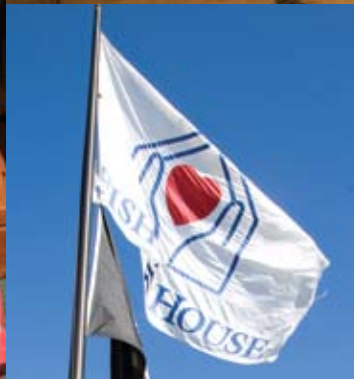


FISHER HOUSE



Serving military and veterans' families in their time of need





**A DONATION TO
THE FISHER HOUSE™
HONORS THOSE
WHO SERVE**

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, as well as the hardships of military service, by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by both the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.



For members of our Armed Forces, retirees, veterans and their families, the Fisher House program offers shelter and support during a medical crisis. Located on the grounds of every major military medical center, and many VA medical centers, Fisher House facilities provide a comforting “home away from home” while a loved one is receiving care in an

unfamiliar environment. This special support is even more important to a family during the most stressful time — the hospitalization of a wounded or injured service member involved in military operations like Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

Most importantly, due to the generosity of people like you, no family pays for their stay.

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*LCpl Matthew Bradford,
U.S. Marine Corps,
pictured with his mother,
Debbie Bradford
and physical therapist,
John Inzinna*

*"You gave us a home when we had none in our time of need.
God bless you all."*

— Jeffery, Stacy and Kelan Bates

A WELCOMED "HOME AWAY FROM HOME"

A long-term stay in a military hospital, sometimes thousands of miles from home, can easily mean expensive lodging and long separations from loved ones. In recognition of the special sacrifices of severely wounded or ill service members and their families, the Fisher House Foundation, through the kindness of donations received, provides "comfort homes" that

are built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers here and abroad. These homes enable America's military families to be together during extended treatment for serious illness or lengthy physical and/or occupational therapy sessions. With the comforts of a traditional house and the technology of today's smartest homes, this is truly a supportive environment.

AMENITIES

Each Fisher House creates a warm, compassionate environment where families find support and encouragement from others in similar circumstances. The houses are typically 5,000 to 16,000 square feet, custom-built homes with eight to 21 guest suites. All are professionally decorated and beautifully furnished in the tone and style of the local region. They have well-stocked community kitchens,

inviting living rooms complete with libraries and toys for children. Other features include in-room telephones and cable TV/DVDs, laundry facilities, housekeeping services, and in-room or common-area computers with Internet access. All homes are within walking distance of the medical center — or transportation is provided at no cost. Highly trained staff and volunteers are available to assist all Fisher House guests.



A COURAGEOUS VISION

In 1990, Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth began the Fisher House program to give back to America's military, building a total of 24 homes for the military and VA by the time of Mr. Fisher's passing in 1999. Today, 43 Fisher Houses are in operation at military bases and Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers throughout the nation and overseas in Germany, and more will open soon.

Zachary's grand nephew, Ken Fisher, now serves as Chairman of the Fisher House Foundation, and, with his wife, Tammy Fisher, is committed to continuing the organization's great legacy.



FISHER HOUSE FACTS

- **Houses in Operation:** 43 at the time of publication, more currently under construction
- **Families Served Annually:** More than 12,000
- **Total Families Served:** More than 120,000 since the program's inception
- **Number of Lodging Days Offered:** Nearly 3 million to date
- **Average Length of Stay:** 12 days (based on data collected from 1990 to 2007)
- **Average Length of Stay for Combat Casualties:** 60 to 90 days
- **Volunteers:** Up to 4,000 per year
- **Estimated Savings:** Participating families have saved nearly \$120 million in lodging fees, subsistence costs, and transportation expenses



SSG Willie James Aldridge,
U.S. Army,
pictured with his son, William Joseph Aldridge



SSG William P. Corp,
U.S. Army

"You will never find another place on this earth with such warmth, hospitality and compassion. Most of all, you feel special and much loved. I feel as if I am one of the family at Fisher House."

— The Stone Family

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

By contributing to the Fisher House Foundation or any individual Fisher House facility, you can make a difference in the lives of America's service members, retirees, veterans and their families when they need help the most.

The Fisher House Foundation and individual Fisher House facilities depend on public donations to

continue our important work. If you designate your contribution for a specific purpose or Fisher House, 100 percent of your donation will be allocated for that purpose. Furthermore, the Fisher House Foundation never discloses the names of its donors to any other individuals or organizations, and does not solicit contributions by direct mail or telephone.



All Fisher House Foundation programs are made possible by generous public support. Your donation will make a difference. For more information, please call (888) 294-8560 (toll-free) or visit us online at www.fisherhouse.org.

FISHER HOUSE FACILITIES ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED IN:

California	Kentucky	Ohio
Colorado	Maryland	Texas
District of Columbia	Minnesota	Virginia
Florida	Mississippi	Washington
Georgia	New York	Europe (Germany)
Hawaii	North Carolina	

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

Helping military families is what the Fisher House Foundation does best. Whether through its network of Fisher House facilities, the Scholarships for Military Children Program, a grants program for volunteer organizations, administration of the Hero Miles program for the Department of Defense, or other programs supporting families of wounded or injured service men and women, the Foundation strives to make a difference in the quality of life for America's military.

The Fisher House Foundation and individual Fisher House facilities depend on public donations to continue to support America's military in their time of need. Please consider a donation today.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

The Fisher House Foundation and local Fisher House facilities participate in the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). CFC donations help build new houses and support the many quality of life programs that the Foundation administers. Donors have the option of designating Fisher House Foundation in all CFC campaigns or designating a specific Fisher House in a local CFC campaign. Agency codes for individual houses are contained in each home's description under the "The Houses" section of our website (www.fisherhouse.org).

GET INVOLVED

Each Fisher House has a full-time, salaried manager, but depends on volunteers and voluntary support to enhance daily operations and program expansion. Please consider volunteering your time to help our courageous service members and their families. For more information visit our website.

Once constructed, each Fisher House is given to the U.S. government as a gift. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes. The Fisher House Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, builds new houses, assists in coordinating private support and encourages public support for the homes. Donations to the Fisher House Foundation and/or individual Fisher House facilities are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.



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*PFC Matthew Zajac, U.S. Army
with his father, Mike Zajac*

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