## Southern Living Announces the Adaptive Cottage Project to Benefit The Parkinson's Foundation

The Adaptive Cottage is an Innovative Home Plan Designed to Address the Needs of Individuals Living with Mobility Challenges

Sponsors to Participate Including GE Appliances and Elkay, Among Others

NEW YORK and BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 26, 2022 / PRNewswire/ -- Dotdash Meredith's Southern Living announces today the upcoming debut of its first-ever Adaptive Cottage, an innovative new house plan designed to accommodate people who have mobility challenges. The project will benefit the Parkinson's Foundation. A full reveal of the home and the adaptive features will be highlighted in the August issue of Southern Living, on newsstands July 15 and on SouthernLiving.com in June.

Located in the Habersham community in Beaufort, SC, the Adaptive Cottage bridges the gap between conventional design and a fully ADA-compliant house. The house plan combines thoughtful home elements with accessible features such wider hallways, zero entry showers, and purposeful kitchen design.

The Southern Living House Plan for the <u>Adaptive Cottage</u> is available now, with a portion of the proceeds of all sales going to the Parkinson's Foundation. Upon completion of the home, a portion of the sale of the home will also be donated to the Parkinson's Foundation.

"Southern Living is honored to collaborate with Scott Rider, the Parkinson's Foundation and the incredible design team in Habersham to bring this innovative project to life," said Sid Evans, Editor in Chief of Southern Living. "We hope this project will bring accessibility to the forefront of conversations in the building community."

The vision for the project originated with Scott Rider, a passionate advocate in the Parkinson's community. "As a person living with Parkinson's disease, the Southern Living Adaptive Cottage represents what I believe individuals living with Parkinson's disease need: independence and collaboration," said Rider. "The unique design and finishes make it possible for a person who has physical limitations to live more independently than would otherwise be possible. This project was made possible thanks to the collaboration of generous individuals and multiple organizations. My hope is that this project will increase awareness of Parkinson's disease as well as much needed funds that will help lead to a cure."

"We are so grateful for Scott Rider's vision for the Adaptive Cottage and for Southern Living's partnership to see his vision come to life," said John L. Lehr, President and CEO of the Parkinson's Foundation. "This project is sure to impact lives for the better and bring much needed awareness to the daily challenges of living with Parkinson's disease, as well as those with mobility issues who wish to age in place with independence."

The Adaptive Cottage is being created by an esteemed group of experts in their fields, including residential designer Eric Moser of Moser Design Group, Allen Patterson of Allen Patterson Builders, and Kathryn Lott of Kathryn Lott Designs. The building site in Habersham was donated to the project at cost by Robert Turner of the Habersham Land Company.

Sponsors of the Adaptive Cottage whose products will be included in the home include GE

Appliances and Elkay, along with other contributing partners.

More information about the Adaptive Cottage can be found on Southern Living's website <a href="here">here</a>, and the Southern Living House Plan for the Adaptive Cottage (Plan SL-2075) can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

## **ABOUT SOUTHERN LIVING**

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## **ABOUT THE PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION**

The Parkinson's Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson's disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience and passion of our global Parkinson's community. Since 1957, the Parkinson's Foundation has invested more than \$400 million in Parkinson's research and clinical care.

## **ABOUT PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

Affecting an estimated one million Americans and 10 million worldwide, Parkinson's disease is the second-most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's and is the 14th-leading cause of death in the United States. It is associated with a progressive loss of motor control (e.g., shaking or tremor at rest and lack of facial expression), as well as non-motor symptoms (e.g., depression and anxiety). There is no cure for Parkinson's and 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in the United States alone.

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