



Ryland Homes partners with Texas Sentinels Foundation

(Houston, Texas- 02/03) [Ryland Homes](#) and the [Texas Sentinels Foundation](#) teamed up to build a debt-free home for a wounded American veteran and his family, giving them a fresh start to a bright future. Chris and Christine Sanford received the keys to their new home during a dedication ceremony and parade on January 14, 2012. The couple will now build their new life in [The Woodlands](#) thanks to the team, including RE/MAX The Woodlands & Spring, [Ryland Homes](#), Post Custom Homes, The Woodlands Development Community and the many volunteers and community members who participated in fundraising events.

"It means a new life and a new start," Christine says, "If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have a home."

"What we find remarkable about this process in which a community comes together to help one of their own, is the powerful way in which an original good deed inspires so many subsequent good deeds," said Richard Filip, co-founder of Texas Sentinels Foundation and CEO of RE/MAX of Texas said to The Paper Magazine. "The actions or ideas from a single individual can be sufficiently inspirational to motivate the rest of the citizenry around a cause. And in this case, yield a power great enough to build homes, change lives and provide a permanent legacy to the sacrifice and service this young man has given to his country."

Chris was injured in Iraq when an IED exploded during a training session in 2008. He suffered a traumatic brain injury, skull and facial fractures, chronic muscle spasms causing migraines and nerve damage in his lower back. Through rehabilitation Chris has made an extraordinary recovery and plans to attend college in hope of becoming a nurse to injured veterans.

Ryland Homes is a proud supporter of the military and is committed to building homes that are more energy efficient, higher quality and a better value. Ryland Homes offers special opportunities year round for active duty personnel and former military. Ryland Mortgage Loan Originators in Texas have ranked among the top 3 loan officers according to the Texas Veterans Land Board loan origination.

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