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PROGRESS REPORT

I have been asked many times if we knew where our Movable Tiny Houses would be going when they were completed. Until now, I have had to reply not yet, but we were working on several options. Now, I can say yes, we know exactly where they will be going! Our four houses currently under construction will be donated to [Solutions for Change](#) (Solutions). With help from the City of Vista, the plan is to install the houses on the 110-acre Green Oak Ranch property in Vista that Solutions recently acquired. Solutions has big plans for the property and the role it will play in its mission to solve the root causes of homelessness. Their development plan will include a village for homeless veterans, with our houses providing the initial dwellings. We hope that our four tiny houses will be the first of many provided to Solutions for Change by the Warrior Village Project.



Brandon Wolfarth, Chris Megison, Mark Pilcher & Dennis Bone.

Chris Megison, Solutions for Change CEO and Co-Founder, Dennis Bone, Executive Vice President, and advisors Daryl McFarland and Brandon Wolfarth, visited San Marcos High School on February 26 to learn more about the Warrior Village Project and the Movable Tiny Houses our students are building. They apparently liked what they saw.



Solving family homelessness - One family, one community at a time

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EVENTS

End of School Year!

We'll be back in the fall!

VIP PROFILE

Our American Veterans

[Memorial Day](#) is a federal holiday for mourning U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the [United States Armed Forces](#). Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving. Thousands of volunteers place American flags on graves of military personnel in [National Cemeteries](#) across the country.

Many have claimed to be the first to celebrate the event. In 1868, General [John A. Logan](#) of the [Grand Army of the Republic](#) called for a "[Decoration Day](#)", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. After the World Wars Decoration Day became a general day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. From 1868 to 1970 it was observed on May 30. In 1971 Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May. I commemorated Memorial Day this year at the [Veterans Association of North County](#) (VANC) in Oceanside. The keynote speaker was Colonel Willy Buhl, USMC Retired and current Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff G-7, Government and External Affairs, MCI-West.



The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) [National Cemetery Administration](#) maintains 155 national cemeteries in 42 states and Puerto Rico as well as 34 soldier's lots and monument sites. There are ten national cemeteries in California, including two in San Diego County: [Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery](#) and [Miramar National Cemetery](#).

Burial in a national cemetery is open to all armed force members who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children and, under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial.



Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery



Miramar National Cemetery

Two other days celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military. [Armed Forces Day](#), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May. It falls at the end of [Armed Forces Week](#), which begins on the second Saturday of May and concluded this year on May 18. [Veterans Day](#) (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday observed on November 11 to honor all [military veterans](#) of the [United States Armed Forces](#) (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). It coincides with other holidays including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#) which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

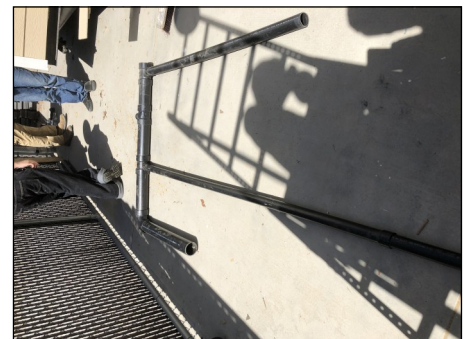
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San Marcos High School: MTH #1

June 11 is the last day of school at SMHS. With final exams, AP exams, and other end-of-year activities, May was effectively the last month of the school year for our students. They worked hard on their Movable Tiny Houses before starting their summer break, or graduating to the next phase of their grand adventure.

Malaine Rodriguez (Recruiter) and Nathan Snyder (Plumbing Foreman) from [Pacific Rim Mechanical](#) came to help our students install the Rough Plumbing Drain-Waste-Vent (DWV) system and to share information on careers in the mechanical construction trades.



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[Pacific Rim Mechanical](#) is the premier mechanical contractor in Southern California. Malaine talked with our students about career opportunities in the mechanical construction trades at Pacific Rim Mechanical, including plumbing, HVAC and welding. She explained the paid training the company offers as well as the compensation package available to new hires. The company hired 50 new high school graduates last year and continues to recruit for entry level positions throughout the company.

Nathan described his career journey from automobile mechanic to plumbing foreman. We love to have trades professionals work with our students and share their experiences working in the building trades.



Michael McSweeney of the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#) continued to work with a small team of students on the Rough Electrical installation on SM MTH #1.



Other students worked on the installation of siding on SM MTH #1.



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San Marcos High School: MTH #2

Teams of San Marcos students continued with the installation of siding on SM MTH #2, while Michael McSweeney of the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#) worked with a small team of students to finish the Rough Electrical installation. They completed the Rough Electrical, with the exception of the electrical panel.

We lost a few of our most skilled students to graduation. But, we have a cadre of eager students returning to complete their houses in the fall.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, SMHS MTH #2



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, RBVHS

Rancho Buena Vista High School: MTH #1

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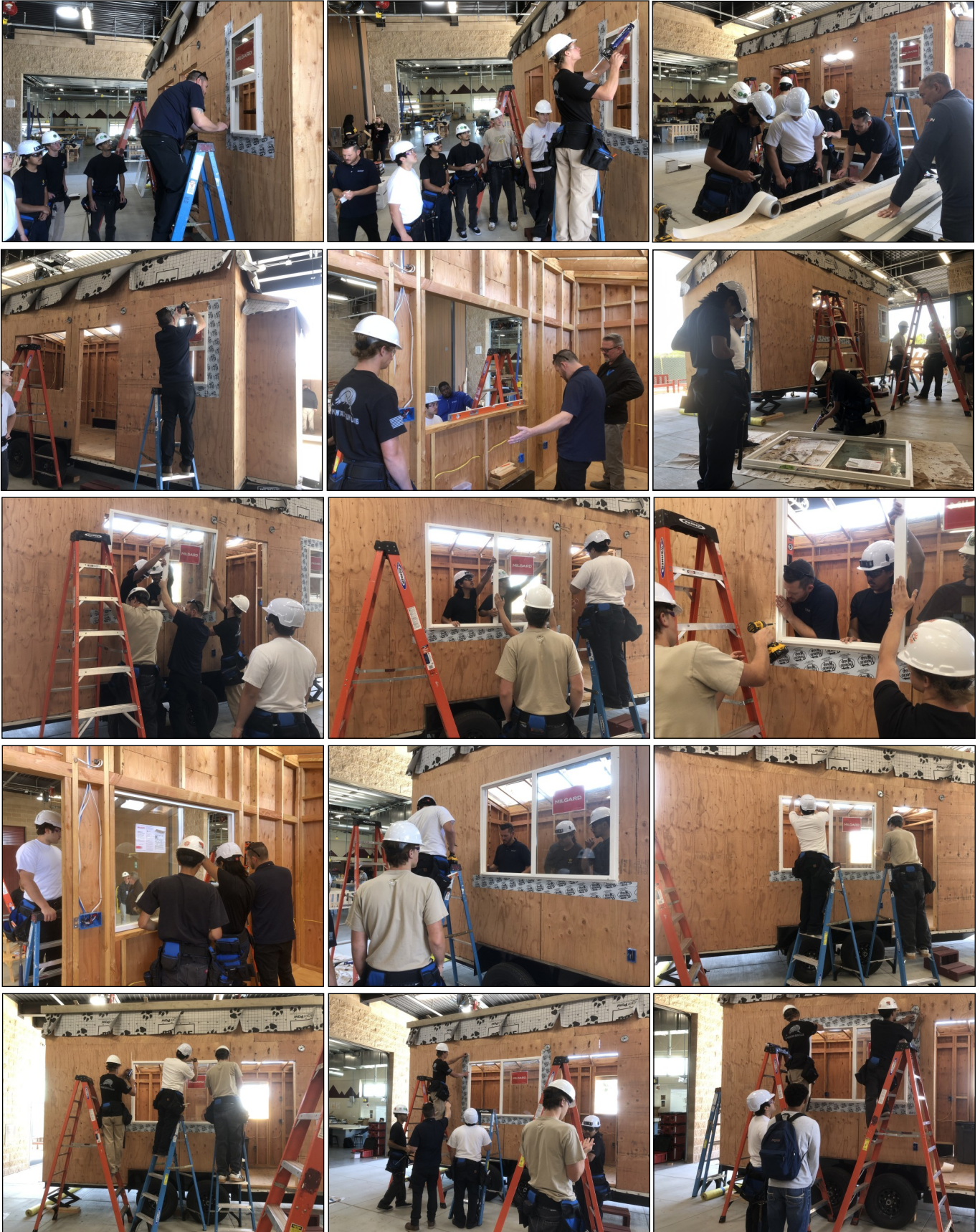
Four senior representatives from [Milgard Windows and Doors](#) visited RBV in May. They came to learn about the Movable Tiny Houses our students are building. They also came to teach our students how to install the [Mitre Brands Milgard V250 Style Line® Series](#) Vinyl Windows the [Miter Foundation](#) donated for our Tiny Houses. We love having trades professionals help instruct our students!



Kenneth Brodie, Warren Lee, Tony Quatraro & James Houts.



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Rancho Buena Vista High School: SP MTH #1

The construction teacher at San Pasqual High School resigned to join the San Diego Fire Department. The school's construction program is in a state of flux until a permanent replacement for him is hired. So, we asked Landon Cardenas, the construction teacher at Rancho Buena Vista High School, if he and his students wanted to complete San Pasqual's tiny house (SP MTH #1). Landon accepted the challenge. He towed the house loaded with materials to Rancho Buena Vista. His students will start working on the house during a summer session beginning the first week of June.



PARTNERS

HBI, ABC San Diego, Building Talent Foundation and BIA San Diego

On May 30, the Home Builders Institute ([HBI](#)), the Associated Builders and Contractors of San Diego ([ABC San Diego](#)), the [Building Talent Foundation](#), and the Building Industry Association of San Diego ([BIA San Diego](#)) teamed up to host a *Career Fair* at the HBI Camp Pendleton Career Center in San Marcos. The Career Fair featured 30 top trade companies in residential, commercial and industrial construction. All of the participating companies were actively recruiting for positions across San Diego, the Inland Empire, Orange County, and Los Angeles. Many of the companies were hiring on the spot. This was an outstanding opportunity for graduating high school seniors and recent graduates to secure employment or begin building relationships that lead to career in the trades.

An estimated 200 attended the fair. The event was open to everyone, including:

- Veterans
- Veterans' family members
- Skilled workers
- Students
- Job seekers looking for careers in the trades



The Hostess and Master of Ceremonies for the event was Nina Ridgley, Director of the HBI Transitioning Military Program. The Keynote Speaker was San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones.

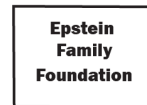


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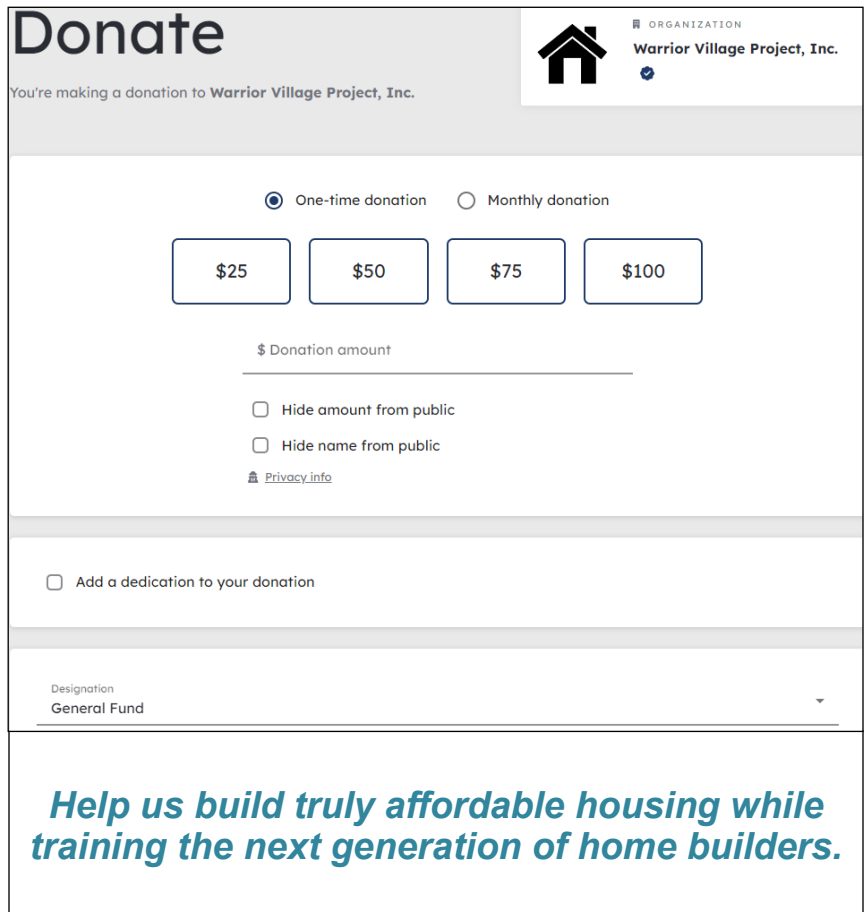
DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

The Warrior Village Project has joined the San Diego Gives 2025 Campaign. It is easy to donate to the Warrior Village Project through the [San Diego Gives online platform](#). Your donation will go to the Warrior Village Project General Fund to purchase materials to build Moveable Tiny Houses in high school construction classes in San Diego County.

The trailer foundation and building materials and consumables required for one Moveable Tiny House (MTH) cost about \$44,000. The curriculum and the inspection and certification package cost about \$6,000.

The cost of installing an MTH as an Accessory Dwelling Unit will depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$20,000 per house. Hence, we can provide a permanent, fully equipped tiny house for a homeless person for about \$70,000 per unit.

According to the [Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley \(March 2020\)](#): *"Between 2016 and 2019 the costs to develop a new affordable unit under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program have increased from \$425,000 per unit to more than \$480,000 per unit."* *"These escalating costs represent a significant challenge to a state struggling with an affordable housing crisis, and erode the impact of the increased public subsidies directed toward building new housing."* Isn't it time to build truly affordable housing?



The screenshot shows the 'Donate' page for the Warrior Village Project, Inc. The page is titled 'Donate' and includes a sub-header 'You're making a donation to Warrior Village Project, Inc.' The organization's logo, a house icon, is in the top right corner. Below the title, there are two radio buttons for 'One-time donation' (selected) and 'Monthly donation'. There are four buttons for donation amounts: '\$25', '\$50', '\$75', and '\$100'. Below these is a text input field for '\$ Donation amount'. There are two checkboxes: 'Hide amount from public' and 'Hide name from public'. A link for 'Privacy info' is also present. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Add a dedication to your donation' and a dropdown menu for 'Designation' currently set to 'General Fund'. A large blue banner at the bottom of the form reads: 'Help us build truly affordable housing while training the next generation of home builders.'



2025 Campaign

<https://sandiegogives.mightycause.com/donate/Warrior-Village-Project>

We need to raise \$80,000 to purchase materials to complete the four Moveable Tiny Houses we are building at San Marcos High School, San Pasqual High School and Rancho Buena Vista High School.

