

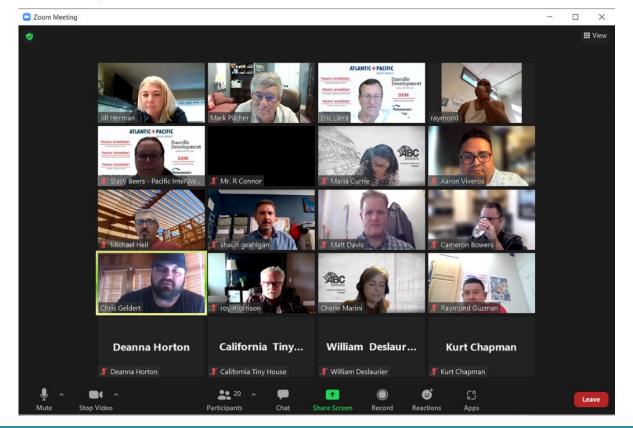
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PROGRESS REPORT

On October 27, Mark Pilcher, Chris Geldert and Nick Mosley of <u>California Tiny House</u> participated in a <u>BITA</u> Instructors Network Monthly Collaboration Zoom Meeting hosted by Jill Herman of the <u>California</u> <u>Homebuilding Foundation</u> (CHF). Mark is working with Nick to introduce and support Nick's Tiny Build program in California high schools with the objective of building Moveable Tiny Houses for the Warrior Village Project. Mark's goal is to enlist schools in the program to build houses during the 2022 - 2023 academic year. Information about Moveable Tiny Houses and Nick's Tiny House Build Program were reported in our <u>May 2021</u> and <u>June 2021</u> Newsletters.



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VIP PROFILE Nicholas Jordan

The <u>Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence</u> annually awards more than \$1 million to 18 outstanding skilled trades teachers and programs in U.S. public high schools. This year, there were 3 Grand Prize Winners, each winning \$100,000, and 15 Prize Winners, each winning \$50,000. One of the Prize Winners this year was <u>Nicholas Jordan</u>, Construction Teacher at Montecito High School. If you read our <u>February 2021</u> and <u>March 2021</u> Newsletter articles about Nicholas and his awesome students at Montecito High School you would know how well deserved this recognition is.

"Nicholas Jordan is in his eighth year of teaching construction at Montecito High School, a continuation high school in Ramona, California. Jordan fights against the stigma that choosing a construction pathway is considered less respected and finds it incredibly rewarding that he is contributing to developing the U.S. skilled workforce."

"Jordan has won several other state and district teaching awards including school site Teacher of the Year, District Certificated Teacher of the Year; and has been nominated for the California League of High Schools Educator of the Year for 2018. Jordan was a finalist for both the 2018 and 2020 Prize for Teaching Excellence."

"Jordan teaches his students not only practical skills like framing, roofing, plumbing and electrical, but also the importance of being dependable and having a good work ethic. Jordan understands that real life experiences matter and seeks to make the learning experience equally relevant. His students competed in the TeamWorks event of the California state competitions of SkillsUSA, the national career and technical education student organization, and won first place in 2018, 2019, and 2021. In 2020-2021, their chapter won six gold medals and as three-time California state champions, his students again advanced to the National Competition in the areas of carpentry and TeamWorks. Last year, his program was featured in the Spring issue of SkillsUSA Champions magazine."

One student told Jordan in an interview about what the construction program meant to him: "When I first came to Montecito, I had never used a hammer. I thought I would just get through and try to work in fast food and try to stay out of jail. Now, I have won competitions. I know how to build. I am a carpenter."

Congratulations Nicholas,

and

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Montecito High construction teacher Nicholas Jordan and Principal Pauline Leavitt display a \$50,000 check from Harbor Freight Tools. (Julie Gallant, <u>Ramona Sentinel</u>)



Watch a video of the check presentation on <u>Montecito's Facebook page</u>.

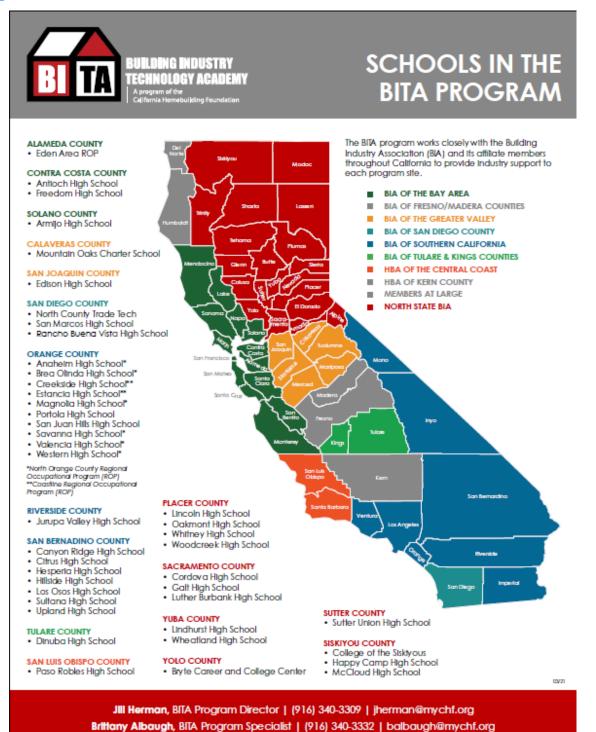
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SCHOOL UPDATE

The <u>California Homebuilding Foundation</u> (CHF) was our first Partner in our mission to *provide affordable*, *permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of home builders*. Through its <u>Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA</u>) program, CHF provides a four-year high school curriculum for instruction in the building trades. When we launched the Warrior Village Project there were 32 California high schools enrolled in the BITA program, but none in San Diego County. Now there are 45 BITA schools in California, including three in San Diego County: <u>San Marcos High School</u> (SMHS) in San Marcos, and <u>North County Trade Tech High School</u> (Trade Tech) and <u>Rancho Buena Vista High School</u> in Vista.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chris Kennedy from JAAM Electric came to the site on October 5 to do the electrical trim out on the ADU we installed for <u>Wounded Warrior Homes</u> in Vista. During the electrical trim out all plugs, switches, light fixtures, smoke detectors, appliance "pig tails", and bath ventilation fans are connected. The electrician also wires the HVAC, the fire alarm bell and the door bell and makes up the electric house panel by installing circuit breakers for each circuit. It was a long, full day for Chris.



San Diego County Building Inspector Marc Morcos inspected the electrical trim out on October 11. Marc explained that a main disconnect is required in ADUs with more than 6 circuit breakers. Since our ADU has more than 6 breakers, we will have to install a main disconnect before the final inspection. However, Marc sent SDG&E a 'release' so that SDG&E could install an electric meter. An electrician from SDG&E came on October 22 to install our meter. The electric meter for the ADU is a separate meter from the meter that serves the main residence. Houston, we have power - and lights!



JAAM will now be able to return and install a main disconnect in the electric house panel and conduct a hot test of the entire electrical system. We are very grateful to <u>JAAM Electric</u> and <u>United Electric Supply</u>, supplier of all of the electrical materials for our ADU.

Thank You JAAM Electric & United Electric Supply!



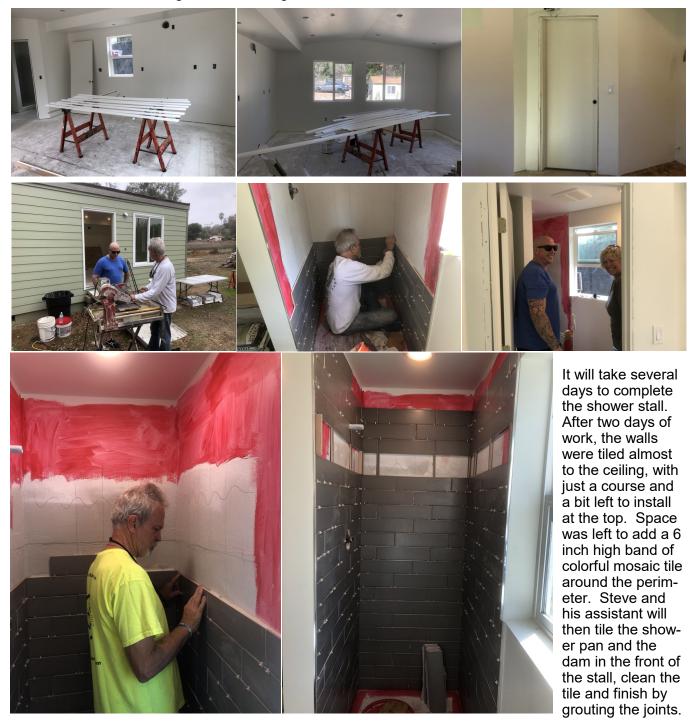
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)

We painted the bathroom and bathroom door, and pre-painted the baseboard, and door casing with Alabaster 'ProClassic' Interior Waterborne Latex Enamel with a satin sheen. Thank you <u>Sherwin-Williams</u> for donating these top-quality paints! After painting the bathroom, the shower was ready to be tiled.

Steve Roseberry, a licensed general contractor and co-founder and board member of Wounded Warrior Homes, volunteered to tile the shower stall with the tile donated by Miguel Alvarado, Owner of Advanced Tile. Steve began work on Saturday, October 23 with the assistance of Mark Pilcher and Troy, a Wounded Warrior Homes veteran. Mia Roseberry, co-founder and Executive Director of Wounded Warrior Homes, stopped by to deliver a new water pump for the tile saw and to check out the progress. Before he started installing tile, Steve hung the bathroom door.



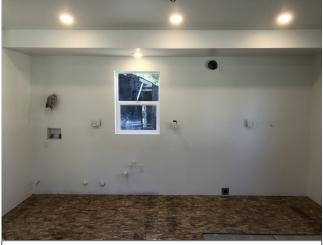
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)

In our September 2021 Newsletter, we told you that the good folks at A! Factory Direct Flooring would be helping us install our vinyl plank flooring. A1 came to the building site on October 27 to sand and level the floor to get it ready for the vinyl plank.

Steve Roseberry started laying Oriented Strand Board (OSB) on the subfloor in preparation for the installation of the kitchen cabinets.



On October 29, David Pellillo, General Manager of <u>Living Spaces</u> in Vista, and his colleague, Interior Designer <u>Razz al-Tekreeti</u>, came to take measurements of our ADU and talk with Mia Roseberry about her requirements for furnishings. Razz immediately went to work on his interior design.



Raaz al-Tekreeti, David Pellillo and Mia Roseberry.



Razz's interior design for our ADU.





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Join our Partner <u>HomeAid San Diego</u>, <u>NAIOP</u>, and my family and me on the Walk to End Homelessness on November 14. Register <u>here</u>.

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We can provide <u>truly affordable</u>, permanent housing. But, we can't do it for free. To succeed, we need financial support. The materials required to build our cottages cost about \$25,000 per cottage. It will cost about \$10,000 to transport a cottage to its installation site. The cost of installing a cottage as an Accessory Dwelling Unit will depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$30,000 per cottage. Hence, we can provide permanent housing for a veteran for about \$65,000 per unit. This is a bargain compared to the cost of government supported 'affordable' housing projects. According to the <u>Terner Center for Housing Innovation</u> at UC Berkeley, it cost an average of \$480,000 (\$700/sq ft) to build one unit of affordable housing in California under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Donors who wish to donate for the construction of our cottages at San Marcos High School can make a contribution through our fiscal sponsor, <u>The San Marcos Promise (https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate</u>), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

- Online Donations: When you donate online, please 'Leave A Comment' indicating that your donation is for the <u>Warrior Village Project</u>.
- Donations by Check: Mail your check, made payable to The San Marcos Promise, to:

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Please write on the Check's Memo Line that your donation is for the Warrior Village Project.

Please help us to provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of homebuilders.

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