

# Stroudsburg's Michael Price Gifts Pocono Veteran a Free Home

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Pocono Veteran's Home Miracle

**Stroudsburg real estate investor Michael Price expressed his generous holiday spirit by surprising a Pocono area husband and wife with a free home just in time for Thanksgiving.**

([Newswire.net](#) -- November 26, 2013) Stroudsburg, PA -- Stroudsburg real estate investor Michael Price is giving Kirsten and Gary Smith a house free and clear--the Pocono area home they recently lost to sheriff's sale. "I couldn't stop crying," said Kirsten when Michael told her the news. Not only is Price signing over the property

to the Smiths, he is also paying off their tax lien. The same day the Smiths reached the lowest point in their lives, they were given a chance to begin anew due to the generosity of Michael Price and Global Real Estate Solutions.

A weak economy has wreaked havoc in the lives of many average local families like the Smiths. At one time Kirsten pursued a lucrative career as a paralegal while Gary was a successful contractor building luxury homes. They weren't rich but their own home was mortgage free, and they prided themselves on the extensive remodeling they had done over the years. "We were just grateful to have a roof over our heads," says Gary. They felt their struggles were fairly manageable and considered themselves more fortunate than many others. They did not foresee the financial troubles awaiting them one agonizing disaster after another.

The son of a Purple Heart Vietnam veteran, Gary served his country along with four of his brothers. After being stationed four years at Fort Benning, Georgia, Gary continued his service in the National Guard. Unfortunately, when Gary needed surgery, Veteran's Affairs informed him that only those who saw "action" are entitled to insurance benefits. His medical problems made working as a contractor impossible. Meanwhile, Kirsten, the sole caretaker for her ailing mother, had been reduced to working several minimum wage jobs to make ends meet. They thought they had reached bottom when Gary had to sell his work truck to pay the water bill, but they were wrong.

The morning they learned their home had been sold Kirsten "fell apart." "I don't understand why this had to happen," she told Gary as she left for work. They were out of options.

Then Michael Price came to visit. "I just stopped by the Smith's to assure them I had no intention to put them out of their home. I wanted to work with them to find an affordable agreement," says Price. "But, when I learned of Gary's Army service, I realized I had an opportunity to fulfill a promise I made to my grandfather who was also a veteran: to someday help another military veteran and tell his story."

Now the Smiths intend to focus on Gary's recuperation, care for Kirsten's disabled mother, and restoring stability to their lives. The kindness and generosity of Stroudsburg resident Michael Price and Global Real Estate Solutions is a wonderful seasonal reminder that real miracles can happen in the Poconos and Santa Claus does not always have a white beard and a sleigh.

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