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Wounded Veterans, Air Force Team with Habitat for Humanity on Neighborhood Beautification

LOUISVILLE, KY – On August 31 wounded veterans and their caregivers from the Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) joined with a team of local Air Force recruiters and future airmen to focus on neighborhood safety and beautification through a street clean-up project.

America's warriors have demonstrated time and time again that they give back to their country and communities. Their sacrifices while serving in the military are proof of this, but it was also apparent at today's Habitat for Humanity project in the Smoketown/Shelby Park neighborhoods.

The group cleared out brush and fence rows, trimmed trees, picked up trash and completed other light exterior clean-up work. The gathering gave injured service members and the soon to be deployed Air Force team the opportunity to create shared experiences and bond through giving back to the community.

"It is an honor to partner with these soldiers to help create a safer, healthier environment for area families", said Rob Locke, chief executive office for Habitat for Humanity. "These men and woman are an inspiration. They continue to give to the community even after doing so much for their country."

Habitat has a long and strong relationship with the Smoketown/Shelby Park neighborhoods having built or rehabbed over 59 houses in the area. This particular event focused on the alleyways around the 1000 Block of Hancock where Habitat is currently partnering on four new house builds.

In recognition of their service to our country and the community, Raising Canes Chicken Fingers on Bardstown Road hosted the group for lunch.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville was founded in 1985 by a group of people concerned with the lack of affordable housing in Louisville. In 1986, a house in need of renovation was donated and the group began its first project. It took the consortium of volunteers, primarily from the faith community in Louisville, two years to complete the first project. Since then, Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated over 450 homes in Louisville and Oldham County.

Through volunteer labor and the donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and renovates simple, decent houses for people who make between 30%-80% of the area's median income. All partner families must be employed and meet credit guidelines in order to qualify. In addition to a down payment and a monthly mortgage, they are required to invest 400 hours of sweat equity in their home and in the homes of other partner families. Houses are sold at no profit with a zero interest, 20-year loan. We currently have a foreclosure rate of just under two percent, and continue to work with all of our families to ensure success. For more information, visit www.louisvillehabitat.org.

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