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***LET U.S. ENTERTAIN YOU:
NACE Event Raises Funds for Injured Vet's Special New Home***

Dallas, TX- November 12, 2011- This weekend the Dallas/Ft. Worth Chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) participated in one of their most important events yet- a home dedication ceremony by Homes for Our Troops in Killeen, TX on November 12th. This special event was made possible by the generosity shown at the NACE annual fundraiser on October 5th at Edison's Dallas in support of Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) and injured Army veteran SFC Charles Armstead. NACE members showcased their patriotic best at this year's fundraiser, *Let U.S. Entertain You*, by whipping up culinary dishes, tabletop design competitions, plenty of live entertainment and chances to win amazing prizes. Over 200 guests joined the ranks of DFW NACE to support this great cause. There was also an exciting live auction, with a lucky few walking away with incredible prizes like a tour in California's Wine Country, dinner for 8 with a private chef from Truluck's and 2 tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. on American Airlines.

The more than \$5,400 donated through *Let U.S. Entertain You* was put to good use by HFOT to help finish up special adaptations to a home in Killeen, TX for Charles Armstead, who was on his third deployment to Iraq when he was severely injured and lost his right leg. When asked about his new home, Charles said he feels that "the assistance from Homes for Our Troops will give me back my independence...it will be a life-changing experience for both me and my family." The Armsteads received the keys to their new home in a special dedication ceremony on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 11 a.m. at 174 Owen Ct, Killeen, TX 76542. NACE is truly humbled and proud to have had the opportunity to be involved in such an important event.

For more information about NACE and *Let U.S. Entertain You*, please visit www.dfwnace.com or call Lauren Schmidt at (972) 822-3842. To make a donation directly to Homes for Our Troops or SFC Charles Armstead, visit www.homesforourtroops.org.

Homes For Our Troops is a national 501c 3 organization based in Taunton, MA founded by John Gonsalves in 2004. The organization's mission is to build specially adapted homes for service members who have been injured in combat operations since September 11, 2001. All specially adapted homes are built at no cost to the veterans thanks to donations from thousands of individuals, foundation grants, corporate sponsors, professional trades people, and generous support of countless volunteers.

With more than 4,000 members, the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE), www.nace.net is the oldest and largest professional association dedicated to all aspects of the catering industry. Dedicated to promoting career success for its members and the professionalism of the industry, NACE offers educational programs, professional certification (CPCE), chapter initiatives, networking opportunities, recognition and awards programs, a job bank, community service projects and the industry's most prestigious annual conference. In helping its members enhance their business and careers, NACE helps the industry reach its highest potential.

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