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Setting the standard for energy-efficient homes™



## Welcome to the Meritage Homes Community Report

For more than 30 years, supporting communities through giving has been a cornerstone of our business and a belief that guides so many of our decisions. We continue to build on our long tradition of being a company that cares and a neighbor that does its fair share.

Every day, in communities from coast to coast, through company contributions and employee volunteers, Meritage Homes makes a difference. By partnering with local food banks to feed the hungry in Charlotte. Helping foster and adoptive kids in Dallas find their “forever homes.” Sending care packages from Phoenix to U.S. troops stationed in the Middle East. And so much more. In fact, our employees donate thousands of man-hours, gifts and additional funds to their local communities each year.

This Community Report highlights just a few of the many projects, partners and initiatives we’re proud to support nationwide. After all, community is at the very heart of what we do – and who we are.

*Steven J. Hilton*

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## More than a slogan. It's a commitment.

As one of the nation's most innovative homebuilders, Meritage Homes is proud to build affordable, energy-efficient homes for families across the country. We're just as proud of our dedicated, enthusiastic employees who donate their time, talent and resources in their communities.

As Meritage continues to grow, so does our work in communities. To strengthen and manage our charitable efforts, we've formed the Meritage Cares Foundation. Through corporate giving and with the help of our employees, Meritage Cares provides support to a variety of local and national charities. We call it *Community Outpour*. Our partner organizations call it a blessing.



### 1,400+ employees. One mission.

The mission of Meritage Cares is to enrich lives in the communities where we do business by providing assistance to eligible charitable organizations for the support and well-being of children, families, military veterans and other charitable causes approved by the Foundation's selection committee.



## Through the act of giving, everyone receives.

Giving back for the betterment of everyone is a cornerstone of our culture and our Foundation's mission. You can see it in our involvement in Operation Homefront's *Homes on the Homefront* program, where we construct and donate Meritage homes to deserving veterans who've been wounded during their service to our country. Or the generous and tireless support of our employees in assisting charitable organizations focused on children and families in need.

Meritage Cares is pleased to review and award grants and sponsorships throughout the year based on eligibility and subject to approval by the Foundation's selection committee.

Supporting the communities  
where we live and work is a  
responsibility we all share.

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# MERITAGE HOMES HAS BUILT AND DONATED EIGHT\* NEW HOMES TO DESERVING VETERANS.

## We're giving back to those who give so much.

We enjoy the freedoms we have thanks to the men, women, and families of our Armed Forces. And to show our appreciation, we've teamed up with our partners and Operation Homefront to build and donate beautiful new Meritage homes to deserving veterans and their families as part of the *Homes on the Homefront* program.

Each year, during the week of Veterans Day, we proudly award military families with keys to their new homes. Each recipient is welcomed to their new community during a key ceremony, where local residents honor the sacrifices made by men and women of the Armed Forces.

It's been a life-altering gift for us. We love our new home and new neighbors.

Richard Neider | 2013 Operation Homefront recipient



From Phoenix to Raleigh, California to North Carolina, we've proudly built and donated eight\* homes for veterans and their families – with more planned every year. To learn more about our partnership, visit [homesonthehomefront.org](http://homesonthehomefront.org) or [meritagehomes.com](http://meritagehomes.com).

- ★ Phoenix
- ★ Raleigh
- ★ San Antonio
- ★ Orlando
- ★ Sacramento
- ★ Houston
- ★ Tucson
- ★ Charlotte



The first family to receive their new home was the family of Army National Guard Sergeant Keith Hale. Built with ADA-compliant features, his home allows him to easily use his wheelchair inside the house and improves his family's everyday life.



Army Specialist Brandi Barnes received the keys to her new home in Houston. The three-bedroom ranch-style home provides Brandi and her three children a fresh start and a safe place to call home.



Marine Sergeant Joseph Morgan received the keys to his spacious new home in Lincoln, California. His family now has a place to grow and live for many years to come.

\*Includes pending November 2015 donations.

## Meritage Cares. Coast to coast.

From California to the Carolinas, Meritage team members proudly support a variety of community efforts. Here are just a few of the charitable organizations we partner with to make a difference in our communities.



### CALIFORNIA

#### Northern CA

Volunteers of America  
Leaven Program  
Angels in the Alley

#### Southern CA

Working Wardrobes

### COLORADO

#### Denver

Denver Rescue Mission

### ARIZONA

#### Phoenix

Packages from Home  
Kitchen on the Street  
Missing Foundation  
Adopt-a-Family-Program

#### Tucson

Toys for Tots  
Community Food Bank

### TEXAS

#### Austin

Capital Area Food Bank  
Ronald McDonald House  
Safe Place

#### Dallas/Ft. Worth

The Giocosa Foundation  
Covenant Kids  
Arrow Child & Family

#### Houston

Taking Initiative to Survive  
Ronald McDonald House

#### San Antonio

Family Services Association  
San Antonio Food Bank  
Ronald McDonald House

### TENNESSEE

#### Nashville

Nashville Rescue Mission

### N. CAROLINA

#### Charlotte

The Spokes Group  
Ronald McDonald House  
Samaritan's Feet

#### Raleigh

Habitat for Humanity

### GEORGIA

#### Atlanta

Love Beyond Walls  
Cancer Treatment Centers  
of America

### S. CAROLINA

#### Greenville

Miracle Hill Ministries  
Salvation Army

### FLORIDA

#### Tampa

Ronald McDonald House

#### Orlando

The Children's Home Society  
of Florida & The Faine House



YMCA Bikes for Kids

## About Meritage Homes Corporation

Meritage Homes is the seventh-largest public homebuilder in the United States.\* We build and sell new homes for first-time, move-up, luxury and active adult buyers across the Western, Southern and Southeastern United States.

Since 1985, Meritage has designed and built more than 87,000 homes – along with a reputation for distinctive style, quality construction, and happy homeowners. We're the industry leader in energy-efficient homebuilding and have received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year for Sustained Excellence Award three years in a row. Meritage was the first national homebuilder to be 100% ENERGY STAR qualified in every home it builds, and far exceeds ENERGY STAR standards today.\*\*

\* Based on homes closed in 2014. \*\* Energy claims exclude attached product communities and communities in the following markets: Tennessee; Georgia; Greenville and Spartanburg, South Carolina; and all communities acquired in connection with Meritage's acquisition of certain assets of Legendary Communities in the Charlotte, North Carolina and York County, South Carolina markets.



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