



## Press Release

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### *Cheldan Homes builds its smallest home for a big benefit*

## **Wounded veterans' housing gets a boost from Operation Forever Freedom playhouse raffle**

(Fort Worth, TX – Jan. 31, 2008) — Wounded veterans returning from the Iraqi War are candidates to receive assistance through a children's playhouse project engineered by a D/FW developer and a Fort Worth builder.

Operation Forever Freedom (OFF), a visionary program to help returning veterans with housing and transportation, is the brainchild of Centurion American Development's founder/CEO Mehrdad Moayed.

Fort Worth-based Cheldan Homes and its founder Joey Goss agreed to build the company's smallest-ever home – a sophisticated two-room playhouse – as part of a fund-raising program for Operation Forever Freedom. Proceeds from raffle tickets are used by Operation Forever Free for a wide range of products and services needed by injured veterans.

In late January the winning raffle ticket was drawn, and five-year-old Ally Ramsey, daughter of James and Michelle Ramsey of Colleyville, became the excited owner of a new home. Ms. Ramsey purchased the ticket from Jeff Daniel at Clear Channel Outdoor through Centurion American.

Quote from Michelle Ramsey "Ally, along with her little brother Six Ramsey will be sharing the new home.

"Most of the homes we build range from about 1,800 to 3,000 square feet," says Mr. Goss. "The playhouse has 12 square feet, but we hope that small space and the funds it raised will have a much bigger impact than even we can imagine."

Officials from Cheldan Homes and Centurion American will formally present the playhouse to the Ramsey family at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Sendera Ranch, a Centurion American Development where Cheldan is a major builder partner. (Sendera Ranch is located a few miles east down Willow Springs Rd off Avondale Haslet in far north Fort Worth just west of Interstate 35.)

"Cheldan Homes donated the architectural plan, the construction work and the finish out for this terrific project," says Brad Biber, assistant vice president/CFO of Centurion American Development. "We've partnered with them in many successful residential programs in communities throughout the metroplex, so working with them on this great charity program was a natural."

Funds from the playhouse raffle will be used to provide home retrofitting and new homes for veterans and their families, and for special transportation needs for disabled vets, Mr. Biber says.

“Thousands of troops are coming back from the Middle East, and many need help as they adjust to life with disabilities at home and within the community,” says Mr. Moayed. “Operation Forever Freedom is dedicated to making that transition as comfortable as possible.”

Since its beginning in 2005, Operation Forever Freedom has raised more than \$200,000 to help wounded veterans. So far, its biggest project was construction of a new, accessible home for a critically wounded Iraqi veteran, which drew attention in 2005. .

Air Force Sgt. Charles “Eric” Richardson, a Dallas Police Department officer, was called to duty after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America. While serving with the 610<sup>th</sup> Security Forces in Iraq, he suffered permanent, critical nerve damage to his feet and legs in an explosion in the field.

“The team at Operation Forever Freedom stepped in and constructed a new home for the Richardson family in Saginaw, Texas,” says Mr. Biber. “Partners in that project included vendors and sub-contractors with whom we regularly work. More than 50 volunteered elements of the home, including labor and other services were used to help the Richardson family.”

In April Centurion American and OFF will sponsor a golf tournament fund raiser at The Resort Golf Club at The Resort at Eagle Mountain.

For more information on Operation Forever Freedom, contact Mr. Biber at 817-391-2500 or visit [www.operationforeverfreedom.com](http://www.operationforeverfreedom.com).

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