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'Homes For Our Troops' To Kick Off Building Home For Injured Marine In Wind Gap, Pa.

By Teresa Verity

WIND GAP, Penn. – The national nonprofit organization, Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) will kick off the building of a specially adapted home for Marine Corporal Dan Lasko on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022. Cpl Lasko was injured while serving in Afghanistan.

The Community Kickoff event signifies the start of the build process and will introduce Cpl Lasko to the community. The event will be held at House on the Rock Family Church, 1336 Jacobsburg Rd, Wind Gap, PA 18091 at 10 a.m. (Check-in at 9:30 a.m.) The public is welcome to attend.

On April 24, 2004, Cpl Lasko and his unit were on a recon mission when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated as his vehicle drove through a pass in Tarin Kowt. Dan lost his left leg below the knee, and sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and other injuries.

The home being built for Cpl Lasko will feature more than 40 major special adaptations such as widened doorways for wheelchair access, a roll-in shower, and kitchen amenities that include pull-down shelving and lowered countertops. The home will also alleviate the mobility and safety issues associated with a traditional home, including navigating a wheelchair through narrow hallways or over thresholds, or reaching for cabinets that are too high.

HFOT has built over 340 homes since the organization's inception in 2004. Homes For Our Troops relies on contributions from donors, supporters, and corporate partners for the building of each Veteran's home. Community members may hold fundraisers or make donations. To find out more on how to get involved or make a donation visit www.hfotusa.org. Read more about Cpl Lasko and watch his video at www.hfotusa.org/lasko.



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2022 Suicide Prevention Awards



By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - On September 27, 2022, County Executive Lamont McClure and Director of Human Services (DHS) Susan Wandalowski held a press conference to honor County residents who have actively participated in Suicide Prevention in the last year.

Three certified QPR trainers were recognized: Chelsea Jones, Jacki Hudak and Thomas Herstich. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer. QPR trainers learn the warning signs of potential suicidal behavior and help those at risk.

The organizers of the Warm Handoff program were also acknowledged for their efforts in suicide prevention. Tiffany Crush, Administrator of the County's Mental Health Division, and Edward Norris, MD, Shawn Coyle and Scott Racine from LVHN.

The Warm Handoff program serves survivors of suicide attempts who are inpatients in the behavioral health unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital—Muhlenberg (LVHN-Muhlenberg). Upon discharge, Northampton County residents have the opportunity to be assigned a caseworker who will provide

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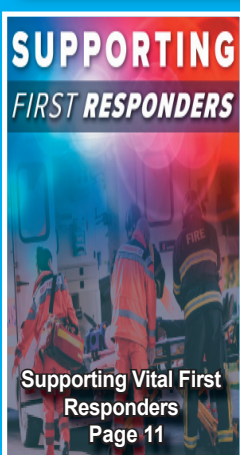
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