

# Supervisor Romaine, Councilwoman Walsh and Receiver of Taxes Marcoccia Welcome Sgt. Ryan Donnelly to His New Home in Lake Ronkonkoma Built by Long Island Homebuilders Care

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*Supervisor Romaine speaks to the crowd of volunteers and well wishers during the ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Marine Sergeant Ryan Donnelly into his new home. Also pictured are Tax Receiver Lou Marcoccia (far left) and Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh (far right).*

*Supervisor Edward Romaine welcomes Marine Sergeant Ryan Donnelly to his new home in Lake Ronkonkoma built by Long Island Home Builders Care on property donated by the Town of Brookhaven.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On November 29, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh and Tax Receiver Lou Marcoccia attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at a new Lake Ronkonkoma home built for returning veteran and Purple Heart recipient Marine Sergeant Ryan Donnelly. The home was built by the Long Island Builders Institute's (LIBI) 501c3 program, Long Island Home Builders Care Development Corporation on property that was given to the Town of Brookhaven by Suffolk County under the 72h Affordable Housing Program and then transferred to LIBI.

"This is what America is all about," said Supervisor Romaine. "I commend the great people from LIBI and all those who volunteered their time and talent. They have lived up to the promise of this country by rewarding our veterans for the sacrifices they make in defense of liberty around the world. I welcome Sergeant Donnelly to his new home and thank him and every veteran for their honorable service to our country."

Councilwoman Walsh said, "I welcome Sergeant Donnelly to his new home and wish him the best of luck in the future. So many of our veterans come back home and need a helping hand to settle down and start a new life. Thanks to Long Island Home Builders Care, Sergeant Donnelly's dream home is now a reality. I salute him and all veterans for the sacrifices they have made in the name of freedom."

"I had the privilege to be at the groundbreaking for this home," said Receiver of Taxes Louis Marcoccia, "The talents of all involved to make this project come to fruition deserves our support and recognition. I wish Marine Sergeant Donnelly all the best in his new home. An action such as this is the least we can do as a grateful community for those who are willing to be placed in harms way to protect our freedom."

Sergeant Donnelly, who served two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was selected to buy the home by lottery after meeting the requirements of the HOME Down Payment Assistance Program. The total construction cost of the new home was paid for by the LIBI, who took into consideration the special needs of the veteran, and made the home move-in ready. For more information about the Long Island Home Builders Care Development Corporation, please call 631-232-2345.

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