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**Operation Playhouse Build-A-Thon
Saturday, June 8th from 8 AM to 4:30 PM
AMVETS Post # 79, 79 Superior Drive, Natick, MA 01760
Outside in the Parking Lot**

Presentation of playhouses to the Veteran Families at Approximately 3:00 – 3:30 PM

***Rain Date – Friday, June 14th ***

THE EVENT: Three themed and colorful playhouses will be built for the families of veterans by our sponsors and partners in the MetroWest area on June 8th. Our sponsors, Clarke and Frost Insurance Agency, Cranshaw Construction and Central One Federal Credit Union will each send a team to build a playhouse for a veteran family and present it to them around 3 – 3:30 PM. Habitat staff and volunteers will be on-site leading and supervising the build.

Read more about our Operation Playhouse program here:

<https://www.habitatmwgw.org/programs/operation-playhouse/>

HOW THE DAY PROGRESSES - Starting at 8 AM, teams will gather and begin constructing themed playhouses for local veteran families. Each veteran family preselected a theme based on their children's or grandchildren's interests. After a day of hard work by each of our partner teams, the military or veteran families arrive between 3 and 3:30 PM for a playhouse dedication ceremony. The child is surprised and delighted, and it is a touching, personal, and heartwarming conclusion to the day. Each team will meet the family, spend time with them, and learn about the military or veteran's service to our country. The children are excited to play in their playhouse.

A great way to view the playhouse build from start to finish is to watch these videos by a couple of our partner teams:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjeYK5WtzhU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF1ourmfGPg>

“Playhouses are constructed in one day, providing a wonderful team building opportunity and helps local veteran and military families—something that is very important to Habitat and its partners. At the end of day, our partners will meet and dedicate their playhouses to



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each of the families. The children of these families will have a ‘home’ of their own,” said Habitat for Humanity MWGW Vice President of Philanthropy Deborah Huegel.

Habitat for Humanity MetroWest/Greater Worcester is the only Habitat affiliate in Massachusetts, and one of a handful throughout the U.S., to offer this program to veteran families. One hundred percent of the revenue raised during our Operation Playhouse events benefits HFH MWGW’s mission to build homes, communities and hope for local families and veterans in 42 cities and towns throughout Greater Worcester and MetroWest. Under the motto of “a hand up, not a handout,” we build houses with families rather than for them. Partner families must contribute 300 to 400 hours of sweat equity building their homes and learn skills to become successful homeowners. Visit www.habitatmwgw.org for more information.

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