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Fisher House

NEWSLETTER

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Social Worker Appreciation

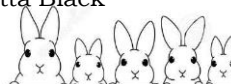
During the month of March, the Charleston Fisher House recognized all social workers throughout the Ralph H. Johnson VA Healthcare System. Erik Zielinski and Charity Anderson visited and provided lunch, courtesy of the Friends of Fisher House Charleston, to various locations throughout the system to show appreciation for all that they do to help veterans and their families.



Guest Testimony

The Fisher House is truly amazing and stunning, and we are so thankful to have stayed here twice. Each time the staff has been very professional, and they go out of their way to make sure our needs are met, and we are treated with kindness and compassion. Their dedication in providing the best experience is inspiring and we left with smiles on our faces.

- Randolph & Loretta Black



Did You Know?

Making Peeps used to take more than a day? In fact, it used to take a whopping 27 hours to make a singular Peep! However, that was back in 1953 when all Peeps were handmade. Now, over 2 billion Peeps are made a year!



Easter Celebration

April is here and Easter is just around the corner. This year at the Fisher House, we are hosting our Annual Easter Egg Scramble. Not only will there be an Easter Egg hunt fit for all ages with a variety of prizes, but we will also be providing brunch to guests and their families. Easter baskets will be handed out to guests courtesy of the Friends of Fisher House. Hoppy hunting!





Earth Month

Earth Month takes place during April every year. It's a time to raise environmental awareness and create consciousness around the issues that affect mother nature. In honor of Earth Month, the Fisher House will be providing guests with packets of wildflower seeds to spread.



Object Hunt

Somewhere in this newsletter, we have hidden the "Heart of the Fisher House." The heart can be big or small, and hidden in or behind other pictures, so keep your eyes peeled! The first person to find the heart and emails us at VHACHAFisherHouse@va.gov with a picture of them pointing it out, will not only receive a prize, but will be featured in the next newsletter as well.

Find  Me



Meet Our Team

Robert C. Spann Sr is originally from South Carolina and is a veteran of the U.S. Army where he was an Army Recruiter. He has one son and two grandsons. During his free time, he enjoys cooking, traveling, and driving around with no destination. He also loves all types of history and learning new things. He has been working at the Fisher House for 3 years, and appreciates meeting, getting to know, and sharing experiences with other veterans and their families.

Meet a FoFH Board Member



Will Coleman is an Army brat who spent most of his youth in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from The Citadel and served as an Army logistician retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 25 years of service. Following his retirement from Active Duty, he continued to serve as a Department of the Army Civilian until retiring again in 2016. In his last Civil Service assignment, he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics and Engineering at the Army Cyber Center of Excellence at Fort Gordon, GA.

How Can I Help?

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*.

Volunteer

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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MEAL TRAIN



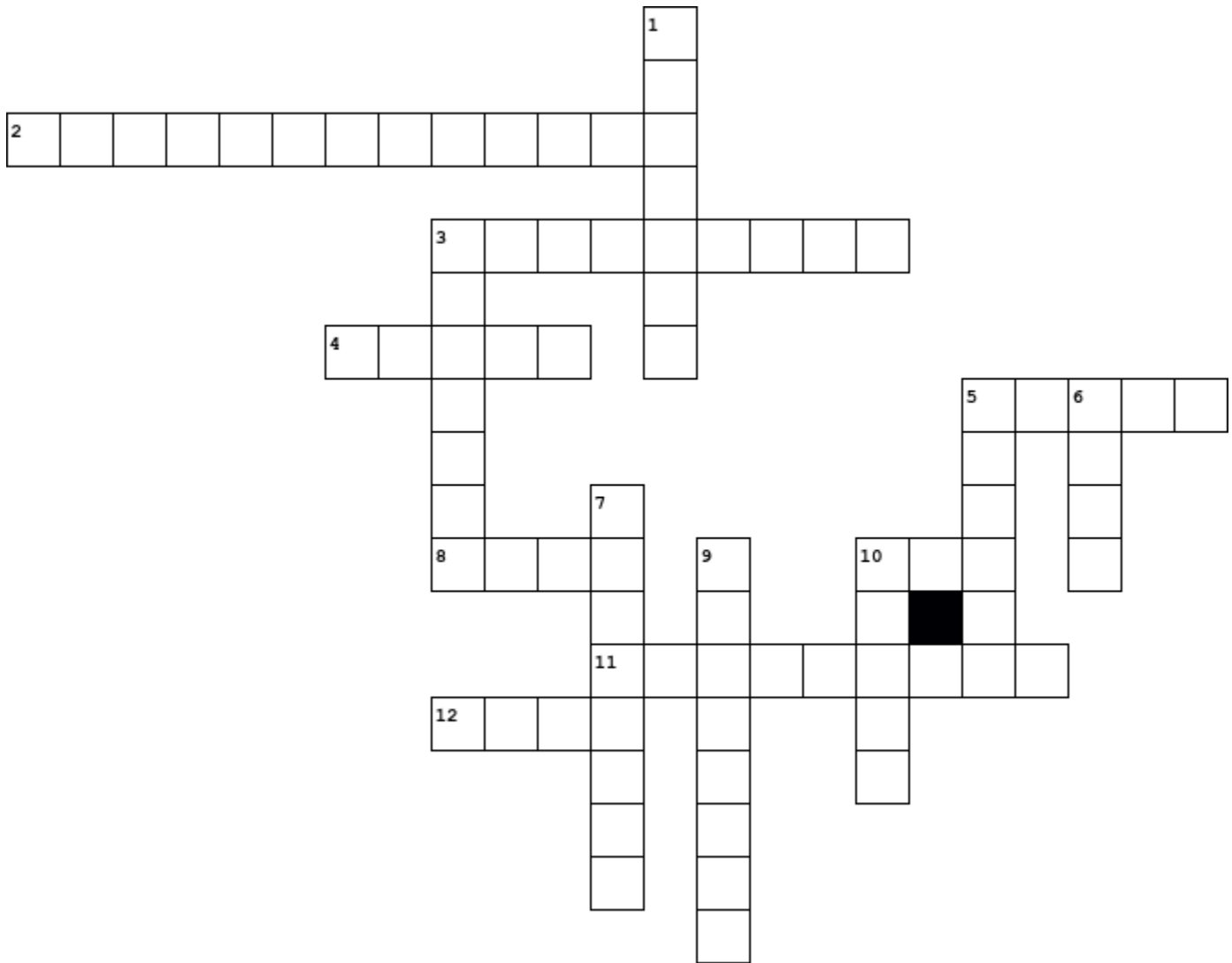
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Hoppy Hunting!



Across

2. Founded the Fisher House Foundation
3. The symbol of hospitality in Charleston
4. Sugar coated marshmallows popular around holidays
5. The minimum number of rooms a Fisher House can have
8. "Because a family's _____ is good medicine"
10. Before we used baskets to collect Easter Eggs, this article of clothing was used.
11. Program offered by the Fisher House Foundation that provides round-trip airline tickets to veterans and their families.
12. Before it was known as the Easter Bunny, it was known as the Easter _____

Down

1. The country in which the Easter Bunny originates from
3. A savory Easter treat in the olden days
5. The goddess Easter was named after
6. Charleston is home to the first _____ game in America
7. A city in Maryland where the first Fisher House was built.
9. Holiday inspired by Vietnam protesters
10. The color of blue painted on the ceilings of many Charleston homes