

# HFOT PROGRAM OVERVIEW



**BUILDING HOMES,  
REBUILDING LIVES**

## THE HFOT DIFFERENCE...



To safeguard our donors' investment, HFOT conducts a thorough review on each Veteran who applies to our program, including a criminal and financial background check.



HFOT provides three years of pro-bono financial planning and household budgeting education to every Veteran in our program.



Homes are 2,650 square feet, four bedrooms and two baths, which we feel is the right size home for a Veteran to comfortably raise a family while limiting expenses for utilities. HFOT provides a warranty to guard against defects, and is committed to resolving any issues.

### 1. The Application

HFOT's Intake department responds to all inquiries from Veterans or their caregivers applying to Homes for Our Troops. One basic requirement is that the Veteran must be approved for the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) benefits by the Veterans Administration. The applicant's information is then reviewed by HFOT's Veterans Selection Committee (VSC), who then determines if the Veteran will be invited to the final step of the application process, the Veterans Informational Conference held in Massachusetts. This final step includes an interview with HFOT staff and a Veteran representative.



### 2. Vet Conference & Acceptance

Our three-day conference is where the Veterans learn more about HFOT and our expectations for their home build project, while meeting other Veterans who wish to join our program, and the HFOT staff. The Veterans Conference is the final assessment tool used to evaluate and confirm that HFOT's Program model and the Veteran are right for each other.

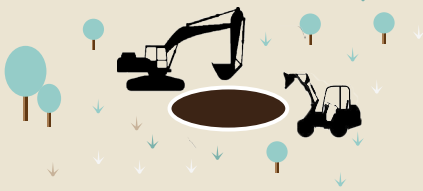
### 3. Land Search, Purchase and Closing

HFOT's Land Acquisition Team then begins searching for land in the area where the Veteran has chosen to live. The entire process - locating a viable parcel of land, engineering, purchasing and closing - takes an average of 6-9 months, depending on the location and the flexibility of the Veteran and his/her family.



### 5. Construction

HFOT secures a licensed general contractor to build the home. The construction phase takes about 5-8 months to complete. Variable factors include weather, local ordinances, and permit approvals etc. During construction, each home is physically inspected by our team a minimum of three times.



### 4. Community Kickoff

The Community Kickoff event is scheduled after land is acquired, and is the first phase of welcoming the Veteran to the neighborhood. HFOT's Community Outreach Coordinators organize the event as a means of creating awareness for the Homes for Our Troops mission, and engaging local residents, civic groups, and area businesses to support the Veteran's project.



### 6. Volunteer Day

As the home nears completion, a Volunteer Landscape Day is set. This day gives community members a hands-on opportunity to beautify the outside of the home with plants, trees, shrubs and flowers, and put the finishing touches on the Veteran's home.



### 7. Key Ceremony

At this ceremony, the Veteran and his/her family are presented with the keys to their new home. Community members are invited to share in the day's events that include a ribbon cutting, flag raising, and a tour of the home.



### 8. Rebuilding Lives

HFOT stays in touch with each Veteran long after we turn over the keys to their new "forever" home. We have built a strong network among our staff, the Veterans in our program, their families, and the communities in which we build. Since 2004 we have helped over 270 Veteran home recipients transition from military to civilian life, and provided them with a solid foundation to establish roots and a sense of belonging in their community. Our goal is for every Veteran in our Program to feel that HFOT is an extension of their family.

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