

Family of fallen Locust Grove police officer to - Cherokee Tribune (Canton, GA) - March 7, 2019

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Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity, a Habitat for Humanity affiliate, has rallied community partners in an effort to make the home of fallen Locust Grove Police Officer, Chase Maddox, more accessible for his son.

Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity will partner with Team Depot on March 15th to construct an accessibility ramp for Bradin Maddox, who has cerebral palsy which limits his mobility. Building the ramp is the first step in Southern Crescent's extensive plan to make the Maddox home accessible for Bradin and those who care for him.

Officer Maddox died in February of 2018. The incident happened on St. Frances Court at about 11 a.m. when Henry County Sheriff's deputies Michael D. Corley and Ralph Sidwell "Sid" Callaway and Locust Grove police officer Chase Maddox attempted to serve an arrest warrant on suspect **Tierre Guthrie** who was also shot and killed. Maddox, 26, died after a fight ensued and shots were fired at the scene.

Officer Maddox, a McDonough native, was a veteran of the National Guard. Just four days after the fatal incident, his widow, Alex Maddox, gave birth to the couple's second son, Bodie.

"In the midst of this tragedy, we hoped that in some meaningful way we could help the family. Gratefully, Team Depot has stepped in to fund a portion of the project to make this home barrier-free for Bradin. We hope to receive additional funds to complete the needed accessible ramps, bathroom modifications, and chairlift. We serve veteran-families and seniors who need these kinds of home repair every day. We know that the community will help us meet this needs of this family and others in South Metro Atlanta," said Southern Crescent CEO Cynthia Jenkins.

Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate-led volunteer program, contributed \$10k in gift cards to jumpstart the project followed by another \$10k from the Home Depot Foundation. Employees from various Home Depot stores will join Southern Crescent staff and other volunteers on the morning of Friday, March 15th at the Maddox residence in Griffin, GA. Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity hopes to rally additional community partners to complete other renovations in the home.

For more information on how to help Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity with the Chase Maddox project or other families, please e-mail development@schabitat.org or donate to the GoFundMe at www.gofundme.com/thechasemaddoxproject.