

# Hillside Disabled Veteran's Home Project



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*The Village of Hillside and Plote Construction have teamed up to build a home, free of charge, for disabled Iraqi War Veteran Sergio Lopez and his family in Hillside, IL.*

### WHAT: **DEDICATION CEREMONY & KEY TURNOVER PRESENTATION**

The Village of Hillside and Plote Construction have been working together for over 1 ½ years to build a home, free of charge, for disabled Army SPC Sergio Lopez and his family. Lopez, of Joliet, was injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Through the help of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, Army SPC Sergio Lopez was chosen to be the recipient of this home. Sergio Lopez is 27 years old, served two tours of duty in Iraq and in January of 2006, was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED, commonly known as a roadside bomb) in Iraq. The explosion resulted in Sergio losing both of his legs below his knees and changing his life forever. He and his wife have two young daughters and the rehabilitation this young man has gone through and continues to endure, is extensive. Construction began in the beginning of April 2011 and the home is now complete through the tremendous outpouring of help from local unions & labor organizations, contractors, community members, businesses, and individuals who have donated to the project to make this a reality.

This event will celebrate this wonderful accomplishment of Americans coming together to help a fellow countryman & his family. Please visit the project website <http://hdvhp.weebly.com> and view the construction progress pictures to learn more about this home.

WHEN : **Wednesday – June 29, 2011 – 10:00 AM sharp**

WHERE: Residence Location - **34 Oak Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162** (behind the Super Target in Hillside)

WHY: The project has not only helped Sergio Lopez & his family by building them a new home (free of charge), it has brought together a community and those involved to help give back to our fellow Americans that have given so much to protect our freedom.

HOW: The project has been completed using 100% donated monies, labor and materials. To control this process, a 501(c)(3), non-profit entity, titled the Hillside Disabled Veterans Home Project (HDVHP) was formed. Through the help of the construction industry, businesses, and individuals, two fundraisers have been held at the Village of Hillside to raise monetary donations for the project.

If you'd like more information about this project or to schedule an interview with the Hillside Disabled Veterans Home Project coordinators; please contact John Flood or Adam Neisendorf at the numbers listed above.

***Please see the attached invitation.***

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