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## Local Community Renovates Home for Wounded Warrior Project Veteran

RIO RANCHO, N.M., Dec. 7, 2017 [/PRNewswire-USNewswire/](#) -- The Jaynes Corporation recently rallied around a wounded veteran and his family by providing some much-needed renovations to their home. The Schei family, served by Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP), got a major overhaul of their residence to better help seriously wounded Army veteran Erik Schei move around his home.

The help – and the materials for the overhaul – were fully provided by the Jaynes Corporation through Doug Boling, senior estimator with Jaynes Corporation and vice-chair of the YMCA of Central New Mexico Corporate Board.

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"I knew about the Schei family's story through Mary Tallouzi and Ed Tyke, who I used to fundraise with for Wounded Warrior Project," Doug said. "They told me about the family, Erik's service, what happened, and how his parents must provide Erik with care pretty much 24/7. I thought to myself, 'how can we help one of New Mexico's own local warriors?' That scale of injury isn't something you hear a lot about in New Mexico."

Erik was wounded in 2005 by an insurgent sniper – the bullet pierced his helmet and brain, near his right ear. By the time his parents arrived at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland, he was lying in a hospital bed with his skull partially removed. Today, Erik relies on the full-time care of his parents, Gordon and Christine, who live at home with him.

"When Ed, Mary, and I visited the Scheis, it was evident that even though the house was retrofitted for ADA, it did not work for Erik," Doug said. "Erik's wheelchair is bigger than most and does not typically fit through doors. We saw the door trim was banged up."

The home's renovation needs were extensive. The new layout allows Erik to more easily maneuver his electric wheelchair into his bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen without hitting the walls or other furniture.

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