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**WESTIN HOMES AND MORNINGSTAR TO JOIN
HELPINGAHERO.ORG TO OPEN NOMINATIONS
FOR HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE HOME FOR A WOUNDED WARRIOR
WHO SERVED IN POST 9-11 GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR**

WHEN: Monday, October 23, 2017
10:00am

WHERE: Westin Home Model Home
MorningStar Community

(Located on the north side of Hwy 29 on the new Kauffman Loop. Follow Flags and Signs to the Westin Model home once inside the community)

WHO: SSgt (Ret) Daniel Gilyeat, USMC—Helping a Hero Home Recipient
John Marlin—MorningStar Community, CEO, MA Partners
Josh Peterson-- Westin Homes
Kelly Raley—Executive Director, HelpingaHero.org

WHY: To inform Texas citizens and members of the military of the opportunity to nominate a wounded warrior injured in Iraq or Afghanistan for a custom adapted home tailored to their needs (subject to HelpingaHero.org Home Recipient Rules requiring residency of 10 years, a \$50,000 mortgage and use of SAH grant).

HelpingaHero.org will open nominations for a Georgetown, Texas home to be awarded to a wounded warrior injured during his/her service in the post 9-11 Global War on Terror. The nomination form is available at helpingahero.org and click on Nominate a Wounded Hero. Nominations will be open through November 30, 2017.

The home will be built by Westin Homes in the MorningStar Community in Georgetown, Texas. SSgt Daniel Gilyeat, USMC (Ret) who received his Helping a Hero home as the result of being nominated by a fellow wounded warrior's spouse will post the first poster opening the nominations for this special MorningStar Home Project. Helping a Hero, MorningStar and Westin Homes are excited to join together to say "Thank you for your service" in a tangible way to one of our injured military veterans who sacrificed so much for our freedom. We are counting on the community to help us locate a brave and deserving wounded veteran who was injured while serving his country in the post 9-11 conflict.

Congressman John Carter (TX-31), "America's wounded veterans have made a tremendous sacrifice on behalf of our nation. Returning from battle to a home that cannot effectively address their needs can make the transition even more difficult. I encourage every Texan that knows a deserving wounded warrior injured in Iraq or Afghanistan to participate in the nomination process, so that our wounded veterans have a safe place to call home."

HelpingaHero.org; 8564 Katy Freeway, Ste 134; Houston, Texas 77024 888-786-9531

Wheelchair bound heroes (amputees, quadriplegics, paraplegics and those who suffer from severe TBI) need homes with wider hallways and doors, adapted showers and toilets, roll under sinks, flush thresholds and other safety features to enable the hero to be as independent as possible. Burn victims require added air filtration, and often multiple air conditioners to insure the hero can keep his/her bedroom or office at 68 degrees year-round. Once the hero is selected for this MorningStar home, the home design will be finalized to insure the special needs of the selected wounded warrior are addressed to restore their independence within the budget constraints of the project.

MorningStar has generously donated the beautiful oversized 70 foot corner lot which provides a peaceful cul de sac for the selected veteran to rebuild their life and have a supportive community behind them.

Live like a star at MorningStar. Located on the north side of Hwy 29 on the new Kauffman Loop, MorningStar offers convenient access to a variety of Austin's commuter routes and major employment hubs. At MorningStar residents can have it all—Liberty Hill ISD schools, a robust amenity complex with event pavilion, kids playground, oversized swimming pool and kids splash pad, miles of hiking and biking trails, and a ±1-acre dog park. At MorningStar buyers can choose from premier home sites overlooking hillside beauty and five different award-winning home builders from the \$230s.

Since its first home in 1994, Westin Homes' passionate focus has always been centered around customer satisfaction, architectural design and an unparalleled attention to detail. Westin Homes is excited to partner with Helping a Hero and the MorningStar community to build a beautiful, comfortable, and timeless home for a veteran. The Holland is a new plan for Westin that showcases our signature rotunda, open living area, spacious kitchen, and large outdoor patio. It is over 2,900 sq feet and has four bedrooms and three bathrooms. Westin Homes is proud to have the opportunity to build the future home of a well deserving hero.

Houston based, Helping a Hero is a 501(c)(3) non profit, non-partisan organization providing support for military personnel, severely injured in the war on terror. Our principal activity is to provide specially adapted homes for qualifying service members as well as engaging the community to provide services and resources for our wounded heroes and their families. Thanks to the **HelpingaHero.org Home Program**, 100 severely wounded heroes from 22 states have been awarded a custom adapted home tailored to restore their independence. HelpingaHero.org is the top five national 501(c)(3) organizations building homes for our severely wounded heroes in the nation.

For more information on the HelpingaHero.org's Home Program, visit the website at www.helpingahero.org. Friend us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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