



Ralph H. Johnson Fisher House

June 2023

Honoring and Celebrating Juneteenth & Pride Month

Throughout this month, the Fisher House will be highlighting POC and LGBTQ+ Authors in the library. We will also be hosting a Pride Luncheon and Juneteenth BBQ.

Juneteenth, observed on June 19, marks the day in 1865 when news of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas — nearly two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery.

June is also Pride Month, commemorating the Stonewall uprising, which began around 1 a.m. on June 28, 1969, and continued for six days.



4,167

Families Served



\$2,980,620

Savings to Families

Father's Day

Father's Day is a holiday honoring all fathers, or relevant father figures, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. For Father's Day, the Fisher House will be providing Lunch on June 18th for Fisher House guests.

Did You Know?

The largest scoop of ice cream weighed in at 3,010 pounds. Created to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kemps Dairy in Wisconsin, this massive scoop of strawberry ice cream made its way into the Guinness World Records.

Guest Testimony

The Fisher House has been a true blessing to me and my family. This is my first time supporting my uncle through an illness. It was a blessing to know I didn't have to worry about a place to stay after a 5-hour drive. The staff is very comforting and made me feel like I was at home. The Fisher House is so beautiful and filled with love. Thank you to the staff, volunteers and donors that make the Fisher House a "home away from home."

- Sheryl from TN

Meet a Friends of Fisher House Charleston Board Member



Kathryn "Kay" Cox arrived in Charleston from Connecticut in 2018 just in time to be a volunteer as the house opened. She is one of a number of the Order of St John members who support Fisher House Charleston.

A Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist she was also very active in several charitable organizations including the New Britain Museum of Art, the Hartford Stage Company and the Renbrook School.

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 sends us an email 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

Last Month's Winner!

Alexis Donahue is our winner from May's object hunt! She is a social worker at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Health Care System.



D-Day

D-Day was the name given to the June 6, 1944, invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by troops from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and other countries during World War II. France at the time was occupied by the armies of Nazi Germany, and the amphibious assault—codenamed Operation Overlord—landed some 156,000 Allied soldiers on the beaches of Normandy by the end of the day. Despite their success, some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. At the time, the D-Day invasion, led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, was the largest naval, air and land operation in history.

Our Community Salutes

Last month, representatives from the Fisher House attended the Our Community Salutes — Lowcountry SC High School Enlistee Recognition Ceremony honored over 50 graduating high school seniors who plan to enlist into the military immediately after high school graduation. Corporal Kyle Carpenter, USMC, retired, and Medal of Honor recipient was the keynote speaker whose remarks reinforced the reason for serving our country in uniform.



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

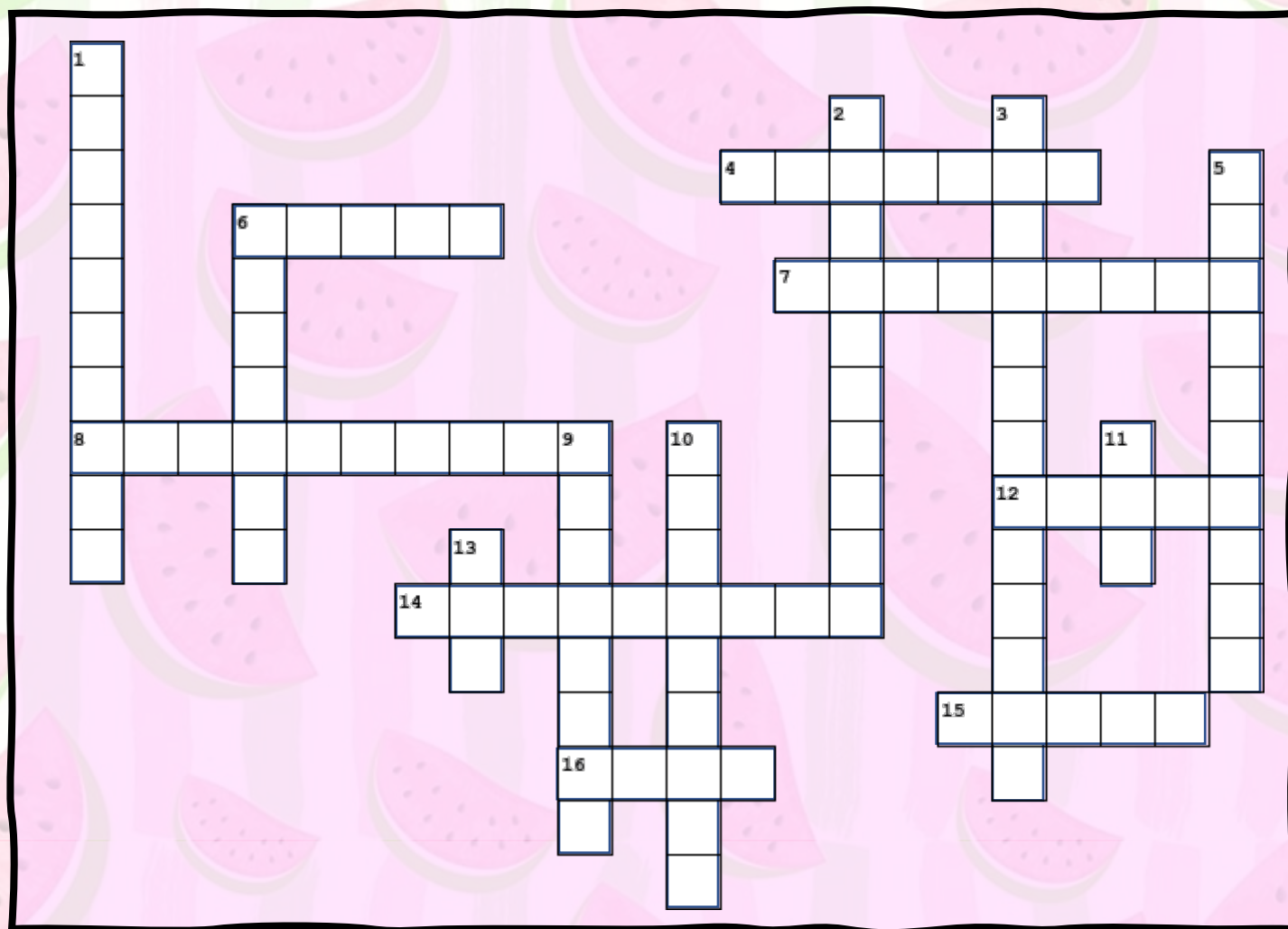


AMAZON WISHLIST



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You're One in a Watermelon



Across

4. Highlighted Friends of Fisher House Charleston board member
6. Guinness World Record for Ice Cream
7. City of final Emancipation
8. Theme for this page
12. Month long celebration
14. Our _____ Salutes
15. Hidden Object
16. Also known as Operation Overlord/Neptune

Down

1. Led D-Day
2. Flavor of the world record breaking ice cream
3. Past Fisher House Guest and Medal of Honor recipient
5. 1865 federally recognized holiday
6. Rooms at the Fisher House
9. Location of the largest amphibious invasion in history
10. Uprising that brought about Pride Month
11. Days Stonewall continued for
13. Wearing sunglasses