



OCT 2022

FISHER HOUSE

NEWSLETTER

The Fisher House provides high quality temporary lodging, at no charge, to families of Veterans & Active Duty who are undergoing inpatient or extensive outpatient treatment at the RHJVAMC. Fisher House is a “home away from home” and offers a warm, compassionate environment and a sense of comfort while a loved one is undergoing medical treatment.



FISHER HOUSE FUN FACT

The first Fisher House opened in 1991 at the former National Naval Medical Center, Now called Walter Reed National Military Medical Center – In Bethesda, Maryland.

GUEST TESTIMONY

“This is possibly the best stay I’ve been at. I am truly grateful for the ability to stay at such an amazing place. I will be telling so many vets about this very accommodating place. Thank you again. I hope this is a thing for many years to come!”

- The Wiegmann Family

DID YOU KNOW?

The Charleston Old City Jail once housed America’s first female serial killer, Lavinia Fisher.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Monroe and Nancy Kahn have been volunteering with the VA since 2017. They come in every week to the Fisher House to cook dinner for our guests.

Meet Our Team!

Percy Jones

Percy has been with the Ralph H. Johnson VA since 2014 and with the Fisher House since opening day in 2018. When he's not working, Percy likes to go fishing, hunting, and spending time with his 8 kids.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Halloween Party

Our first annual Halloween party will be happening on Oct 31st! We will have spooky bingo, a scavenger hunt, games and more!

Movie Night

Throughout the rest of the month on Wednesdays (*weather permitting*), we will be hosting Halloween Movie nights on the back patio. Our 16 ft screen purchased by Friends of Fisher House and popcorn bar are sure to make you *scream* in delight! We will be featuring movies such as BOO! A Madea Halloween and Dark Shadows.

SHOWTIME



LUNCH WITH A FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE BOARD MEMBER!

Sgt Ian Simpson and his wife Stacie enjoy a lunch with Friends of Fisher House Board of Directors member Will Coleman. Stacie has been receiving treatment at MUSC via the VAMC. This is their second stay since initially coming in 2019.



Fisher House Updates

We had an exciting month in September as the Charleston Fisher House accommodated 77 families which was the highest number accommodated in 2022. In FY22 the Fisher House accommodated 797 families saving our Nations Heroes and families thousands of dollars in lodging and travel expenses.



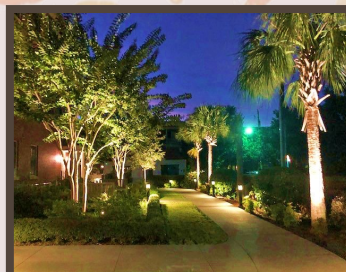
CURRENT HOUSE PROJECTS

Lighting

With the support of the Friends of Fisher House, we had lighting installed around the perimeter of the Fisher House to make it easier for our guests and visitors to see the house at night.

Landscaping

Thanks to the Friends of Fisher House, we are currently in the process of having our landscaping remodeled.



HOW CAN I HELP?

Most veteran families can't afford extended hotel stays while their hero is being treated. Fisher House Charleston will save individual families thousands of dollars in lodging and travel expenses. Your help can assist Fisher House serve these families.

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.



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