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Notes of Love ceremony honors local Army veteran receiving mortgage-free Pulte home in Sapphire Point in Lakewood Ranch

Notes of love and well wishes are literally built into the foundation of one family’s brand-new home in Sapphire Point, a Pulte Homes community in Lakewood Ranch. PulteGroup employees, trade partners, friends, future neighbors, and military veterans gathered April 7 to honor Army Sgt.1st Class Lucio Gaytan and family, writing words of thanks and support across the under-construction home, donated mortgage-free through PulteGroup’s Built to Honor® program.

Among the guests attending the Notes of Love ceremony were Lakewood Ranch residents, county and community leaders, and representatives from Building Homes for Heroes and PulteGroup.

Earlier this spring, well-wishers lined the street, waving flags and cheering on Gaytan as he and his family were escorted by motorcade to their future home for a ceremonial groundbreaking. The event celebrates recipients of PulteGroup’s Built to Honor® program, introduced by the national homebuilder in 2013 to recognize and thank military personnel who have been injured during their service.

“It’s a privilege to build this home for Army Sgt.1st Class Lucio Gaytan and his family and honor their sacrifices,” said Josh Graeve, president of PulteGroup’s Southwest Florida Division, whose personal message wished the Gaytan family joy and peace. “PulteGroup has donated over 75 homes to deserving veterans across the country in the last 10 years and it’s especially meaningful for those of us here in Southwest Florida to recognize a veteran from our own community.”

Army Sgt.1st Class Lucio Gaytan joined the military in 1996 and served honorably for 22 years. He was injured in a severe landing fall during parachute jump training in 2005, resulting in vertebrae and disc damage. Despite his injuries, Gaytan completed deployment and continued to serve until medically retiring in 2018.

For service to his country, Gaytan is the recipient of many military service medals.



Josh Graeve, president of PulteGroup’s Southwest Florida Division, walks the Gaytan family into their under-construction home in Sapphire Point in Lakewood Ranch.

He participates in wheelchair basketball, wheelchair football, and has competed in the Department of Defense Warrior Games for Team SOCOM.

The Gaytan’s Sapphire Point home was donated through a partnership between Pulte and Building Homes for Heroes, a national nonprofit organization devoted to bringing renewed hope and service to injured veterans.

Notes of Love provides an opportunity for the community to support injured veterans. Although the notes will eventually be covered with flooring, drywall and stucco, the symbolism and meaning behind the messages are long lasting, like a permanent time capsule honoring his service.

“Our families slept in peace thanks to your family’s sacrifice,” an event attendee wrote across concrete blocks inside the Gaytan’s home.

“May God bless this home and those who dwell in it. Thank you for your many sacrifices,” another inscribed on the wood of an interior wall.

“Thank you for your service from a fellow

veteran.”

The Gaytan’s home will be complete later this Summer. The family will be moving into Pulte’s popular Mystique floor plan. The home will easily accommodate the family of four with three bedrooms, two baths and more than 1,889 square feet. The home design features flexible living spaces, a professional-style kitchen and open gathering and dining areas for entertaining ease. An integrated outdoor living area extends the living space to fully enjoy Lakewood Ranch’s stunning natural preserves.

For more information about Sapphire Point at Lakewood Ranch, visit the sales center at 16411 Sapphire Point Drive, Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m., or call/text (941) 213-1179 to arrange an appointment. Additional information is also available at www.Pulte.com/SapphirePoint.

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About PulteGroup

PulteGroup, Inc. (NYSE: PHM), based in Atlanta, Georgia, is one of America’s largest homebuilding companies with operations in more than 40 markets throughout the country. Through its brand portfolio that includes Centex, Pulte Homes, Del Webb, DiVosta Homes, John Wieland Homes and Neighborhoods and American West, the company is one of the industry’s most versatile homebuilders able to meet the needs of multiple buyer groups and respond to changing consumer demand. PulteGroup conducts extensive research to provide homebuyers with innovative solutions and consumer inspired homes and communities to make lives better.

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About Built to Honor®

For the last decade, PulteGroup’s Built to Honor® program has recognized and thanked returning military personnel who have been injured during their term of service by providing mortgage-free homes to veterans and their families. Launched in 2013, the program has built and donated 76 homes, gifting more than \$35 million in value, across the country. Built to Honor works in partnership with nonprofit organizations to identify veteran candidates. For more information about Built to Honor, go to builttohonor.org. Follow Built to Honor on Twitter: @BuiltToHonor and Facebook.com/BuiltToHonor.

BRIEFS

Stevens Construction awarded construction of The Island Cow

Stevens Construction has been awarded the construction management services of The Island Cow, located at 2163 Periwinkle Way, announced Daniel Adams, Stevens Construction executive vice president.

Stevens Construction is building a 5,754-square-foot restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining, and a commercial kitchen with a walk-in cooler and freezer. To complement the Sanibel location, The Island Cow will feature Florida-style details such as a metal roof with a thatched roof entryway, outdoor tiki bar, indoor/outdoor bar and vibrant colors. The new The Island Cow is 1,000-square-foot larger than the original building that perished in an after-hours fire in 2022.

Stevens Construction is currently working through the preconstruction, providing budgeting, project scheduling and cost-savings suggestions as the design progresses. Southview Studios is the architect of record and Haley Ward, Inc. is the civil engineer. Construction of The Island Cow is slated to begin in August and be completed in spring 2024.

About Stevens Construction, Inc.

With offices in Fort Myers, Sarasota, and Orlando, Fla., Stevens Construction specializes in providing construction management, general contracting and consulting services to clients and design professionals. Other services include site and design team selection, budgeting, project scheduling, permitting, cost and quality control and warranty service. The company builds healthcare, commercial and hospitality facilities. For information, visit www.stevensbuilds.com or call 239-936-9006.

TRANSACTIONS

LEE & ASSOCIATES

CDH Enterprises, LLC purchased a 0.34 acre parcel known as Maria’s Marina at 18540 & 18550 San Carlos Blvd., Ft. Myers Beach from Maria G. Stevens for \$1,300,000. Michael Mahan of Lee &

Associates|Naples-Ft. Myers represented the buyer and Dan Kolinski of ERA Cape Realty represented the seller in the transaction.

Jeffrey E. Rubin, DDS leased a 1,550sf dental office in the Preserve at Bonita Springs at 26649 Dublin Woods Cir., Bonita Springs from Fischer Commercial Properties LLC. Brock Rasmussen of Lee & Associates|Naples-Ft. Myers negotiated the transaction.

Cottrell Title Services, LLC leased a 1,050sf space in Corkscrew Village at 21301 S. Tamiami Trl., Ste. 330, Estero from FL Corkscrew Village, LLC. Brent Westerfield of Lee & Associates|Naples-Ft. Myers represented the lessor. Thomas Webb, CCIM, MSRE of Lee & Associates|Naples-Ft. Myers and Andres Sanchez of Local Real Estate LLC represented the lessee in the transaction.

LSI COMPANIES

LSI Companies, Inc., brokered a 13,856 sq. ft. industrial building portfolio for \$2,474,285. The properties were acquired by L.B. Andersen Construction Inc. from Benchmark 2120, LLC. The properties are located at 5802 Corporation Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33905, and 240 Field End Street, Sarasota, FL 34240. The deal was brokered by Justin Thibaut, CCIM, and Hunter Ward, CCIM.

LSI Companies, Inc., brokered a 23½ acre residential property in Fort Myers, FL, for \$1,315,000. The property was acquired by Sana Abuqab, Trustee of the 601 Homestead Road S Land Trust, dated February 17, 2023, from Arrowhead Investments of Southwest Florida, LLC. The property is located at 601 Homestead Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33974. The deal was brokered by Hunter Ward, CCIM.

Mayhugh Commercial Advisors

Q1 transactions include: Alegria Canyon, LLC: 20,000sf industrial at 18105 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, from Guava Properties for \$4.1 million. (Chase Mayhugh, SIOR, CCIM and Justin Ankney represented the

buyer.)

Andrea RE, LLC: 19,410sf office at 2177 Andrea Lane, Fort Myers, from Afterglow Capital Management for \$2.4 million. (Chase Mayhugh, SIOR, CCIM and Justin Ankney represented the seller).

FS Properties, LLC: 12,000sf industrial at 5810 Corporation Circle, Fort Myers, from Industrial Flex Investors, LLC for \$1,874,500. (Chase Mayhugh, SIOR, CCIM represented the seller and buyer).

Properties of S&O, LLC: 4.73 acres of land at 1651 Ortiz Ave., from Jamey S. Liddell for \$925,000. (Chase Mayhugh, SIOR, CCIM and Bryan Burchers represented the seller.)

LEASES: The Traveling Therapist: 2,250sf office at 12670 New Brittany Blvd., Fort Myers

The Law Offices of Jonathan M. Spellman, PA: 985sf office at 13099 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers

Southeastern Traffic Supply, LLC: 4,032sf industrial at 16591 Gator Road, Fort Myers

Heritage Pool Supply Group, Inc.: 25,098sf industrial at 11975 Amedicus Lane, Fort Myers

Electronic Media, Inc.: 2,500sf retail at 16171 San Carlos Blvd. Unit 2, Fort Myers

Jeff Carroll: 1,500sf retail at 16171 San Carlos Blvd. Unit 1B, Fort Myers

PERSONNEL

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