



URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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Lexington Fisher House*





Los Angeles VAMC

What is a Fisher House?

“Home away from home”

- At military & VA medical centers
- Within walking distance
- 8-21 suites, 5000-16,800 sq ft
- Common kitchen, dining room, laundry, living room & playroom
- *A Home...not a hotel!*

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska



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HOUSES IN
OPERATION

335,000

FAMILIES SERVED SINCE
1990

\$407 MILLION +

IN SAVINGS TO FAMILIES SINCE 1990

8 MILLION +

DAYS OF LODGING

Why do we need a Fisher House?



Allows family to:

- Be at bedside of our Veterans during hospitalization
- Focus on healing process, and not the financial burden

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...and because hotels are not always

- Available
- Affordable
- Close to the hospital
- Equipped for an extended stay



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Who can stay at the Fisher House? ...& how much does it cost?



Families, friends & loved ones of a patient travelling over 50 miles for care.

(50 miles is a general rule, and FH Manager can waive that requirement in extenuating circumstances.)

There is no charge to stay at a VA Fisher House.

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How does a Fisher House help?

By providing a loving HOME where families can prepare meals, eat, sleep, do laundry, relax and rejuvenate while visiting and caring for their loved one in the hospital.

And by providing a healing environment where families can gather strength from one another as they face a difficult medical crisis.



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Where will our Fisher House be built?



On the Leestown Rd Campus
Lexington VA Medical Center
Lexington, KY

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Lexington VAMC
Fisher House rendering *(notional)*
16-suites; 13,400 sq.ft
Estimated cost: ~\$6.5M
Construction schedule: 9-15 months

Room nights provided: 5840/year
Savings to families of Veterans: over \$600,000+/year

“No Families Pay to Stay at a Fisher House”

How will the Fisher House be funded?



Groundbreaking Ceremony - Long Beach, CA

- Donations made locally to the Friends of Lexington Fisher House.
- Donations made nationally to the Fisher House Foundation.



Dedication Ceremony - Charleston, SC

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Who builds the Fisher House?



Second Fisher House at Palo Alto CA VAMC currently under construction.

Fisher House Foundation hires experienced private General Contractors.

The house is not a government project – but a gift from a private foundation.

Each house is built to a strict VA & Dept of Defense approved basis of design that meets or exceeds life and safety standards.

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Fisher House Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) Charitable Org

Less than 10% of revenue goes to management/fundraising

90% available to help military families!



Only 3 military non-profits
rated received an A+



Less than 1% of all charities
rated have earned 14th
consecutive 4-star rating



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How can I help?

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