

## Quail Homes

Quail Homes believes in giving back to our schools and community. We have been building homes in Clark County for more than 18 years. We plan our time and resources on giving back to the community. We believe in our youth and support our schools and sports programs. It's just our small way to give back to areas of need. The following are some examples of our fund raising programs and whom they benefit:

Each year we host a charity golf tournament to raise money for local youth sports programs. Last year, proceeds helped improve the baseball fields and build a score tower for Fort Vancouver High School & Central Vancouver Little League. Our goal for next year is to build a batting cage facility to benefit both the high school and little league programs.

On every closing of a Quail home at our Granite Highlands community in Washougal, \$100.00 is donated to the Washougal Schools Foundation. On every closing at our Quail Crossing community in Fishers Landing, \$100.00 will be donated to the Evergreen Schools Foundation. These proceeds help fund projects that will enhance and expand the educational environment of all schools in the District and provide a long term benefit to the educational environment, communities and neighborhoods where we are building homes.

Quail also played a role in the completion of the Vancouver School District GATE House, which opened its doors this Fall. The GATE program unlocks doors for 18-21 year olds with developmental disabilities, teaching them skills for everyday living, how to be productive in the work place and to become active community members.

The GATE "House" began as a dream to provide the first permanent location for the GATE Program. Quail Homes thanks all of the volunteers, local businesses,



Front row: Mayor Royce Pollard with Luke Plunkett; Back row: Jon Girod and Bob Walton, Quail Homes.

subcontractors and suppliers for their generous donations helping us to make this dream a reality for these students.

Another project Quail has recently jumped in to help with is a renovation of the condemned home of 82-year-old World War II Veteran Luke Plunkett who landed in France on D-Day.

Plunkett's dilapidated 900-square-foot house had become a human litter box, a haven for mice and rats, squirrels and mold. The house was filled with dirt and boxes of junk. It had a failing roof, raw electric wires, collapsed plumbing and a furnace spewing toxic fumes.

But instead of simply condemning the house

and putting Plunkett out in the street, Vancouver Code Enforcement Supervisor Richard Landis sought help from the community. He got it. Television and newspaper stories brought an initial burst of enthusiasm by volunteers who cleaned up and cleared out the place and moved Plunkett, 82, into an RV. But the project lagged because too few skilled volunteers could be found to handle the technicalities of wiring, plumbing and building walls.

Jon Girod bought Plunkett's house and organized mostly volunteer crews to help finish the renovation. Plunkett will be allowed to live in the house at a rent of \$350 a month for the rest of his life. Once Plunkett no longer needs the house, the house will become an asset to support Vancouver youth sports programs, Girod said.

"The biggest story here is this is a World War II vet who wanted to live in his home, and a lot of people are rallying to make that happen," Girod said.

"What I did isn't the story," said Girod. "It's amazing how people stepped up for this. There is patriotism and the people's willingness to help a guy like that. That's the story." Our goal is to have Luke in his new home for Thanksgiving" (which, in fact, did happen). ■



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