



WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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PROGRESS REPORT

It has been a challenging 2-1/2 years since we started building two cottages in the inaugural construction class at [San Marcos High School](#) (SMHS). Despite the shutdown of the school and the loss of our student builders, material supply chain disruptions and rising costs, we managed to complete our first home (SM #1) and install it as an [ADU](#) at [Wounded Warrior Homes](#)' residence in Vista. We could not have done it without the support of contractors who donated their expertise, labor and materials to help us complete the cottage, often stepping in to do the work that we had hoped our students would do. With the generous support of our Sponsors, the house is well appointed and much nicer than we had envisioned!

Wounded Warrior Homes is planning a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its new ADU in March. In conjunction with the ceremony, Wounded Warrior Homes will be scheduling COVID safe tours of the ADU so that our Sponsors can see the results of their generosity.

Our second cottage (SM #2) is still sitting behind the woodshop at SMHS. Students from the Class of 2020 completed the framing and sheathing of the house before they were sent home on March 13, 2020, never to return. [JAAM Electric](#) completed the interior wiring for us before the shutdown. Plumbers Rick Milwee and Rick Hoehn installed the interior plumbing lines with the help of our students just before the shutdown. But, there is much work still to be done to complete our second house.



Varinda Missett, Interfaith Community Services.

The current priority for the Warrior Village Project is finding a site for our second home (SM #2). We will donate SM #2 to a nonprofit that can put it to good use to help our community.

We have had a number of non-profit representatives visit our ADU in Vista. Varinda Missett, Chief Development Officer of [Interfaith Community Services](#), came by for a look see on Wednesday, February 23. Read more about Interfaith Community Services and its programs for veterans on [page 5](#).



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FUTURE EVENTS

**Wounded Warrior Homes ADU
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
March 2022**

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VIP PROFILE

Veterans Served by Homes For Our Troops

In our December 2021 newsletter, we profiled [Homes For Our Troops](#) (HFOT), a publicly funded 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds and donates specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans to enable them to rebuild their lives. HFOT has built 40 homes for veterans in California, including 29 homes in southern California.

HFOT is in the process of building 7 more homes in southern California for deserving veterans. Learn about these veterans on HFOT's Website: [Dominic Esquibel](#) (Marine, Sergeant, Fallbrook); [Erik Galvan](#) (Marine, Lance Corporal, Fallbrook); [Juan Carlos Hernandez](#) (Army, Sergeant, Mentone); [Joshua Hooker](#) (Army, Sergeant, Ramona); [Nathaniel "Randell" Leoncio](#) (Navy, HM3, Carlsbad); [Kaleb Weakley](#) (Marine, Sergeant, Ramona), and; [Gustavo Zarate](#) (Army, Specialist, Moreno Valley).

Read [Ways to Donate](#) to help these heroes and other veterans at [Homes For Our Troops](#).



Dominic Esquibel
*Marine, Sergeant
Fallbrook, CA*

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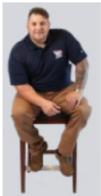
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SCHOOL UPDATE

After we complete our second cottage, SM #2, our school programs will transition to the construction of Moveable Tiny Houses. Read about [Moveable Tiny Houses](#) in our [May 2021](#) and [June 2021](#) Warrior Village Project [Newsletters](#). You can see and tour a variety of Moveable Tiny Houses and hear presentations from industry experts on Moveable Tiny Houses and 'Tiny Living' at this year's TinyFest California at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on March 12th and 13th.



Moveable Tiny House on display at Fresno City Hall, built by [California Tiny House](#)

TinyFest California is coming back to San Diego in March 2022!

Meet San Diego tiny home builders and van and bus upfitters, talk with homeowners who have 'gone tiny', enjoy the expert speaker presentations, vendor interactions, live music, entertainment, and awesome vibe at [TinyFest San Diego](#).

*Del Mar Fairgrounds
Saturday, March 12 - Sunday, March 13*



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Top Reasons Why Your Child Should Consider a Career in Construction

[National Association of Home Builders](#) (NAHB) Workforce Development, February 22, 2022

The residential construction industry is filled with talented and creative individuals who build homes that strengthen communities. Not only does a career in the industry provide a sense of personal achievement, it also provides many practical benefits, such as strong earning potential, job security and opportunities for advancement.

If you're a parent, your children's future is always one of your top priorities. Two major factors that influence their future are education and their eventual career, which are usually closely tied together. Acquiring knowledge and skills, and then putting them to use, is part of the process where they transition to being independent and successful adults. As you encourage and support your child's journey on their education and career path, it's important to consider the full range of opportunities.

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) month, which shines a spotlight on the opportunities in the industry and recognizes the importance of the construction career pathway. CTE provides learners with the knowledge and skills they need to be prepared for college and careers. CTE gives purpose to learning by emphasizing real-world skills and practical knowledge within a selected career focus.

High Demand for CTE

- 94% of parents approve of expanding access to career and vocational programs.
- 86% of parents and students say they wish they could get more real-world knowledge and skills during school.
- 54% of business leaders do not think the educational system is teaching skills needed for the workforce.

A Variety of Jobs for Every Skill Level Are Available

Occupations such as [carpenters](#), [plumbers](#) and [HVACR technicians](#) are in high demand. These types of jobs require individuals who have skills such as being detail-oriented and active problem solvers troubleshooting a range of challenges.

Skilled Trades Offer Individuals High Earning Potential

Individuals entering the residential construction industry have the potential to earn a great salary. The top 25% in most construction trades professions earn at least \$60,000 annually. And you don't need to follow the traditional college path to get there.

Visit nahb.org for more information and resources about CTE month.



PARTNERS INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Forty years ago, a group of faith leaders came together for their neighbors as the needs of the community grew. This group of individuals was not only from different congregations, but from different faiths entirely. Despite their diverse backgrounds, they all believed in a singular idea: if they joined together, the sum of their parts could make something entirely more meaningful. So with that inspiration in their hearts, their pact became [Interfaith Community Services](#).

As Interfaith grew over the years, the organization's efforts were met with widespread support. Community partnerships were made and their span of help extended to everyone from those experiencing homelessness to low-income and under-served men, women, and children throughout North San Diego County. Today, with over 250-member faith congregations, more than 2,300 volunteers, 230 dedicated staff, and approximately 20,000 unique clients, the Interfaith community is more meaningful than ever.

Interfaith stands as something completely unique. With their broad continuum of programs and wide array of services, the resources they provide stabilize and rebuild the lives of people in crisis. Their methods continuously evolve to meet the needs of our community, but their motto stays the same: We are **Helping People Help Themselves**.

Interfaith Community Services was initially founded in 1979 to address the growing needs of the community related to poverty and homelessness. Today, Interfaith provides a wide range of social services for homeless individuals, veterans, unemployed, youth and low-income community members. Headquartered at the Betty and Melvin Cohn Center in Escondido, Interfaith has grown to be the most comprehensive agency in North County, with multiple locations, many open 24 hours a day.

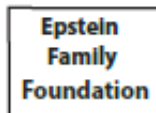
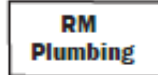
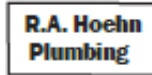
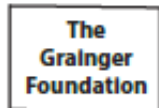
Interfaith supports our veterans with a number of programs focusing on:

- [Recovery & Wellness](#)
- [Clinical & Behavioral Health](#)
- [Supportive Services](#)
- [Employment & Economic Development](#)
- [Housing](#)
 - Rental & Mortgage Assistance: Interfaith's Homeless Prevention program offers emergency rental or mortgage assistance to prevent imminent homelessness.
 - Bridge Housing: Interfaith offers temporary beds for veterans with or without a housing intervention already in place to assist in their transition from homelessness to permanent housing.
 - Permanent Housing: Interfaith offers a variety of permanent housing units and programs that provide safe and affordable housing for homeless community members.

[Learn how you can help support Interfaith Community Services in its mission to empower people in need to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs, in partnership with diverse faith communities and people of compassion.](#)



THANK YOU SPONSORS!



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 [Terner 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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