

FISHER HOUSE



Kenneth Fisher - Partner, Fisher Brothers; Chairman & CEO, Fisher House Foundation; Chairman & CEO, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum



Ken Fisher has dedicated his career and life's work to building and leading a complex, multi-billion-dollar organization and supporting military personnel and families. Ken Fisher is a co-managing partner at Fisher Brothers, one of the country's most successful family-owned real estate development and management companies, with a portfolio of 8 million square feet of commercial, residential, and retail space. As a partner, Ken is responsible for the daily operations, management, marketing, and leasing of the company's portfolio. Under Ken's leadership, the company is implementing a far-reaching innovation initiative to modernize its infrastructure and technology across its portfolio.

As an industry leader, Ken has been appointed to the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), the Executive Committee and Board of Governors; the Board of Directors of the Realogy Corporation; the publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust, Strategic Hotels & Resorts; and The Real Estate Round Table.

In 2015, Ken received the Real Estate Board of New York's Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award, in recognition of his 42-year career in the industry.

Ken Fisher is the Chairman and CEO of Fisher House Foundation, an organization best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving medical treatment. The homes are located at major military and VA medical centers, close to the medical center it serves. Under his leadership, the network has grown to 97 Fisher Houses throughout the United States and has expanded operations to Germany and the United Kingdom.

On any given night more than 1,300 families can stay in a Fisher House each night. Since its inception, the Fisher House program has helped more than 500,000 families, saving them an estimated \$610 million in out-of-pocket costs and providing them a comforting and compassionate environment as they care for their wounded, injured, or ill loved ones.

Fisher House Foundation also operates the Hero Miles Program, using donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members as well as the Hotels for Heroes program using donated hotel points to allow family members to stay at hotels near medical centers without charge. The Foundation manages an awards program recognizing programs that support military and veteran communities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses, and children of fallen and disabled veterans.

Fisher House Foundation receives the highest ratings from charity watchdogs, such as Charity Navigator and Candid.

Ken has served as a Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. In this role, Ken supervised the development of the museum into a unique nonprofit educational institution. Today the museum is a fully interactive living tribute to America's history of innovation and public service that welcomes one million visitors per year.

Ken served as Chairman of the Invictus Game's Organizing Committee for the 2016 games in Orlando. The Invictus Games uses the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for wounded, injured and sick service men and women. Working with Prince Harry, the Games' Founding patron, Ken led the effort to bring the Invictus Games to the United States. Under his leadership, Fisher House Foundation has supported every Invictus Games event since inception.

As challenges for America's service members intensify, Ken has deepened his involvement with military serving both the Democratic and Republic administrations.

In 2007 he was appointed by the Bush Administration to the Presidents Commission on Care of America's Returning Wounded Warriors tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of the care America provides to wounded service members returning from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ken has served on policy roundtables for U.S. Defense Secretaries Chuck Hagel, Ashton Carter, and Jim Mattis. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Business Executives for National Security (BENS), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that supports the Federal government by applying best practices to its most difficult national security issues. Additionally, Ken serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Army Command and General Staff College, a graduate school for United States Army and sister service officers, interagency representatives, and international military officers. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Business Executives for National Security (BENS). In 2012, Ken's commitment and service was recognized with the Defense Distinguished Public Service Award, the Department of Defense's highest civilian honor.

Other notable honors Ken has received, include:

- West Point Association of Graduates' Sylvanus Thayer Award (2022)
- The Association of the United States Army awarded Ken with its highest honor, the George C. Marshall Medal (2009)
- A second Defense Distinguished Public Service Award – this time with Bronze Palm – in recognition of his work with the Department of Defense to assist the families of fallen service members with needed military death benefits threatened by the government shutdown (2010)
- Department of Veterans Affairs' Secretary's Award (2004)
- The U.S. Secretary of the Army's Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service, (2005)
- The Special Forces Association's Honorary Green Beret (2007)
- Selected as one of America's best leaders by Harvard and US News and World Report in (2007)

- The United States Marine Corps' Honorary Marine award (2011)
- The Order of Military Medical Merit (Inducted 2001)
- The Paralyzed Veterans of America's Public Awareness Award (2006)
- A+E Television Networks' Lives That Make a Difference Award (2004)

Ken attended Ithaca College and received an honorary Doctorate of Commercial Science from the college in May 2016. He lives in New York with his wife Tammy. Ken is a proud father of three children and two grandchildren.