

# FISHER HOUSE FACTS



Greater Los Angeles Fisher House

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 45 Fisher Houses located on 18 military installations and 15 VA medical centers.

Typically, the houses are 5,000 to 16,000 square foot homes donated by Fisher House Foundation. Each house is designed to provide eight 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 library, and toys for children.

## Who Runs a Fisher House:

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.

## Who Is Eligible to Stay At A Fisher House:

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 Fisher House Foundation.

## 2009 Highlights:

- Families served: Approximately 11,000
- Average length of stay: 15 days
- Average (combat casualties): 45-60 days
- Average occupancy level: 87%
- Saved families more than \$15 million in lodging cost, plus food and transportation

## Since Inception (1990):

- Families served: More than 130,000
- Number of families of combat casualties: Approx. 7,500
- Number of lodging days offered: over 3 million
- Saved families more than \$150 million in lodging and transportation cost

## Ratings:

- Four stars (out of four) from Charity Navigator
- A+ from American Institute of Philanthropy

## Fisher House Locations:

★ = Future Homes    ★ = Existing Homes



For more information please see our website:

[www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

**Fisher House Foundation facilitates several major programs that help improve the lives of military families, including:**



Allows donated frequent flyer miles to be used to bring family members to the bedside of injured service-members



**NEWMAN'S OWN™ Newman's Own Award**

A grant program that supports other military charities



**Scholarships for Military Children**

A grant program that provides scholarships to children of military families.

**For further information about the program, volunteering or to make a tax deductible gift:**



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