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PROGRESS REPORT



In partnership with the [San Diego County Office of Education](#) and [Palomar College](#), the Construction Industry Education Foundation ([CIEF](#)) held its third San Diego Trades Day at Palomar College on November 13. This was 1 of 15 Trades Days held in California, Indiana, New Mexico, Texas and Oregon this year. San Diego Trades Day 2025 was a huge success, with 1,200 students registered to attend.

Industry and educational exhibitors included four [Warrior Village Project Sponsors](#): the [AGC Apprenticeship Training Program](#), [Simpson Strong-Tie](#), [Symons Fire Protection](#), and [Zack Smith Plumbing & Contracting](#). The hands on activities organized by the exhibitors made the event impactful and fun for our students. (See photos of Trades Day on page 8.)



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EVENTS

CIEF Design Build Competition
 School Commitment Form
 Due
 December 18
 (see page 9 for details)

VIP PROFILE Our Veterans

The [Veterans Association of North County](#) (VANC) hosted its 71st annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11 to honor all those who served. Highlights included the Posting of the Colors by a Navy and Marine Color Guard, the VANC Choir, Gold Star Wives, and Master of Ceremonies Daniel M. Whitley, Colonel USMC (Retired). LCDR Edwin Y. Handley CHC, USN gave the Invocation and Benediction. Eve Nasby led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. The keynote speaker was [Luis E. Fonseca Jr.](#), Hospital Corpsman First Class (Ret.) followed by an ode to America by WWII Concentration Camp Survivor, Charlette Van Steenberg.

[Veterans Day](#), originally known as Armistice Day, is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11 to honor military veterans of the [United States Armed Forces](#) (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). Veterans Day 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.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. When the armistice was signed, over 20 million people had lost their lives. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.



"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

— Jeremiah A. Denton



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, SMHS

San Marcos High School: SM #1

- Chapter 1 Trailer
- Chapter 2 Framing
- Chapter 3 Rough Plumbing
- Chapter 4 Rough Electrical
- Chapter 5 Wall Sheathing
Roofing Shear
Moisture Barrier
- Chapter 6 Roofing
- Chapter 7 Windows & Doors
- Chapter 8 Exterior
Exterior Trim
Finish
- Chapter 9 HVAC
Venting
- Chapter 10 Insulation
- Chapter 11 Interior Wall
Ceiling Covering
- Chapter 12 Interior Cabinetry
Installations
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- Chapter 13 Interior Trim Finish
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- Chapter 15 Finish Hardware
Touch-ups
- Chapter 16 Health & Safety
Final Testing
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Submission

Our November build days were interrupted by a 2-day Veterans Day holiday, a week off for Thanksgiving, a day spent at [Trades Day](#) at Palomar College, and waves of rain. However, when our student teams were at work they were firing on all cylinders. After finishing the plumbing for the Drain-Waste-Vent system on our SM #1 tiny house, our students started installing insulation.



Some teams finished building their potting benches, while others started framing the floors for sheds that they are building in training for the Design Build Competition.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, SMHS

San Marcos High School: SM #2

- Chapter 1 Trailer
- Chapter 2 Framing
- Chapter 3 Rough Plumbing
- Chapter 4 Rough Electrical
- Chapter 5 Wall Sheathing
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This month, Michael McSweeney, CTE Coordinator for the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#), supervised three teams of students installing exterior siding on our SM #2 tiny house. Our students found it challenging to correctly measure and cut the triangular shaped pieces of the lap siding and sheet siding for the tops of the end walls where the roof slopes upward at a 3:12 pitch. But they got the job done, after a lot of trial and error. Making mistakes is part of the learning process; they learned a lot on this house!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, SMHS



After completing the Drain-Waste-Vent plumbing on tiny house SM #1, our 2-man plumbing team moved on to replicate their plumbing work on SM #2 and to mentor additions to the plumbing team.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, RBVHS

Rancho Buena Vista High School: RBV #1

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Michael McSweeney, CTE Coordinator for the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#), comes to RBV every Thursday to work with two back-to-back classes of students. He assigns tasks to small groups of students and then shuffles between the two houses they are building to instruct our students and supervise their work.

This month our students worked to complete the blocking and sheathing installation for the roof of RBV #1. They also installed a drop ceiling in the bathroom and a vent duct for the exhaust fan.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE, RBVHS

Rancho Buena Vista High School: SP #1

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Two of our students, who are interested in becoming electricians, benefitted from a lot of one-on-one time working with Michael McSweeney, CTE Coordinator for the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#), to complete the rough electrical installation on SP #1.

Students built and installed a drop ceiling in the bathroom and other students worked on a punch list of items to get SP #1 ready for a virtual inspection of the Framing and Rough Electrical.



PARTNERS

Construction Industry Education Foundation (CIEF) San Diego Trades Day, 13 November 2025



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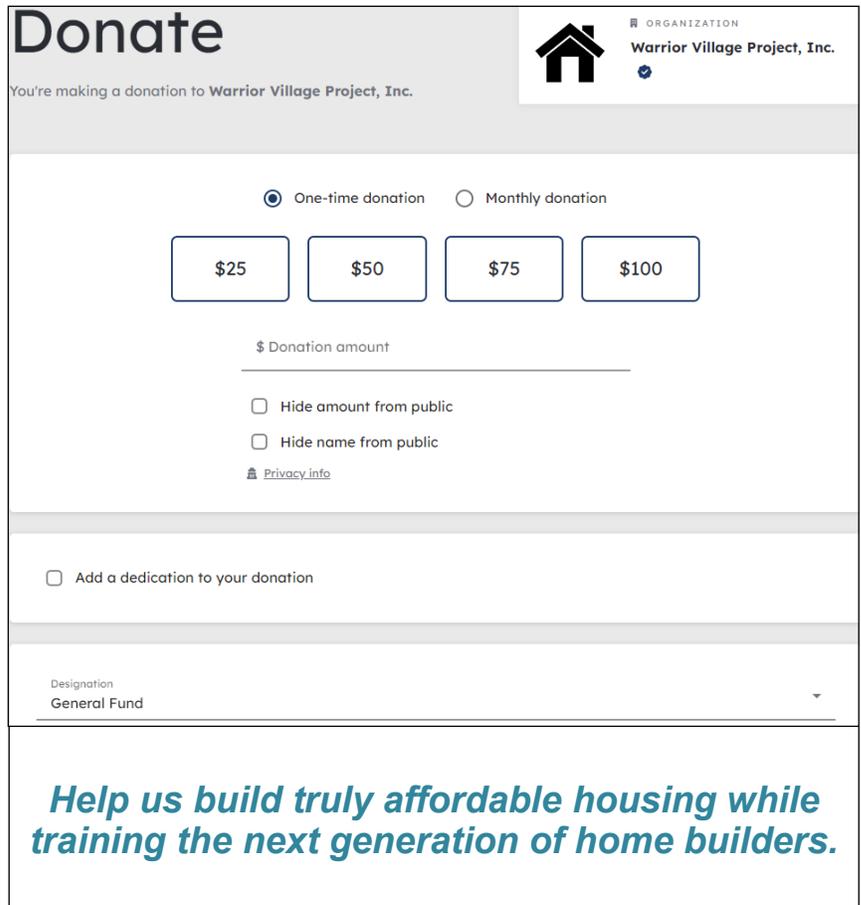
DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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?



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2025 Campaign

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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.

