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On January 9, 2015 our son Justin Miranda, 1st Lt., US Army, deployed to Afghanistan.

Justin was in the Army ROTC program while in college. He graduated and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the spring of 2011. He then completed Armor Division training and graduated from Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Justin was then transferred to Fort Polk, Louisiana where he served as an officer in a training unit of the 509th Airborne, Infantry Division for two years.

In the fall of 2014 Justin voluntarily sought out an opportunity to join a deployable unit and ultimately accepted an opportunity to deploy to Afghanistan with a Special Operations Unit from Fort Bragg.

We could not be more proud of Justin's commitment and sacrifice, even as we worry about his safety. He is always in our thoughts as we hope and pray every day that he will return home safely at the end of his deployment in January 2016.

WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE WILL NEVER NEED THE SERVICES OF FISHER HOUSE OF CONNECTICUT OR ANY OTHER FISHER HOUSE. But we know that many families of America's service members and veterans have needed and benefited from a Fisher House. The support that they have received has been invaluable at their time of great need. Sadly, we also know that the service and sacrifice has not ended and regrettably, many more will have the need for a Fisher House.

FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE CT has set a goal of raising \$3 million for the construction of a Fisher House on the campus of the VA Healthcare System in West Haven. FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION, INC. will match the funds raised by FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE CT. Ground breaking is expected to begin in the spring of 2015. Your support is greatly needed to help make a Fisher House in Connecticut a reality.

Please honor and support the sacrifices and commitment of all of our American service members, veterans, and their families. Donations are tax deductible and may be made in memory or honor of someone of your choosing. Make checks payable to Friends of Fisher House CT and either mail directly to Friends of Fisher House CT, PO Box 575, Bristol, CT 06010 or forward to this office, or you may contribute online at www.fisherhousect.org.

Sincerely,

Joe & Kathy Miranda