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# CO-FOUNDER'S CORNER



**John Gallina**  
Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder

### Greetings, Purple Heart Homes family!

Spring has now sprung into summer; graduations are here and new chapters are starting for us all. Over the past several months our PHH family has continued to grow and experience change as well. Since our last newsletter we have added some new team members, been through some scares with illnesses and surgery and of course had some great laughs while making lifelong memories. We choose this work and this mission not for glory or fame but rather as a

calling, our life's purpose if you will, to make a difference in someone else's life. Sharing in the gratefulness that we have to live in this free nation we call America, home of the brave.

Purple Heart Homes continues to focus on the housing needs of our aging veterans, the needs of the older and often forgotten veterans of wars and times past. These are the men and women who served 30 to 75 years ago. Men and women who often look just like every other elder or senior citizen in your community. However they served at a pivotal time, a time when our nation was in need; now it's our turn to serve them in their time of need. I can't help but think about veterans like Corky, a Vietnam veteran living in NC, who came home feeling whole and lucky to get out alive much less with all his limbs. Then some 40 plus years later he was in an automobile accident and he injured his leg. Doesn't seem like a big deal but that's when Corky started feeling the effects of Agent Orange. The impacts of the bodies ability to heal itself and ultimately Corky lost his leg. This has become such a common issue that the VA, over the last few years, has opened up various grants and support programs to assist these veterans. Unfortunately not every veteran enrolled in the VA, many not feeling welcomed simply stayed away from any government support programs. PHH along with other community partners works to connect local volunteers, businesses, and VA to maximize these benefits and provide the home modifications and support needed for all veterans. When a disabled veteran falls outside the VA qualifications PHH steps in to help. Just because they are not missing a limb does not mean that their service was not valued. We have many like Stewart and Jennie who struggle with the effects of post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury. They are simply trying to find a quite place to raise their family. A place where they can call home, the place they dreamt of while deployed. Ultimately that is what we all want.

Our team is diligently working day in and day out to identify, connect, and support with as many veterans as we can. Each month we are increasing the number of veterans served through the support and partnerships with in communities around the country. With out any doubt there are Corkys and Stewarts living right next to you. If your reading this newsletter for the first time I encourage you to check out our website, [www.phhusa.org](http://www.phhusa.org) to learn more and find a way for you to be involved in changing someone's life for good.

**If you're a past supporter, volunteer or donor we thank you for empowering us to do this great work. It truly takes a village, we're all in this crazy cycle called life together. Speaking for myself, it's comforting to know I have friends and neighbors who care.**

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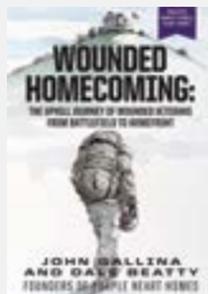
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# VETERANS AGING IN PLACE PROGRAM

The advent of spring and summer brings a significant uptick in the Purple Heart Homes scope of operations. The beginning of warmer weather and longer daylight hours provides PHH, contractors, and volunteers greater opportunities in completing many desired projects for qualified Veterans. One VAIP project recently completed during the month of June involves MSG (Ret) Frederick "Lance" Hubel.

For Lance, who was wounded twice in Vietnam, his health has not been the best due to the beginning stages of Parkinson's Disease. Because he is in a wheelchair his request was to have a ramp, bathroom remodel, and three doors widened within his home. In December of 2018, PHH and employee volunteers from The Home Depot store in Hickory, NC were able to complete his ADA compatible ramp. For the final portion of Lance's project, the bathroom remodel and door widening began in May and were completed in June. The primary order of this project involved removing the old fiberglass shower and enhancing the accessibility for Lance by providing an ADA shower with tile and safety handrails. The contractor, Daniel Ludlow, owner of Turn Key Solutions,



traveled nearly two hours one way to complete this project and we are so grateful for his hard work and dedication.

Purple Heart Homes is honored to be able to provide home remodeling solutions through our generous donors and volunteers in order to provide a substantial improvement in Lance's life.

## HELLO HEARTS OF HONOR CLUB MEMBERS!

Thank you for your continued support!

Your monthly gift allows us to plan for how many projects we can afford to complete each quarter, and thanks to you, our construction team has been busy! They are building ramps, repairing roofs, installing new floors, and the many other needs for our country's Disabled Veterans.



We receive requests every day from Veterans who are in desperate need of our help and it is our desire to assist them all. Therefore, we continue to need your help to spread the word to family and friends about Purple Heart Homes and our mission to provide specialized housing solutions for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans. Please encourage everyone you know to join Hearts of Honor!

## Not a member yet?

Becoming a Hearts of Honor member is easy!  
Just visit: [www.phhusa.org/donate](http://www.phhusa.org/donate)

Hearts of Honor Club is comprised of donors who make a contribution of \$10 or more each month. This club helps to ensure the long-term success of Purple Heart Homes and allows us to complete more Veteran projects each year.

If you have questions or would like to join, please contact Tammy Pate at [tpate@phhusa.org](mailto:tpate@phhusa.org) or 704-818-0658.



**MAY 18, 2019**

# INAUGURAL PURPLE HEART HOMES FAMILY DAY

On May 18, the inaugural Purple Heart Homes Family Day took place at our corporate office in Statesville, North Carolina. This year's event focused on Remembering Dale Beatty, our late co-founder who passed away suddenly on February 12, 2018. We wanted to focus the day around things that Dale loved in life: good food, good music, and loving and supporting our community.

We began the day by building Victory Garden Boxes with volunteers from The Home Depot. The boxes are raised garden beds which are made of beautiful cedar and branded with Dale's likeness. The boxes were available for purchase to take home as well and built for our community garden. Dale and

his father – who passed away in October 2018 – were avid gardeners and loved to share their harvests with friends and neighbors. It is in that spirit we are hoping to grow vegetables in our Patriot Victory Garden to share with the community.

At noon we transitioned into the rest of the day's festivities including a kid's zone with several bounce houses and other inflatables as well as visits from Moana, Jasmine, and Captain America. Live music lasted all day and included performances by Rockie Lynne, Jewel's Harp, Outlaw 21, Down the Mountain, and Maddie Rose Lippard. We had some amazing food trucks and vendors serving everything from burgers to fish and shaved ice to cotton candy. Military, Police, and Fire vehicles were on display for everyone to explore and learn about. Big Oh! Balloons were also here giving out tethered hot air balloon rides.

This wonderful event was completely free to enter and enjoy by the public but would not have been possible without the generous support of our amazing sponsors and local supporters. Those include: The Home Depot, Bank of America, McDonald's of Iredell County, Cooke Rentals, Iredell County Rescue, First Responders Support Services, Statesville Police Department, WSIC radio, Wastequip, Armed Forces Financial Network, and Piedmont Plants.

We are already planning next year's event, so make plans to come out and enjoy this fun-filled day with us!



# What's New in our Chapters across the country...

We are pleased to announce the development of a new chapter model, Purple Heart Homes - Community Development Partnership, Central Florida. This is a model that came from our relationship with Lakeland Habitat for Humanity located in Central Florida. Lakeland Habitat for Humanity has a long relationship serving the Veterans of Polk County Florida and was looking for ways to expand their service beyond the limitations of the Habitat model.

Claire Twomey (Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity) identified prospective board members and board president Geoff Shultz, an Air Force Veteran, to take the lead in developing the capacity to serve more veterans. In the coming year we will be partnering with them to develop our first veteran community and look forward to expanding our repair program to central Florida. As the partnership develops, we will provide updates on the progress.



# THE CONSTRUCTION ZONE

with **BRAD BORDERS**

Vice President of Program Services



I can't say enough how much I love teams. I was on teams in high school playing football, in the Army with like-minded folks defending the nation, and my wife and kids are a team too. I get the privilege of serving on the Purple Heart Homes team as well. The staff here is amazing! The old saying that many hands make light work is absolutely true.

Every day the Purple Heart Homes team tackles complex problems that Veterans bring to us. We get multiple applications every day and each one of those applications represents a story of a Veteran who served this great nation. We have learned that we need a bigger team to meet these needs, so this year we launched a program services initiative to actively connect with other like-minded folks to apply more hands to make light work.

We are working with Habitat for Humanity to serve Veterans in 10 locations – and that is just the beginning! We are partnering with the Gary Sinise Foundation and the Navy SEALs Fund in Pensacola, Florida to help a Navy SEAL who has a terminal illness. His home was almost completely destroyed by Hurricane Michael and his dying wish is that his home be restored for his family. What a solemn honor it is for us to be able to assist in making his dream come true! With our team here at HQ and our many partners throughout the nation – and growing – we literally are improving Veterans' lives, one home at a time. Team work really does make the dream work. Thank you for helping us do that!

**WHAT WE'VE  
BEEN UP TO  
SUMMER 2019**

**APPLICATION  
PIPELINE**

**562 Requested    68 Active**

## CURRENT PROJECTS

**Lawrence Grandberry, Sr.** • Charlotte • NC  
**Donald Boulware** • Chester • SC  
**Bryant Livingston** • Vinton • VA  
**Joshua Hoffman** • Springboro • OH  
**Jay Lystell** • Harmony • NC  
**David Parker** • Mooresville • NC  
**Michael Baney** • Mulkeytown • IL

## CHAPTER PROJECTS

**Tim Housewart** • Colorado Front Range  
**James Lampley** • Golden Corner SC  
**Harold Greene** • High Country NC  
**Paul Basal** • Metro Atlanta  
**Kenneth Gibbons** • Piedmont NC  
**Joseph Ezell** • Upstate SC  
**Heidi Altgilbers** • West Michigan



In August 2015, Marty Brecht came to Statesville, NC, to look at and price for his cleaning services, what he thought was an apartment complex, he happened into the then offices of Purple Heart Homes. Upon learning about the organization and its mission and meeting the founders and staff, he knew he wanted to be involved and offered his company's services. Mr. Brecht owns Buildingstars of Charlotte, a comprehensive cleaning service that focuses on corporate, financial, healthcare, industrial, and educational facilities. Buildingstars of Charlotte was founded in October 2011, serves 275 customers in 7 counties around the Charlotte, North Carolina area. In 2018 they were ranked #3,311 on Inc. Magazine's 5000 fastest growing companies list.

After a 40-year career in the corporate world in many industries, Marty wanted to settle in Charlotte and serve his new community. He then set about his next endeavor and upon establishment of Buildingstars, issued the edict that his company would choose at least one nonprofit organization for which his services would be provided at no cost. We are so happy and honored to have Mr. Brecht and Buildingstars of Charlotte as part of the Purple Heart Homes Family. Relationships and support like this are what allow us to help our service-connected disabled Veterans in need.

For more information on Buildingstars of Charlotte, please visit their website [www.buildingstars.com](http://www.buildingstars.com).

**Thank you, Marty Brecht and Buildingstars of Charlotte for believing in us!**

**We cannot do what we do without you!**  
 THANK YOU, SPONSORS!



Because of support from these generous donors, and people like you, we have officially assisted 500 Veterans. By renovating their current home, they can live with dignity and independence they deserve.

Together we are Improving Veterans' Lives One Home at a Time.

**No one has become poor by giving.**

- Anne Frank



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OF A VETERAN

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## VOLUNTEER WITH US! CHANGE A LIFE ...

The life you change may be your own!  
We make the process simple, just give us a call.



Does your company participate in volunteer opportunities? Purple Heart Homes' Volunteer Coordinator, Rob Harrell, has lead mission teams for 16 years and says, "There is something about volunteering that changes your life." At Purple Heart Homes, volunteers are the backbone of our organization! We see time and again that when a community comes together to volunteer on a Veteran's project not only does it give them a sense of pride, but the Veteran feels a true sense of belonging.

Many businesses and corporations organize volunteer days with Purple Heart Homes as a team building exercise. When employees volunteer, not only are they building unity, but they are working together for a larger purpose. Volunteers gain a better perspective of goals, creative thinking, and build leadership skills.

Having a corporate volunteer day with us is easy to organize! Simply contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [rharrell@phusa.org](mailto:rharrell@phusa.org) and let him know you are interested. He will gather information on location, team size, and skill level and get you set up.

We look forward to seeing you on our next project!