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Press Release

NWFA Completes 31st Home with Gary Sinise Foundation

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (July 13, 2018) – The National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) has provided flooring for its 31st home in partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation R.I.S.E. program (Restoring Independence Supporting Empowerment). The R.I.S.E. program builds custom, specially adapted smart homes for severely wounded veterans and first responders. The home dedication for US Army Captain Nick Vogt took place on July 13, in Shelby, Ohio. Flooring for the project was donated by NWFA member Homerwood Hardwood Flooring.

Captain Vogt knew at a very young age that he wanted to join the military. He was accepted to West Point in 2006 where he began his formal military training. During his deployment to Afghanistan in 2011, he served as a Platoon Leader. On November 12, 2011, he and his team were on foot patrol when they discovered a weapons cache. While investigating, Captain Vogt stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED), resulting in the loss of both legs, severe brain injury, and a seizure disorder.

“Captain Vogt is a remarkable individual,” says NWFA President and CEO, Michael Martin. “Complications from his injuries initially prevented him from adapting to a wheelchairs or prosthetics, but he has continued to make progress with the help of his wife, Lauren. The couple previously lived in a small apartment, which presented some mobility challenges, so we’re honored to partner with Homerwood to provide flooring for their new home.”

In addition to the 31 homes already completed, NWFA currently is working with its members to source wood flooring for 19 additional R.I.S.E. homes in various stages of planning and construction. Currently, 55 NWFA member companies have donated product, logistics, and installation services in locations throughout the United States, with a total value of more than \$4.0 million. A list of all NWFA R.I.S.E. partners is listed at <http://www.nwfa.org/giving-back.aspx>.

By the end of this year, 65 specially adapted smart homes will be completed or underway through the Gary Sinise Foundation R.I.S.E. program. To learn more about the program, and how you and/or your company can get involved, contact the NWFA at 800.422.4556, or e-mail them at anita.howard@nwfa.org.

The National Wood Flooring Association is a not-for-profit trade organization, with more than 3,400 member companies world-wide, dedicated to educating consumers, architects, designers, specifiers and builders in the uses and benefits of wood flooring. The NWFA is located at 111 Chesterfield Industrial Boulevard, Chesterfield, MO 63005, and can be contacted at 800.422.4556 (USA & Canada), 636.519.9663 (local and international), or at www.nwfa.org.

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