



Fisher House

— keeping our military families together —



What is a Fisher House?

- The Fisher House Foundation designs, constructs & furnishes housing for the family members & caretakers of injured military persons who are being treated as either inpatients or outpatients in a hospital setting.
- The houses are built using donated funds from the community, being situated on the grounds of major military centers, as well as VA medical centers across the country.
- They are designed to offer all the amenities of home, being both comfortable & attractive. They include: *a common kitchen, large dining & living rooms, laundry facilities, (21) attractive bedrooms with private bath, and even a library & toys for children.*



The houses are free of charge: there is no charge to stay at a Fisher House.

How did these houses come about?

- On hearing of the many needs of injured military persons and their families, **Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth** dedicated their time, money and ingenuity to the founding of the Fisher House program in 1990.

Do the Fishers still run the program?

- Zachary Fisher died in 1999. The program is now run by his **grand-nephew Ken Fisher and Ken's wife, Tammy**. Ken Fisher has been awarded "The Secretary's Award" by the Department of Veteran Affairs, its highest award to an individual or organization.

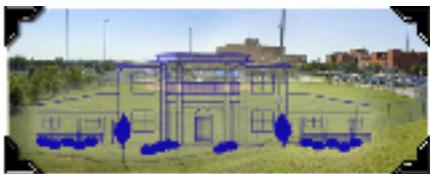
Tell me more!

- The first two houses were built in 1991, one at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, MD and one at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. There were already 12 houses by 1993, and as of today there are 38, one of these in Germany.

Houston VA now proudly supports a Fisher House, as well. →

What about Dallas!

GOOD NEWS! Construction began for a Fisher House here at the Dallas VA in September 2007!



It is being built on the old softball diamond on the southeast side of our hospital.

More information may be found at <http://www.fisherhouse.org>

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