



# WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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## PROGRESS REPORT

The business community continued to step forward to support our students and our veterans.

- [A1 Factory Direct Flooring](#) will install flooring in our [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) cottage.
- [So Cal Counterworks](#) will fabricate a granite counter for our [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) ADU.
- Advanced Tile donated tile for the shower stall in both of our cottages.
- [Option D Graphics](#) donated two Warrior Village Project banners for ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mia Roseberry, Executive Director of Wounded Warrior Homes, and Mark Pilcher, President of the Warrior Village Project, wanted to show our appreciation to Seabee Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 303 by presenting them with a plaque and photos. Unfortunately, the Seabees have been so busy serving our country that we could not find a time to schedule the presentation. So, we we mailed the plaque and photos to their base in San Diego. Thank you Seabees CBMU 303!



20 September 2021

[A1 Factory Direct Flooring](#) will install flooring

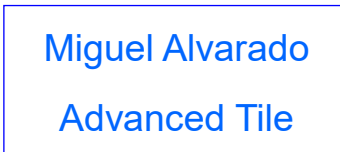
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[So Cal Counterworks](#) will fabricate kitchen countertop

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Advanced Tile donated tile for shower stalls

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[Option D Graphics](#) donated Warrior Village Project banners

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American Veterans

Thank you Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan!

Dear veterans who  
served in Afghanistan:

You kept terrorism at bay for  
20 years. You served with bravery  
and honor. You were there for  
those serving along side you.  
What you did **MATTERS** to us.

Sincerely, The American People



## SCHOOL UPDATE

### Back to School!

When we started building our first two cottages (SM #1 and SM #2) at [San Marcos High School](#), the 2019 - 2021 academic year was meant to be our 'proof-of-concept' year. As a result of COVID-19, our proof-of-concept year stretched to two years. SMHS students from the Class of 2020 completed a lot of work on both cottages before the school closed on March 13, 2020, but they were far from finished. The generosity of contractors, volunteers and financial sponsors kept us going. With their help SM #1, our first cottage, is nearing completion as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at a [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) residence in Vista.

We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for our Wounded Warrior Homes ADU, with a wary eye on the course of the Delta variant. Despite the challenges we had to overcome, our proof-of-concept has been successful. We have been successful in our mission *to provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of home builders*. Wounded Warrior Homes will be able to provide housing to more veterans with our ADU; and despite being robbed of the satisfaction of completing the construction of our cottages, students from the class of 2020 left campus with valuable skills and increased confidence in their abilities.

A new cohort of students is back on the SMHS campus after 18 months of pandemic lockdown. Of course, there is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding this school year. Will they stay or will they go, again? When it became apparent that COVID-19 would be with us for some time, we decided not to start construction of another cottage at SMHS this year. Our second cottage, SM #2, is still sitting behind the woodshop at SMHS. We will start focusing our efforts on finding an installation site and completing the construction of this cottage.

Our plan was to have a new class of building students complete the second cottage during the 2021-2022 academic year. Construction of our cottages was conceived as a capstone project for students with at least a year of building experience under their tool belts. With the campus shut down, no students acquired building skills in the last year. Hence, this year was expected to be a rebuilding year for the building program at SMHS. But, SMHS is not offering a building class this year. Without a class of construction students, we will have to be creative to complete SM #2. We will get it done!



SM #1 and its twin, SM #2, in December 2019, March 2020 and July 2020.

*SM #2, a 400 sf, fully-equipped house built to the same high standards as our Wounded Warrior Homes ADU, is looking for a good home!*



## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Alex Cevallos and Sergio Cataño from Interior Specialties returned to the job site on September 10 with their colleague Juan to sand and do a little touch up work on the drywall. After they completed the sanding, the drywall was ready to be prepped for painting. Thank you **Interior Specialties!**



Using blue painter's tape and recycled Wall Street Journals, we covered the windows and the front door before spray painting the walls and ceiling with primer donated by our friends at [Sherwin-Williams](#). After spraying, we back rolled the walls and ceiling with paint rollers to smooth out the drips and lines.



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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)

The next day we started spraying and back rolling the top coat. We painted the walls and ceilings in the main rooms with Alabaster 'Cashmere' Interior Acrylic Latex with an eggshell sheen. The house was dark because the windows were covered, but the light paint made it look much brighter inside.



Tony Sparrow, Branch Manager of the [Arizona Tile store in San Marcos](#), was quick to say yes when I asked him way back in December 2019 if he could help us with the donation of materials for our cottages. His store was closed for 15 months due to COVID-19, but he hadn't forgotten us when he reopened his store in July. We asked him for a slab of granite for our kitchen countertops and tile for the backsplashes. Tony asked Eric Cantu, Assistant Branch Manager of the [Arizona Tile store in Murrieta](#), to donate a slab of granite. Eric found a slab of Bianco Typhoon granite for us in his warehouse that will go well with the cabinets [Palomar College Cabinet and Furniture Technology](#) built for us.



Tony gave us three types of glass tile for the kitchen countertop backsplashes that would look great with our cabinets and the granite countertop. He even loaded the tile in my truck for me! We have more than enough granite and tile for the kitchens in both of our cottages. Thank you Tony and Eric!





# PARTNERS

## Construction Industry Education Foundation

### SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to Design Build participants who are seniors graduating in the spring of 2022 and will be pursuing a career in the built environment. This includes apprenticeship programs, two and four year colleges or universities, and trades schools.

Visit [cie.foundation](http://cie.foundation) to apply for a 2022 Design Build Competition Scholarship.

### QUESTIONS?

For questions on the 2022 Design Build Competition or the Construction Industry Education Foundation, please contact Katie Carbone at [kcarbone@cie.foundation](mailto:kcarbone@cie.foundation) or 916.465.8345.



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2021 was a year of many unknowns - but we did know that we wanted to get kids building again! Thanks to the generous support of our corporate and philanthropic sponsors we were able to transport materials to 44 teams throughout California to compete in the 2021 Design Build Competition. Schools built sheds, tiny homes, benches, pergolas and more. As a result, 834 students were able to participate in the competition from their campus.

We are excited to be back in person for the 2022 Design Build Competition - both in Orange County and in Sacramento. Schools will register for the Competition this fall, will design their structure in January and go through a plan review in February.

Each team in the Design and Open Competitions will be challenged to design and prepare construction documents according to criteria outlined by CIEF. Participating student teams will be judged on the completion of design, plan review, safety and health adherence, and construction phases of their structure. All materials on the material list will be provided to schools at the competition site. Schools participating in the Open Competition have the option of using additional materials that they source for the competition.

**THERE IS NO COST TO ANY SCHOOL OR TO ANY STUDENT TO COMPETE IN THE DESIGN BUILD COMPETITION THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PROGRAM SPONSORS**

The CIEF Design Build Competition promotes career awareness of the construction industry among high school students. It is an effort to recognize student achievement and affords the construction industry an opportunity to support schools, students, and career technical educational programs. The competition provides an opportunity for high school students to gain firsthand knowledge of the construction industry and have hands-on experience in the construction process. Thanks to the generosity of corporate and philanthropic gifts, there is no charge to a school or student to participate in this program. Schools residing more than two hours from a competition site are eligible for a travel reimbursement.

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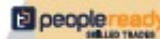
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## SPONSORS

[A1 Factory Direct Flooring](#) has been a big supporter of Wounded Warrior Homes for many years. When Steve Roseberry, co-founder and board member of Wounded Warrior Homes, asked Bob Chamberlain, President of A1, if A1 would help with the installation of vinyl plank flooring in our ADU, Bob didn't hesitate to say yes. There is a little ridge in the floor along the 'marriage line' where the two modules of our house are bolted together, and the subfloor has taken a lot of abuse in the last two years. A1 has years of experience installing and repairing difficult floors. Their expertise in making sure that our floor is level and smooth is greatly appreciated. Thank you Bob!



Arizona Tile donated a slab of granite for the kitchen countertops for our cottages. But, a lot of work must be done to convert a slab into a countertop. The slab must be cut the desired length and width. Holes must be cut for the sink and faucet. Edge pieces are crafted and secured to the top, and the countertop must be polished to a smooth, glossy finish. Chris Geldert reached out to Jarrod Wimpee for help. Jarrod learned CAD/CAM skills in Chris' class at SMHS and is now CAD/CAM Manager for [So Cal Counterworks](#). Jarrod asked Jade Rodier, President of So Cal Counterworks, if they could help us with our project. Jade was quick to say yes, and named Meredith Gugler as our project manager. Thank you Jade and [So Cal Counterworks!](#)

Chris Geldert met Miguel Alvarado, owner of Advanced Tile, on March 22, 2021 at a house under construction in Encinitas. The site visit was arranged for Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA) instructors by Barbie Davis of [Mission West Builders](#). Chris told Miguel about our program and the challenges we faced completing our cottages after SMHS had shifted to remote learning. Miguel said that he wanted to help. He visited our Wounded Warrior Homes ADU in Vista on March 30, and offered to install tile in the shower stall. Unfortunately, by the time we had the shower stall prepped for him his work schedule had filled up until December, and he was not able to schedule a crew to install the tile. Miguel still wanted to help us, so he gave us all of the tile materials we needed for both of our cottages. Thanks Miguel!



When we transported our first cottage from San Marcos High School to Vista we attached an awesome [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) banner to the front of the cottage for the world to see. When we started planning our ribbon cutting ceremony, I asked Gene Jennet, Assistant Director of Wounded Warrior Homes, where they got their beautiful banner. He told me to talk to Monica and Aaron Snyder at [Option D Graphics](#). Monica patiently worked to help me figure out what I wanted and Aaron produced several designs for me to consider. Monica quoted me a very reasonable price for my banner, but when it was ready, she told me that she and Aaron wanted to donate it to the Warrior Village Project, and then they gave me two banners! Thank you Aaron and Monica!



## DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

We can provide truly affordable, 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 [Turner Center for Housing Innovation](#) 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, [The San Marcos Promise](https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate) (<https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate>), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.**

- **Online Donations:** When you donate online, please '*Leave A Comment*' indicating that your donation is for the [Warrior Village Project](#).
- **Donations by Check:** Mail your check, made payable to [The San Marcos Promise](#), to:

**The San Marcos Promise  
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 103  
San Marcos, CA 92069**

**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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