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### **Fisher House Charity Lacrosse Showcase**

Burning River Lacrosse and Fisher House Foundation team up to bring you the **Fourth Annual Fisher House Charity Lacrosse Showcase** to benefit the Fisher House Foundation, serving our military families. This foundation provides a "home-away-from-home" for America's military families so that they can be with their severely wounded and/or ill family member(s) during those service members' medical treatment and/or lengthy physical and/or occupational therapy treatments. **In the last 3 years the event has raised approximately \$125,000 for the families of our wounded service men and women.**

This year's event will be held on April 23, 2011 at Hawken School's Walton Stadium, located at 12465 County Line Road, Chesterland. This year the 'Showcase' features three high school varsity lacrosse games, one high school JV game and one middle school game. The teams are paired up on the field to show their talents, have some fun and learn what it's like to give back to their community. Players are given the opportunity to show their appreciation to our military families and participate in an event to benefit others. The success of this event is made possible by local and national sponsorships, many parent and coaching volunteers and of course the main attraction – the players. In the past three years the event has raised approximately \$125,000 to benefit the Fisher house Foundation.

Fisher House ([www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)) is a philanthropic foundation geared toward raising money to provide Fisher Houses (homes-away-from-home) for America's military families so that they can be with their severely wounded and/or ill family member(s) during those service members' medical treatment and/or lengthy physical and/or occupational therapy treatments.

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There is at least one Fisher House™ at every major military medical center to assist families in need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment. The program began in 1990, and has offered approximately 3 million days of lodging to more than 120,000 families at a savings of more than \$100 million in lodging costs, plus savings on subsistence and transportation costs since its inception. Annually, the Fisher House program serves approximately 10,000 families. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Fisher House Foundation uses donations to reimburse the individual Fisher Houses operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. **No family pays to stay at any Fisher House!**

Tickets are available the day of the event or in advance by **contacting Burning River at 216.373.5684**. Donations can be made at [www.active.com/donate/FisherHouse2011LAX](http://www.active.com/donate/FisherHouse2011LAX). More event information is available at the Burning River Lacrosse website at [www.brllax.net](http://www.brllax.net).

*Burning River Lacrosse was founded in 2005 to provide developmental lacrosse opportunities at all levels (introduction to the game, improvement of skills, national competition and college exposure) to Cleveland's lacrosse community. The company also hosts charity events such as Fisher House Showcase to raise money and awareness for those in need and to teach participants about their responsibility to reach out and make a difference in the lives of others.*

## Fisher House Charity Lacrosse Showcase

Burning River Lacrosse is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fisher House Charity Lacrosse Showcase on Saturday April 23, 2011. ([www.brlax.net](http://www.brlax.net)). This year the 'Showcase' is an all day series of High School and Middle School lacrosse games held to raise money and awareness for the Fisher House Foundation.

The event, held at Walton Stadium at Hawken School, begins at 11:30 AM and currently features four High School Varsity lacrosse games (**Medina** (2010 Ohio High School State Semifinalist) vs **Wooster** at 12 PM, **Seneca Valley** (2010 Pennsylvania High School State semifinalist) vs **University School** (2010 Ohio High School State Finalist) at 2:30 PM, **Avon Lake** vs **West Geauga** at 4:30 PM, **Orange** vs **Hawken School** at 5:00 PM, a Junior Varsity game **Seneca Valley** vs **University School** at 2:30 PM and a Middle School game **University School** vs **Hawken School** at 12:30 PM. In the past, we have also had College games (We are currently negotiating for them this year.)

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In the past three years the event has had the following results:

- **Raised over \$125,000** (sponsorships, donations, ticket sales, auction, raffle, t-shirts, programs) for America's military families so that they can be with their severely wounded and/or ill family member(s) during those service members' medical treatment and/or lengthy physical and/or occupational therapy treatments.
  - This is the second largest one day event (Marine Corp marathon) Fisher House is associated with.
- Sold over 5,500 tickets
- Received coverage in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Inside Lacrosse* magazine, *Chagrin Valley Times*, regional *Observer* papers and Cleveland.com.
- Received coverage on Cleveland TV (WKYC TV3 - interview on good Company), Cleveland Radio stations (WGAR, WDOK, Q104, 90.3 (Morning Edition) and WTAM) and Columbus Radio stations.
- Had special guest, former Army lacrosse player John Uberti, speak with the participants about how lacrosse impacted and shaped his life, how the participants can use what they learn on the lacrosse field to become men of substance and impact, and what the Fisher House Foundation and events like the Fisher House Charity Showcase mean to our military families.
- Had special guest Major Zoltan Krompecher - Green Beret, who served two combat tours; one in Iraq with a Special Operations Unit and one with Operation Enduring Freedom, speak with the participants about how Fisher House has been there for his men/women, the positive impact it has had on his troops and the impact events like this has on our military families.
- Had special guest Justin Kalenits – speak about his experiences with Fisher House. He is medically retired from the 173rd Airborne and his rank was Specialist. He was shot in an ambush in November 2007 in Afghanistan. He was on a foot patrol with 12 of his buddies when they were ambushed by 180 Taliban fighters. Six of his friends died and 6 were wounded. They fought for hours and it took several hours to get medivaced. He was the most critical. He had surgery in field and was placed on a respirator. Within two days he was flown to Landstuhl (Germany). His parents were then flown, using Fisher House 'Hero miles', to Landstuhl to be by his bedside. While in Germany they stayed at a Fisher House. Justin told participants about Fisher House and what they did for his family and those of his wounded buddies.
- Had special guest Lt Col Patrick Powers, a highly decorated member of the Special Forces speak about what Fisher House means to the men / women in his command. Lt Col Powers also took part in a ceremonial face-off prior to each of the games last year.

The event was sponsored by the following companies

**Goalie Level (\$5,000+)**  
RPM (2008, 2009, 2010)  
Team Wendy (2008)  
InsureOne Benefits (2008)  
Sports Construction Group (2008)

**Defense Level (\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Runzheimer International (2009, 2010)  
Swigercoil (2010)  
Sports Construction Group (2009)  
WestPalm Pharmaceutical Services (2009)  
Impact Ceramics (2008)  
McManamon Insurance (2008)

**Attack Level (\$750 to \$1,250)**

LEK (2008, 2009, 2010)  
Cleveland Marble (2009, 2010)  
Carnegie Corporation (2009, 2010)  
Brewer-Garrett (2009)  
Diamond Indoor Sports (2009)  
Medical Mutual (2008)

**The event also received merchandise and/or donations from**

- **Gatorade** (signed Derek Jeter and Dwayne Wade Jerseys, in addition to 14 cases of Gatorade),
  - **Gait by DeBeer** (5 lacrosse sticks, lanyards)
  - **Brine** (lacrosse sticks and two pairs of custom Army gloves),
- **Anthony Kelly** (a pair of NY Titans gloves, a pair of Brine LA Riptide gloves, STX Katana Shaft, 2 brand new heads, 2 brand new shafts - a Reebok, and a titanium),
  - **Neil Duffy** – Autographed copies of his lacrosse book “the Spirit in the Stick”
    - **The Goalie School** (Camp admissions).
    - **Cleveland Printwear** (Event banners)
      - **Cleveland Indians** (Tickets)
    - **Cleveland Browns** (autographed merchandise)
    - **Denver Mammoths** (autographed merchandise)
- **University of Maryland, The Ohio State University, Princeton University, Roanoke College, and Syracuse University** (Team Autographed Jerseys)
  - **Andrew 'Buggs' Combs** (Autographed helmet -courtesy of Midwest Lacrosse)
- **Paul Rabal** (Autographed pair of Mayback Maverik gloves - courtesy of Midwest Lacrosse)
- **Kevin Leveille** (Autographed Razor X (Warrior) heads -courtesy of Midwest Lacrosse)
  - **NDP Lacrosse** (Free entry fee to NDP sponsored youth tournament)
    - **Chilis** (Gift Certificates)

## What is Fisher House?

The Fisher House™ program is a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House™ Foundation donates "comfort homes," built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

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There is at least one Fisher House™ at every major military medical center to assist families in need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment (53 total in the US and Germany). Annually, the Fisher House™ program serves more than 11,000 families (over 130,000 since inception) at a cost savings of over \$15 million. Since the program originated in 1990 they have made available nearly 3 million days of lodging to family members. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Fisher House Foundation uses donations to reimburse the individual Fisher Houses operated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force. **No family pays to stay at any Fisher House!**