



# Homes for Our Troops Veterans Day Newsletter

Since our Veterans Day 2006 newsletter, over 6,000 more Servicemen and Women have been injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of them have been severely injured, and are in need of specially adapted homes that will allow them to live in a barrier-free environment as they work to recover from their injuries and to restart their life - a life that was put on hold when they suffered life-altering injuries while protecting our nation.

We thank you for your very generous support in the past and we ask that you please make a much needed donation today so we can undertake new home building projects for the many Veterans on our waiting list.

## LATEST NEWS

Save the Date!  
April 5, 2008 is  
the 2nd Annual  
HFOT Gala in  
Quincy, MA

PGA Pro, Phil  
Mickelson visits  
the HFOT Office

Team Homes for  
Our Troops to run  
in the Boston  
Marathon

## RECENT EVENTS

BOMA Check  
Presentation

TPC Louisiana Golf  
Tournament

Kids Supporting  
Our Mission

4th Annual Bike  
Run

## PHOTO GALLERY

Build Brigade  
for Sgt. Brian  
Johnston

**Ply Gem Siding**  
The newest corporate  
partner of Homes for  
Our Troops!  
Providing high quality,  
low-maintenance siding  
and accessories!



## LATEST NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE!

**April 5, 2008**

The Homes for Our Troops 2nd Annual Gala will be held at the Quincy Marriott in Quincy, MA. Our 1st Annual Event was a great success, with over 500 people in attendance, it was standing room only and we raised over \$71,000! Our 2nd Annual Gala will be bigger and better! Tickets and sponsorships will be available soon!

**\*We are in need of auction/raffle items for this event, please contact Melanie Warwick if you would like to donate items.**

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### **PGA Pro, Phil Mickelson Visits the Homes for Our Troops Office**

During the Deutsche Bank Championship tournament, Phil and his wife Amy made a special trip to our office to meet the staff of Homes for Our Troops. Since 2004, Phil has supported HFOT through his "Birdies for the Brave" program where he donates \$100 for every

birdie and \$500 for every eagle he makes on the tour. Phil and Amy's support of HFOT has also encouraged many of Phil's fans to hold golf tournaments to benefit HFOT. They both signed the Hero Bike, a 2005 Harley-Davidson that has been signed by wounded Iraq War Veterans, former President George H. W. Bush, 42 Medal of Honor recipients and many others.



### **Boston Athletic Association Chooses Homes for Our Troops as one of the 24 Official Charities to Benefit from the 112th Boston Marathon**

As one of the official charities benefitting from the 2008 Boston Marathon Charity Program, HFOT receives 15 "guaranteed entries". Runners for Team HFOT will

get not only the chance to run a world class marathon, but we have the opportunity to run on behalf of the thousands of men and women who have been severely disabled while fighting in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are now accepting applications from runners who share our mission and will help raise funds and awareness for Homes for Our Troops as part of Team HFOT.

To apply to be a member of Team Homes for Our Troops, contact Dawn Teixeira at [dawn@homesforourtroops.org](mailto:dawn@homesforourtroops.org) or call 508-823-3300.

## RECENT 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 recent events to benefit Homes for Our Troops!



### **Building Owners and Managers Association Boston Chapter**

Rob Brierley, 2007 BOMA Boston President and Paula Solemina present a \$25,000 check at the groundbreaking ceremony for Sgt. Brian Fountaine. BOMA hosted their 18th Annual BOMA Benefit reception and silent auction at the Boston Opera House to benefit our mission.



### **TPC Louisiana Golf Tournament**

The TPC in Louisiana recently held an America Supports You tournament with Homes for Our Troops being one of the recipients of the proceeds. During the dinner/auction, Homes for Our Troops presented a check to Matthew Cole and his wife, who were on HFOT's waiting list, to pay off the second mortgage the Coles had to take out in order to adapt their home to make it accessible to Matt, who is paralyzed from the waist down.



### **Kids Supporting Our Mission! Operation Purple Lemonade**

Saturday, August 11th, Madison sold purple lemonade in honor of all the soldiers who have been given a Purple Heart. This young American raised \$465.00 for Homes for Our Troops in one day!



### **4th Annual Homes for Our Troops Bike Run**

Our 4th annual bike run raised \$55,000 thanks to all the hard work of the volunteers, sponsors and participants who made it possible! View the video of the day online at [www.homesforourtroops.org](http://www.homesforourtroops.org)



### **Get Involved Today!**

Start your own fundraiser! We have lots of ideas on our website, and tips and tricks to help you make your fundraiser a success!

**Events in Your Area?** Visit our events page to find out!

# ***Build Brigade - August 10, 2007*** ***Sgt. Brian Johnston - Coventry, Connecticut***

On Friday August 10, 2007 we held a Build Brigade for Sgt. Brian Johnston, a Marine who lost his right arm and his left leg while serving in Iraq. Volunteers came from all around and we raised the walls before it started to downpour. More volunteers came out on Saturday to get Brian's home tight to the weather!  
THANK YOU!!



Brian and his dad going over plans



Friday morning - deck going on



Walls going up!



Volunteers came back on Saturday



Simonton Windows being installed



Late Saturday afternoon

## **Groundbreakings**

Eagle Mountain, Utah  
Lumberton, North Carolina  
Plymouth, Massachusetts  
Covington, Louisiana

## **Home Dedication Ceremonies**

New Bern, North Carolina  
Milford, Delaware  
League City, Texas  
Santa Fe, Texas  
Hartsel, Colorado

View a complete listing of the completed home projects and homes currently underway on our website at [www.homesforourtroops.org](http://www.homesforourtroops.org) and click on the **HOMES** link.



MetalCon International Donates Steel Structure to Home Building Project in Bakersfield, CA



Evan in Iraq



Evan with wife and brand new baby



Evan running with prosthetic legs

Cpl. Evan Morgan was severely injured while serving in Iraq with a U.S. Army Special Forces unit that was hit by an IED. As a result he lost his left leg below the knee, his right leg above the knee and the sight in his right eye. After months and months of hospitalization and rehabilitation in Bethesda, MD, Evan moved back home to Bakersfield, CA where he lives in a rented house with his wife Jillian and 3-month old daughter Sophie. This is the second time MetalCon International has donated a structure to Homes for Our Troops.

**HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS  
1ST ANNUAL  
SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT**

**EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

HFOT's 1st Annual Sporting Clays Tournament will be held in the Greater Houston, Texas area on January 25 & 26, 2008. The two-day event will have 240 5-person teams, making it one of the largest Sporting Clays events in the country.

Individual/Team Registrations and Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities are Still Available! Learn more [www.homesforourtroops.org/OHH](http://www.homesforourtroops.org/OHH) or call 866-7-TROOPS

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The ornament features the 5 military seals and our logo in the center. It comes with a gold hanging cord, a red box lined with blue and a gold stamp of the ornament on the outside of the box. It's so beautiful that it doesn't need to be wrapped!



**SHOP ONLINE FOR  
HFOT  
MERCHANDISE!**



**PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED DONATION FORM AND MAKE A MUCH NEEDED DONATION TODAY! THANK YOU!**

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