Why the Veterans Village?

- According to Veterans Affairs 1.6 million veterans live in Florida; 45,000 reside in Lake and Sumter Counties.
- Transitioning from the service to civilian life isn’t easy. A safe, affordable home assists in the transition not only financially, but mentally, providing our veterans with a peace of mind. A home is where we feel safe, where we connect with our families, and where we establish ourselves within our community. Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter believes that our veterans deserve a place to call home. The community approach allows a special camaraderie and unique shared experience amongst all the residents, whether fresh out of the military or long time Veterans, allowing for an increased system of support.

What is the Veterans Village?

- A 13 home planned unit development located in Umatilla, Florida. Designed as a Florida cottage “pocket community”, the village will have an old-time feel, where front porch sitting and knowing your neighbors is encouraged. The location is beautifully situated on Lake Enola, with walkable access to downtown and near the local bus line.
- The Veterans Village is a collaborative project that not only provides access and opportunity to affordable housing, but offers wrap-around services to the residents within the neighborhood. Habitat for Humanity of Lake-Sumter has partnered with local Veteran organizations to provide our Veterans with services such as resume assistance, job hunting, education enrollment, navigating the VA, and many more.

Who is Eligible?

- Veterans, active military, and spouses of those who have served that fall within the economic threshold for affordable to workforce housing with the ability to pay an affordable mortgage.

GET INVOLVED in your community

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What Will the Veterans Village Cost?

Total Anticipated Cost = $2,300,000

For 13 Veteran homes and a beautiful community park and pavilion.

Ways You Can Help

- **Sponsor a House**
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- **Purchase a Commemorative Brick or Bench**
  With several pocket parks and green space, purchasing an engraved brick or bench is a great way to contribute to the beauty of the neighborhood. Proceeds go directly into funding development of the neighborhood.

- **Donate**
  A donation at any level will help us further the project and get our Veterans into new homes. You can give a one-time gift or join our Veterans Circle, a group of donors who have made a commitment to contribute on a monthly or annual basis.

- **Volunteer**
  Whether as an individual or a Team Build, we will need plenty of volunteers to help us build and prepare the neighborhood. The homes will most likely be built in phases over three years, lending plenty of opportunity to be involved.

- **Advocate**
  Spread the word about the project and connect us with people who want to be a part of it!

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