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# Fisher House Boston West Roxbury, MA at the Veterans' Administration Hospital

With a planned ground-breaking for Fall 2007, Fisher House Boston is envisioned as the ultimate in family residences for our soldiers' loved ones.

It has been shown that having family nearby is a vital component in speeding the recovery of a patient. That's what Fisher House Boston will make possible.

But we need your help to make this facility a reality... Our goal is to raise \$2 Million,which is half the amount necessary to build a Fisher House.

As of Spring 2007, we have acquired nearly 50% of the funding. We're now looking toward responsible corporations, community leaders and local residents to assist in making this dream a reality.

There is no better time than now to support our wounded heroes and their loved ones.







SUPPORTING AMERICA'S MILITARY, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING A MEDICAL CRISIS

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It's only been two years since Sgt. James Lathan found himself as an inpatient at the VA hospital in West Roxbury. He underwent advanced procedures and endured grueling rehabilitation. All the while, his family was close at hand.

Unfortunately, his wife and young son also endured hardship. They had one small hotel room in which to live. No playroom, no laundry and each meal had to be purchased at a restaurant. All this could have been avoided with a local Fisher House.

As planned, the Fisher House, Boston will offer 21 suites where patients' families can live—offering all the comforts of home for free, as long as necessary during veteran's treatment.

Fisher Houses make keeping families together a reality. It is a support network, it's a place to stay. But most important, it's about the families of our heroes.

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Serious injuries and illnesses don't recognize rank, race, gender, religion, or economic status. Their emotional, financial, and physical stress can be devastating – both for those who are ill or wounded and for their families. Fortunately for anny current or former member of the armed forces, the resources of the Fisher House, Boston program are nearby. A long-term stay at a military hospital often means expensive lodging and long separations from loved ones. Fisher House facilities change all this.

Fisher Houses are home-away-from-home residences specifically designed to house and support the families of our veterans.

Fisher House by the numbers: Homes between 5,000 and 16,000 square feet. Designed with up to 21 guest suites. Fully furnished with in-room telephones, cable TV/VCRs, laundry and computers with Internet access.

Each House also has a well-stocked community kitchen, spacious dining areas, and living rooms with libraries and toys for children. But it's more than that Fisher Houses become a support network within the house, it's not just a place to sleep. It's getting together & supporting each other through bad days and sharing the joy on good days. That is the beauty of the Fisher House.

And there is always a caring staff to assist Fisher House guests during their stay.

# "Being here isn't just good for the guys. It' good for all of us."

# Belinda Beatty – wife of Staff Sergeant Dale NC Army National Guard

Every Fisher House is a warm, compassion environment for families.

Fisher Houses have saved families more the \$70Million in lodging, transportation and recosts since the program began.

# "Having my wife and daughter here is the best inspiration I co ever have."

### Staff Sergeant Justin Shellhammer, U.S. Army

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