



# Foundations

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## Home Sweet Home



YOUR SUPPORT ENABLES VETERANS TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES



# Top 10 FUNdraisers of 2022

Congratulations on raising over **ONE MILLION DOLLARS!**



**International Union of  
Operating Engineers  
Local 49 Golf Tournament**

**\$292,047**

Location: MN  
Years Fundraised: 1



**Cody Pool's 11th Annual  
CodyShack Golf  
Tournament:**

**\$108,045**

Location: TX  
Years Fundraised: 1



**Teamsters Local 120  
Picnic & Golf**

**\$269,591**

Location: MN  
Years Fundraised: 7



**Haselden Construction  
Clay Shoot:**

**\$103,438**

Location: CO  
Years Fundraised: 8



**Rosedale Country Club  
Golf Tournament**

**\$181,668**

Location: FL  
Years Fundraised: 10



**Honoring Our  
Wounded Military  
Gala & Golf  
Tournament**

**\$84,600**

Location: TX  
Years Fundraised: 3



**Fraternal Order of  
the Eagles Annual  
State Presidents  
Charity**

**\$136,971**

Location: VA  
Years Fundraised: 1



**Veterans Golf:**

**\$70,900**

Location: MA  
Years Fundraised: 13



**Rado's Annual  
Charity Event**

**\$118,347**

Location: CT  
Years Fundraised: 7



**Senco Industrial Tools  
Golf Tournament**

**\$61,422**

Location: OH  
Years Fundraised: 3



# Driving for Dollars

Our Annual Top Ten Fundraisers list is always a fun time to look back and highlight some of the powerful moments made possible by our supporters. Our list this year not only includes first-time fundraisers, but we also celebrate our highest amount raised in our Top Ten List. Together, our Top Ten Fundraisers brought in over \$1.4 million. **Talk about a Hole in One!**

One of our new and first-time fundraisers to join the HFOT family this past year is the Texas-based company Cody Pools, Inc. Since its inception in 1994, Cody Pools has built more than 30,000 pools in Austin, San Antonio, Georgetown, Houston, Tampa, and Phoenix, for both residential and commercial customers. Their commitment to excellence and family business style are some of the reasons they fit right in at HFOT.

Cody Pools started its annual charity golf tournament as an employee appreciation event, but quickly changed to a way to give back to different nonprofit organizations each year. Priding themselves as a family, the team at Cody Pools comes together to select a cause that will benefit one of their employees or employee's family. Just a month before the tournament, Amanda Folmar, the executive assistant at Cody Pools, found out the exciting news that Homes For Our Troops would be building her and her husband, Army Sergeant Jordan Folmar, a specially adapted custom home. Amanda was moved when she was told the tournament would go toward the building of their future home. *"I almost cried. That is something I would never ask for, especially since I have been here for so long and know we are all a part of it together. I was blown away and very grateful."*

On July 6, 2012, during his second deployment, Jordan was on a dismounted patrol in Zhari District, Afghanistan, when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED). He lost both legs above the knee and sustained ruptured blown-out eardrums in the blast.

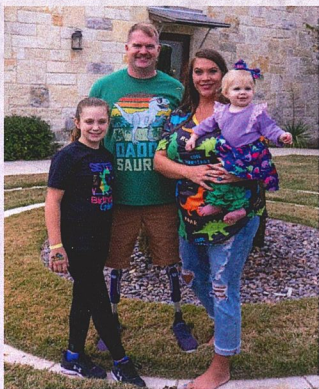
This year's tournament was Cody Pools' greatest year yet. It was held on Oct. 14, 2022, in Hutto, Texas, and brought in over \$108,000. Mike Church, the President & CEO of Cody Pools, and his wife Kelley say the support from vendors, sponsors, and employees made the tournament a success. *"It was the largest tournament we have ever had. We ended up outgrowing the course and are now looking at an alternative plan for next year."*

The day was filled with rounds of golf, a helicopter golf ball drop, raffles and wrapped up with a dinner and award ceremony. HFOT President/CEO Brigadier General (USA, Retired) Tom Landwermeyer was also in attendance.

*"It was awesome seeing everyone come together to support HFOT's mission and it was such a great turn out. Tom's speech was one of my favorite moments. His words are moving, and his background is impressive. With him being from Texas and most of the attendees being from the area, it really hit home for us,"* says Amanda.

When asked what they were most excited for when receiving their new specially adapted custom home, Jordan and Amanda both agreed it is overall accessibility. *"The freedom of movement and getting around in my wheelchair is huge. I will be able to play with my girls outside,"* Jordan says.

For Amanda, not having to worry about Jordan's accessibility and safety in and around the home is a huge relief. *"To say we are grateful for HFOT and the tournament attendees is an understatement. We are overall just so thankful for all the support from the vendors and colleagues for helping HFOT's mission and the building of our future home."*



**First Picture** - Left to Right: Reese Ellen Folmar (daughter), Jordan Folmar, Amanda Folmar and Anna Belle Folmar (daughter)  
**Second Picture** - Jordan and Amanda Folmar • **Third Picture** - Left Side: Cody Pools CEO & President Mike Church

If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser on our behalf, please reach out to the Independent Fundraising team at: [ifundraising@hfotusa.org](mailto:ifundraising@hfotusa.org)  
Learn more about Jordan's story and follow his project at: [www.hfotusa.org/folmar](http://www.hfotusa.org/folmar)





# Help us restore freedom and independence to our nation's most severely injured post-9/11 Veterans.

## Welcome our Veterans:

Help connect the Veterans and their families to people and resources in the community.

## Raise awareness:

Tell a friend... or 10! Share our social media pages or pass along this email to someone who might be interested in our cause.

## Operation Lasting Support (OLS):

For a minimum of \$15 per month, you can provide ongoing support to ensure that our nation's most severely injured Veterans are provided with the specially adapted homes they need.

## Hold a fundraiser:

Visit [hfotusa.org/fundraise](http://hfotusa.org/fundraise) to get started with planning your fundraiser.

## Lace up your sneakers:

Visit [hfotusa.org/run](http://hfotusa.org/run) to join Team HFOT at its next race.

## Double your impact:

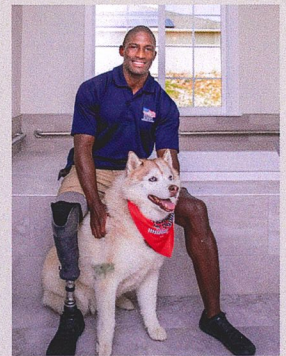
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## Are we building near you?:

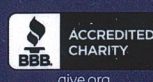
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