

# FISHER HOUSE

**Fisher House Foundation**  
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[www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

## **“A HOME AWAY FROM HOME”**

The Fisher House program provides “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes provide temporary free lodging, so families can be close to their loved ones during a medical crisis.

## **NOT A HOTEL – A LOVELY HOUSE**

Located close to the hospital, each Fisher House consists of between 7 and 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library and toys for children.

## **FREE**

No family ever pays to stay at a Fisher House, no matter the length of stay.

## **FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES**

The Fisher House program is not just for active-duty service members. Fisher Houses are located at both military and VA medical centers. From 19-year-old service members to 90-year-old veterans, we are here to help.

## **A PLACE OF COMFORT AND COMPASSION**

Each Fisher House creates an instant community for its residents, united by the common mission of supporting a sick or injured loved one, but also provides each individual with a secure and private refuge after a long day at the hospital to rest and recharge. Families lean on each other for support.

## **WHO RUNS FISHER HOUSE?**

Fisher House Foundation builds each Fisher House. They are professionally furnished and decorated, before being gifted to the DoD and VA upon completion. The DoD and VA run the home in perpetuity.

## **RATINGS MATTER**

Fisher House Foundation has received an A+ rating from Charity Watch and earned four stars (out of four) from Charity Navigator. Fisher House Foundation is 1 of 3 military and veteran organizations with A+ ratings from Charity Watch. Fisher House Foundation received the 18th consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, a rating earned by less than one percent of the charities they monitor. Fisher House Foundation has also received the 2022 Candid (Guide Star) Platinum Seal for Transparency. For 2021 and for 2022, Wallethub has named Fisher House Foundation the best charity to donate to for veterans.

## **A SPECIAL HOME – FISHER HOUSE FOR FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN at Dover AFB**

A very special home was opened in November 2010, it is for the families of the fallen as they come to Dover to meet their loved ones on their final journey home. This special Fisher House

serves the families who have made the ultimate sacrifice. These families previously stayed off base at a motel.

### **OTHER FISHER HOUSE PROGRAMS**

Fisher House Foundation operates the Hero Miles and Hotels for Heroes programs, utilizing frequent flyer miles and hotel reward points to bring loved ones to the bedside of an injured service member. Flights and hotel nights are made possible through donations of a generous American public.

### **OVER 90 FISHER HOUSES**

There are 94 Fisher Houses currently in operation, across the United States and in Europe. There are two Fisher Houses in Landstuhl, Germany, and one in Birmingham, United Kingdom.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Fisher House Foundation relies on the American public for support. You can help by:

- Donate to Fisher House Foundation to help support military and veteran families.
- Donate your frequent flyer miles – Even 1,000 miles makes a difference.
- Donate your hotel reward points.
- Visit our website, [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) to find more ways to give.

### **EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS**

No gift is too small. Just \$10 helps defray the cost of processing a Hero Miles ticket.

### **QUICK STATS (Since 1990)**

- 94 Fisher Houses in operation
- Over 12 million nights of lodging offered
- \$575 million in savings to families for lodging and transportation costs
- Over 455,000 families served by Fisher House
- On any given night, up to 1,300 families can stay at a Fisher House