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### **Habitat for Humanity Coachella Valley, with Palm Desert and Home Depot Foundation, to Build Two Veterans Homes**

Palm Desert, August 18, 2015...Habitat for Humanity Coachella Valley (HFHCV) and its partners, the City of Palm Desert and The Home Depot has broken ground on 2 new, affordable homes on lots donated by the city for veterans and their families. The houses will be sold at no profit, with a small down payment and zero-interest mortgage. One of the homes will be ADA compliant for a wounded veteran and his/her family. If you are interested in applying for one of the veteran homes being built in Palm Desert, or if you know of a veteran who may be interested, please call Habitat for Humanity Coachella Valley, (760) 969-6917.

#### Statistics:

- Nearly 4 million veteran households pay more than 30 percent of income for housing.
- More than 1.5 million of these households pay more than 50 percent of income for housing (severe cost burden).
- Nearly 1 million veterans who own homes are severely cost burdened, despite having access to VA loans and other assistance.
- A substantial subset of veterans struggles economically. Approximately 1.4 million veterans (6.7 percent) live in poverty.

Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operating on Christian principles, which seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley has been in the desert 26 years and has built homes in seven desert cities. We serve a broad spectrum of the valley and are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. As an organization, it is proud to support and honor, along with its partners, current and former military service members who have given so much to protect and serve this country.

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