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PRESS RELEASE

JOE COGNITORE, Commander of Rocky Point POST 6249 and MARK BAISCH, President of Landmark Properties, Rocky Point, NY introduce the family of Glen, Renee and Zachary Cote of Sound Beach as the future homeowners of the eleventh Veterans Home at 157 Helme Avenue, Miller Place, NY.

“Glen, Renee and Zachary Cote are as deserving as any Veteran family we have built homes for and we recognize their tragic life circumstances and unwavering perseverance as nothing short of incredible”.....Joe & Mark

Glen Cote was a US Army Combat Medic from 1988-1992 who specialized in deployment training and immunization for a bulk of the Armys Medics involved in the Gulf War of 1990-1992.

Following his service Glen met and married his wife Renee who in 2002 was diagnosed with a rare illness, Acute Intermittent Porphyria (AIP) which is a painful metabolic disorder requiring expensive biweekly treatments which Renee has undergone for 14 years at Matl Hospital. As a result of AIP Renee has suffered 3 strokes. AIP has no known cure.

In 2009, Renee and Glen welcomed a son, Zachary to their family who in June of 2014 was diagnosed with Grade 4 Medulloblastoma (brain cancer). Since then Zachary has endured 42 rounds of radiation and 9 months of intense chemotherapy. Zachary's treatments however had to be halted when he too was diagnosed with Acute Intermittent Porphyria.

Due to Zacharys illness his kindergarten start date of September 2014 was delayed a year to September 2015 yet Renee and Glen still worried how Zachary would manage at school

To the credit of a remarkable boy, Zachary and to the credit of the Miller Place School District those fears have melted into a deep appreciation by the Cote family of the Miller Place School District and the entire Miller Place Community.

With all that Glen had going with Renee & Zachary, fate would have it that Glen suffered a serious incapacitating on the job injury to the point of Glen qualifying for Social Security Disability. Recent testing has shown that Glens injuries have led to a diagnosis of Degenerative Disk Disease and Shoulder & Knee Arthritis.

One would think the Cote family had already endured a lifetime of misfortune, however one more disappointment soon came when on March 7 of this year a knock at the family's Sound Beach rental home informed them of their impending eviction, the result of a landlord who had allowed their home to go into foreclosure unbeknownst to the Cotes. While this is disheartening news to any family, it was especially disappointing given Zacharys situation and his Miller Place support network.

On July 18, Mark Baisch, Landmark Properties received an email outlining the Cote families situation and their inability to find any suitable housing in Miller Place where they so desperately need to stay to establish a family and community stability so important to Zacharys well being.

Mark immediately contacted Joe Cognitore, Rocky Point, VFW and relayed the story. Joe immediately recommended the Cote Family somehow/someway become situated in one of the 2 new homes for Veterans which Landmark is building as part of The Oaks @ Miller Place an 18 home subdivision on Helme Avenue in Miller Place.

To this end Landmark has committed to deliver 157 Helme Avenue, a new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home to the Cote family by this coming Christmas.

Landmark Properties subcontractors have all committed to generous donations of their time and materials and have now committed to an expedited building of the Cote family home.

Joe & Mark ask that any inquiries or support in this endeavor be directed to Debbie|@ Landmark 631-744-5900 X 12 or by email deb12landmark@gmail.com.