many other Service Members dealing with life altering injuries, and their fight for recovery of their lives as they once knew it." - Eric's wife Stephanie

SOME OF THE HOMES TO BE COMPLETED IN 2008

In addition to the home building projects you see here, there are many more underway across the country. Please visit our website for more information. www.homesforourtroops.org



Evan with his wife and new baby

Marine Cpl. Evan Morgan Bakersfield, CA

Marine Cpl. Evan Morgan, 23 years old, was on his second tour of duty in Iraq when his Humvee was struck by a roadside bomb. He lost both legs and the sight in his right eye.

Despite spending more than 15 months in hospitals, Morgan treats life as a precious gift. "You can't change the past," he said, "so you do what you can with what you've been handed." And the Morgan's are doing just that. They recently welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world.

Construction on his home will begin in Spring 2008.



Jon with his dad, mom and sister who are now his primary care givers

Army SGT Jonathan Roberts Waxhaw, NC

SGT Jon Roberts was struck by an 18 wheeler while driving in Baghdad. Jon was rushed to a hospital where they performed emergency brain surgery on him.

Jon spent the next 3 months in a coma and his doctors recommended that his parents put him in a nursing home. Even though many nurses, therapists and doctors gave up on Jon, his parents refused to. Jon is now starting to talk again and is walking with assistance.

We began building Jon's home in late summer 2007 and it will be completed soon.



Volunteers assist during the "Build Brigade" for James's home building project

Army Spc. James Fair Pittsburgh, PA

James Fair was stringing barbed wire around an ammunition supply point in Fallujah, Iraq when he stumbled onto a makeshift enemy bomb that exploded in front of him. He lost both of his hands and the sight in both eyes. Shrapnel severely injured his right leg and caused a traumatic brain injury.

Due to the severity and the number of injuries James has suffered, this home will be the most technologically advanced adapted home we have build thus far. Examples of some of the features include:

- Keyless door access
- Voice activated shower
- Voice control of HVAC
- Voice access to News headlines and weather forecast
- Hands free phone with voice answering
- 360 degree outside motion detection and more.

Your continued support is necessary to sustain our mission.
Please make a tax-deductible donation today! Thank you.

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