The St. Louis Fisher House has been going strong for 10 years. When describing the gift that Mr. Fisher provided, we simply say he saw a need and he answered the call. The first guest lodged at the Fisher House on July 28, 2010. That guest stayed for four days. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 25, 2010 and by then we had already lodged 60 guests. No one would have ever imagined just what a gift the FH would truly be. To date we have served over 11,750 guests and counting, This is something that everyone from the St. Louis Health Care Systems Director, Mr. Keith Repko, to the Fisher House Foundation, to our Local community partners and volunteers should feel proud of. Not only has the Fisher House impacted many lives already it will continue to do so for years to come.

During our 10-year anniversary celebration we had the honor of serving our veterans and their families a catered lunch, we enjoyed two celebration cakes, and had a blast with fellow employees via trivia, and walking with many individuals in the name of the Fisher House. What an exciting and adventurous celebration.

The House has 20 fabulous suites; however, sometimes that is not enough space to meet demand. During this 10-year celebration we would like to thank the individuals and businesses who work outside of the House to support our veterans.

The Drury Inn Union Station is staffed by Angela (Area Sales Manager), Stephanie (Assistant Manager), Sarah (Assistant Manager), and Jennifer (Assistant Manager). These individuals go above and beyond to ensure our veterans are well cared for. They find the partnership with the Fisher House rewarding and note that the veterans and family members are always in good spirits even when going through such challenging times. A recent guest at the Drury stated that she was "Very pleased with the Drury Inn COVID-19 protocol."

The Hampton Inn is staffed by John (General Manager), Tabitha, and other wonderful individuals who keep the Inn moving smoothly. We can't overlook the coincident relationship between Admiral Trost Dr., the address of the inn, and the original idea of the Fisher House. Had it not been for Pauline Trost, wife of Admiral Trost, none of us would have the honor to serve these families.

The Annual Auction to benefit the St. Louis Fisher House is online this year!!!

The Auction opens on October 4 and closes October 14 at the Golf Tournament. But you do not need to be present to win! Donated items range in value from $20 to $1,400 and include special sportswear, artwork, Veterans' memorabilia, golf outings, restaurant gift certificates, and a trip on the Mississippi in the Stan Musial Fire Rescue boat! Check out the fun listings, register and bid, all online.

www.biddingowl.com/FisherHouseinStLouis
Dictionary.com defines a volunteer as a person who performs a service willingly and without pay. I believe there is payment; however, not monetary.

Becky volunteers her time to make us smile with her delightful and very delicious cakes (calorie free I am sure). The Doll Lady, volunteers her time by making dolls for children.

These two women are prime examples of volunteers who are paid by the reward of knowing they are feeding the hungry in both body and soul.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered anywhere at anytime. You are appreciated and loved.

Be Safe and Stay Healthy,
Your St. Louis Fisher House Family

DONATIONS

There is no way the Fisher House could serve the many veterans and their families without donations.

To all who have donated items, time, or money please know and remember you make a difference.

Please take time to view the pictures on page 5 and see what you have made possible.

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Meet The Newman’s

Fisher House July 2020

In our book of LIFE we will gladly add a new chapter – Fisher House (St. Louis). How often do you go to a new city, for an extended stay – 3 or 4 months, and have strangers whom you have never met make you feel that you have been welcomed with open arms into their family?

We came to the St. Louis for my husband’s double lung transplant. If that isn’t scary on its own, knowing that you need to leave your home and find lodging to make him as comfortable as home once he is dismissed from the hospital was also scary in a strange new city.

Once I arrived at the Fisher House, I met the staff and many of the residents also staying there. We all started talking about each other reasons for being there, where their home was, how long they had been there, how long were they expecting to be there, families, jobs and life in general. While my husband was in the hospital my interaction with staff and residents was limited too amount of time spent at the hospital. Never once did I feel uncomfortable coming into the Fisher House and having a late dinner and having other residents join or just stop to ask how my husband was doing. Once he was released he joined me at the Fisher House, knowing that the Rehab routine would go on for months. Each day the kitchen common area was always stocked with plenty of varieties of Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner items which you could prepare as if at home.

The facility is very clean, everybody is respectful of others, it’s safe and equipped with all the necessaries of home to keep your life running at ease. Staff is always asking, “Do you need anything?”. The generosity of the house from gift cards you receive for quick meals out to placing rocking chairs on the front porch is more than what was ever expected. With the on-site laundry facility you are able to keep up with your own laundry has another comfort of home is not a worry.

Fisher House overlooks the Mississippi River, with walking and resting areas all around the grounds. The view from the Gazebo has shown us Bald Eagles, Deer within feeding distance, and many ground hogs.

We would have never believed that we could be as comfortable away from home, feel secure and enjoy the staff and residents when we started this journey. The Fisher House staff and residents have a special bond. From the good days when we are all laughing and enjoying visiting with others, to the bad days where you sometime just need a word of encouragement or a hug. We have shared smiles, tears and the joy of meeting special individuals here at the Fisher House, especially the staff members.

As our life travels continue, I will be forever be grateful for the Fisher House, the staff and their Foundation. We will most definitely let other veterans know of this extreme benefit for serving our country.

Bruce & Rosie Newman

Trivia Questions & Answers

How many rooms does the STL Fisher House have? – 20

Who can place a Fisher House Consult? - Anyone

How many guest have we served at the STL Fisher House? – 11,750

How long did our longest guest stay in the STL Fisher House? – 14 Months

How many Fisher House’s are there in MO? – 1

By what means does the Fisher House pay for lodging incidentals, food, laundry supplies, cable etc.,? – Donations
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Westmoland, 6 yrs. As the VA Health care systems Mail carrier for Jefferson Barracks division.

WISH LIST

Never Forget:

Guest Needs
- Gas cards
- Grocery store gift cards/ Walmart, Sam’s
- Restaurant gift cards
- U.S. postage stamps
- New Release DVD’s

For the FH Pantry
- Bottled water
- Clorox Wipes
- Individual snacks
- Coffee cups w/lids
- Paper plates
- Plastic utensils (forks/spoons)

Guest Needs
- Kitchen disposables gloves
- Ziploc bags
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach

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Fisher House Family,

Thank you so much for helping our family during this very difficult time. Everyone made us feel so welcome. Connecting with other families was very comforting.

The staff is so thoughtful and went above and beyond to help us any way possible. The facility is beautiful and kept up in a manner to make everyone feel safe during the COVID pandemic.

We certainly appreciate all the kindness and support and will tell others about Fisher House.

Many thank Wagner - Bill & family

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