



Fisher House

Newsletter



Fisher House Fun Fact

The Fisher House Foundation operates the Hotels for Heroes program using donated hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels near medical centers without charge. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses, and children of fallen and disabled veterans.

Did You Know?

In the 1800s fresh oysters became a popular Christmas meal when Irish settlers brought them to Charleston. It has now become a Southern tradition and you can find them in many homes in the South.



December 2022

Fisher House Christmas Party

On December 14th, the Fisher House will be hosting its annual Christmas Party. We will be spreading holiday cheer, drinking hot cocoa, and eating a few of Santa's cookies before he arrives later. The director and members of the executive leadership team will also be joining us. Don't forget, our Honor Luncheon and Open House will be on January 20th where we will be giving tours of the beautiful Fisher House.



Charleston Police Dept. Santa's Escort Ride

Charleston PD is preparing and collecting gifts for their 4th Annual Santa's Escort Ride on December 14th. They will be escorting Santa as he rides through Charleston delivering gifts to the Fisher House and the Ronald McDonald House.

Supporting Our Families

Going through a period of loss is never easy, and the Fisher House honors its veterans and supports their families in these times of great need. Bereavement Baskets are provided to mourning families staying at the Fisher House when the veteran passes away. These baskets, provided by the Friends of Fisher House, contain a variety of self-care items that provide comfort and support for families during their time of need.



Meet Our Volunteers

Jim Hutchisson and Wayne King have been volunteers at the Fisher House for 2 years with the Order of St. John. You can find them at the Fisher House every week preparing meals for our guests.



Meet Our Team

Autumn has been working with the VA since 2016 and has been a part of the Fisher House family since 2020. When she is not working, she enjoys going to the beach, playing, and watching sports, and spending time with her two sons.



Guest Testimony

My husband had to have 2 of his vertebrae replaced. He went to Iraq two times. The Fisher House is wonderful! I stayed in my husband's hospital room the last time he had back surgery. This time it was so nice to have this place to relax and clean up. Thank you everyone!

- Mrs. Danielle McCormack & The McCormack Family

Fisher House Projects

The Fisher House has added 7 new black steel benches courtesy of the Friends of Fisher House Charleston around the property for guests to use. They benches are weatherproof and will not get hot in the summer months. Our housekeepers, Robert Spann, Percy Jones, and Bernard Johnson helped put them all together, so a big thank you to them for their help.



New all-weather Rocking Chairs provided by the Friends of Fisher House Charleston, line the back patio. Each one has a been labeled with a branch of the military courtesy of the RHJ Healthcare Technology Management (HTM) 3D Print Shop.



Lastly, the Fisher House received new umbrellas from the Friends of Fisher House Charleston. The umbrellas are available to be checked out by Fisher House guests as they are needed.



Meal Train

In the month of November, we had all kinds of groups come to the Fisher House and provide dinner for our guests. From spaghetti nights to fried chicken and even Thanksgiving Dinner, volunteers made sure to provide our guests with a sense of community and a home cooked meal. All of us at the Fisher House would like to give a big thank you to those who volunteered their time and efforts.





How Can I Help?



Friends of
Fisher House
Donation Link



Meal Train



Amazon
Wishlist



VA Donation
Link

DONATE

Items: Individually packaged food items/snacks and common household items such as toilet paper and cleaning supplies are always appreciated.

Monetary: Donations can be made online at

<https://www.pay.gov/public/form/entry/101/50809435/> or at

<https://friendsoffisherhousecharleston.org/donate.html>. Checks can be made payable to *Charleston Fisher House* or *Friends of Fisher House*.

VOLUNTEERING

Meal Train: We are always looking for volunteers to come and cook at the fisher house. You can register online at <https://mealtrain.com/986m8v>.

If you have any questions about donating or volunteering, please contact the Fisher House Managers at Erik.Zielinski@va.gov & Charity.Anderson@va.gov, or by calling 843-805-8200.



DONATIONS

All of us at the Fisher House would like to give a big thank you to those who have donated and volunteered their time to us throughout 2022. Your donations have allowed us to continue providing our guests with a comfortable home away from home.

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