

**Published on *VeteransNavigator* (<https://veteransnavigator.org>)**

## **Foundation Provides Comfort Homes for Military and Veterans Families**

A Fisher House is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 84 Fisher Houses located on 25 military installations and 35 VA medical centers. Many more houses are under construction or in design.

### **Description**

Typically, the houses are 5,000 to 16,800 square foot homes donated by the Fisher family and Fisher House Foundation. Each house is designed to provide 8 to 21 suites. All are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region. The houses can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library, and toys for children. Newest houses are 100% handicap accessible and include elevators. A Fisher House is a temporary residence and is not a treatment facility, hospice or counseling center. The program began in 1990, and has offered more than 8 million days of lodging to more than 350,000 families. Learn about [current houses](#).

### **Responsibilities**

Fisher Houses are given to the U. S. Government as gifts. 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, and assists in the coordination of private support and encourages public support for the homes.

### **Eligibility and Cost**

Criteria established locally by hospital or installation commanders. Families do not pay to stay at a Fisher House. Fees at Army, Navy, and Air Force Fisher Houses are underwritten by the Fisher House Foundation.

## **Volunteers**

Fisher Houses have full-time salaried managers but depend on volunteers and voluntary support to enhance daily operations and program expansion. Learn more about [volunteering](#).

> Learn more [Fisher House Facts](#).

Article Source

Fisher House

Source URL

<https://www.fisherhouse.org>

Last Reviewed

Thursday, April 4, 2024