

## Home For Our Troops Ceremony

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Last weekend, Ardis and I attended a lovely dedication ceremony sponsored by Home For Our Troops (HFOT). This is the national charity to which we dedicated all proceeds from my book sales with the support of Union Church.

It took place in Wolfeboro, NH at the Kingwood Arts Center, a beautiful facility in the lake Winnepesaukee area. At that ceremony, HFOT announced the gifting of a new home to Corporal Paul Hedge and Hannah in nearby Tuftonboro (pop. 2400). Paul is a veteran of combat in Afghanistan in 2012 where he was severely wounded in a firefight. He was shot in both legs and had shrapnel injuries to his upper and lower body, tinnitus and traumatic brain injury as a result.

A specially adapted home for his handicaps will be built this year. We met Paul and Hannah, who are a delightful couple. They will both be great contributors to this community and were very grateful for this incredible gift. This home will help alleviate the difficulty of trying to live in a regular house. Paul and Hannah currently live in an apartment with many stairs in Fort Collins, CO., making his life very difficult and painful. This new custom built house, handicap adapted, will give Paul total accessibility to everything. Helping him lead a more normal life free from difficult to navigate stairs, doors, kitchen and bathroom facilities.

All costs for this new home are covered by donations from people like this church community. No corporate, federal or state funds are solicited. 90% of all donations are dedicated to helping veterans. Once awarded this gift, the recipients get to choose the place where they would like it to be located. HFOT takes it from there and makes their dream come true at no cost to them.

HFOT has now built 419 homes since its inception in 2004 for veterans across 47 states. This includes 7 in New England, one in Kennebunk (SSgt. Kevin Campbell). They build 20-25 homes nationwide per year.

With Union Church support, all proceeds from the sale of my book have been donated to this incredible cause and charity. It was Ardis and my pleasure to represent you and all donors at this special occasion.

We are very grateful, Thank you,

Don and Ardis

\$20.00 suggested price.

ALL of it donated to

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