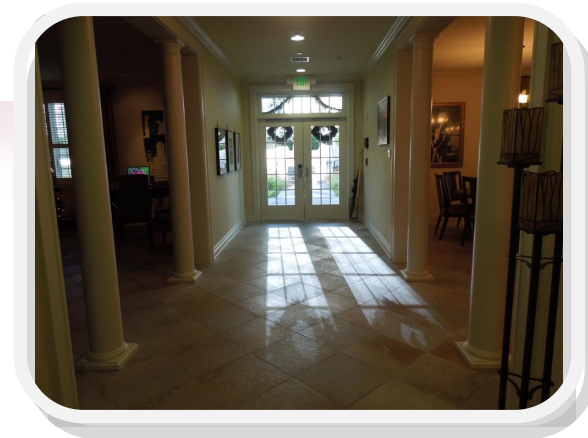


Because of You

The Gratitude Report—Fiscal Year 2015



“The Fisher House made me feel safe, comforted, and calm. It is a sanctuary. The camaraderie with others is most precious.”

This year 572 families called the VA Puget Sound Fisher House “home.”

“Having such a wonderful facility so close to our loved ones is more than lodging. It is the epitome of care, for material needs, companionship, empathy by and for others, compassion, and caring for all those here in the same situation. It is one awesome experience! Many thanks!”

Estimated cost savings to families this year: over \$1 million.

“It was so helpful and generous to not have to worry about food and supplies.”

Your donations purchased over \$22,000.00 worth of groceries for the House.

“The massage got rid of a persistent headache. Dinner out on the town with the other guests was a wonderful evening of laughter and ordinary conversation, a much appreciated escape in the most glorious company.”

“It was nice to be able to enjoy the activities and the wonderful meals from volunteers.”

Over \$45,000.00 funded hundreds of guest programs, including events, celebrations, massage therapy, and classes.

You are the heart and soul of this program. Your donations and volunteer hours make this award winning program possible. You *are* our family. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our Veteran and military families. Happy holidays!

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By the Numbers since 2008

- Families served: 4,749
- Active duty families: 391
- Total guest nights: 42,062
- Average length of stay: 11 days
- Guests have come from 48 states and 13 countries

Friends of VA Puget Sound Fisher House

Our mission is to ease the burden on our Veterans and their families during difficult times. The Friends, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, work to raise funds and awareness in support of the VA Puget Sound Fisher House. We are grateful for your partnership with us!

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Did you know? Puget Sound Fisher House is all over the web!



Board Talk



Happy Holidays, Guster! Caring, compassionate people made it possible for you to visit Grandpa and bring him your joy while he is in the VA Hospital. How did Santa and Sugar Plum know where to visit you? There is "Magic" at the Fisher House. So many people and organizations make this a "home away from home" for you, your Mom, and Grandma too!

Each and every day Veteran families like Guster's stay at the Fisher House to care for their loved ones who served in the military. The patients benefit knowing that their family is by their side. It is powerful. The families are there to provide comfort, care and inspiration.

The families form a bond as they support each other through these challenging times, becoming a "Fisher House Family". Lifelong friendships are made. The Fisher House and gardens becomes a place of respite and peace. There is also a lot of laughter that is much needed and activities

like Guests Night Out and Talk Like a Pirate Day make each day special. A family member said to me recently, "Coming here was like having open arms welcoming you home at a time when so much was uncertain and stressful".

Thanks to all of you who have partnered with the Friends in supporting the VA Puget Sound Fisher House. You have contributed in so many ways: a donation in memory of a loved one or to honor someone's special day, in-kind donations, volunteer service, encouraging your business or organization to support the House, or making a donation because you believe how important it is for these families to be together. However you participate WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU!

On behalf of my fellow Board Members we celebrate this holiday season with deep gratitude to all who help keep the magic alive. Please join us in supporting families like Guster, his Mom, Grandma, and Grandpa. Happy Holidays to you and your family!



Pat Norikane Logerwell
Friends Board President



The Friends of VA Puget Sound Fisher House were the designated charity for this year's annual golf tournament hosted by Proliance Surgeons. It was a wonderful event that netted \$25,000 in support of the programs of Fisher House. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

We are Family

The Veteran is checked into the hospital. The caregiver, reluctant to leave, crosses the street to check into Fisher House. First-time guests rarely know what to expect. They enter Fisher House and are amazed to find not only beauty and comfort but cupboards full of food, quiet bedrooms appointed with everything from teddy bears to bathrobes, and an embracing garden burgeoning with produce (most of the year) and serene spaces to sit and commune with nature. After settling in, guests discover the greatest gift: the fellowship of other guests, the support of a caring staff, and the embrace of a generous community. Fisher House was founded on the idea that our military and their families deserve the highest and best a grateful nation can offer. Because of you VA Puget Sound Fisher House fulfills this vision every day of the year, caring for and comforting families in a difficult time. Your gifts touch lives year in and year out. Thank you!



In Memoriam

Steve McFadden, one of the original Puget Sound Fisher House housekeepers, passed away on November 22, 2015. A former guest left this fitting tribute on Facebook: "He was a gentle giant and was an asset to the Fisher House." We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Rest in peace, Steve.



Board Blurbs

The Friends of VA Puget Sound wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for all you have done for Veteran families in 2015!



Thank you to Sue Williams for her years of service on the Board of Directors. Fortunately, her cheerful spirit will remain with the organization as she continues to work caring for the Healing Gardens. You're the best, Sue!

Read All About It

Get less mail without missing a thing. Sign up to receive "Because of You" in .pdf format. All we need is your email address. Just go to:

www.fisherhousevaps.org and click the "Subscribe" button! If you prefer having something to hold in your hands, that's fine, too. Either way, we're committed to sharing with you the story of VA Puget Sound Fisher House. We are so grateful you're a part of the family!

Tour Fisher House

To visit VAPS Fisher House and see how your donations are put to work please call 206-501-8860 to schedule a tour. Come see firsthand what you make possible!

From a Guest

"I was very happy to find out about Fisher House and all you do here to try to help Vets and their families through such difficult times. It's a godsend. Thank you for the caring and compassion that was shown to us. It was appreciated more than words can say!"
-Samantha C.

Zachary's Corner



Fun Bear Fact: He doesn't brag but Zachary Bear knows some pretty famous people.

Manager's Musings

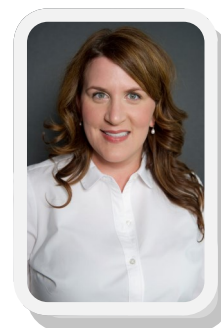
Did you see that? 2015 has rounded the final corner to the finish line. We've tucked away the turkey and dressing for another year (in addition to untucking our shirts) and decorations are up and shiny at Fisher House. That was a fast 12 months...or was it?

Our perception of time is truly our own. For those of you who celebrate, do you remember waiting what felt like DECADES for Christmas Day to arrive (and find out how good you were?) Days often go by in a heartbeat for me with new guests, returning guests, leaving guests and the day-to-day bustle of the house. But I've watched those same days trudge along like January molasses for guests awaiting news about their loved ones. Surgeries that take several hours; waiting on recovery rooms to call with the latest updates. And when you're waiting on that kind of news, every second seems to be a year. So, at our Fisher House, we try to do small things that make the days go by a little easier. Recently, Santa Al and his elf Sugarplum made their annual visit to the House and enjoyed breakfast with the guests. We even had a four month old wee one as a guest who met Santa for the first time (though Sugarplum, I believe, was his favorite).

We've started our Twelve Days of December with Partridge In A Pear Tree ornaments for all the guests then celebrated Three French Hens with

Guests Night Out at local restaurant Big Chickie. Follow us on Facebook to discover the other fun of the Twelve Days. And we don't just do this during the holidays. We do it year round: Squirrel Appreciation Day (have you hugged a squirrel today?), National Good & Plenty Day (a manager favorite), and floral arranging classes (pump up that resume!) Bingo Nights (shiny prizes!) April Fruits Day (in lieu of April Fool's Day). With the help of the Friends, donors, volunteers, and staff we are able to do little things that help time pass quicker and with a bit more laughter. Thank YOU for allowing that to be possible.

However you celebrate this time of year, may it be safe, healthy, happy, and bright, surrounded by those who love you, and chock full of shiny things.



Stephanie Toepp
Fisher House Manager

"Fisher House offers genuine hospitality to families. We are so grateful to the Fisher Family for all that is and has been given us with nothing expected in return. My thanks to all who have contributed to this fantastic facility." - Joyce Y.

To all our donors and volunteers—THANK YOU!

House Scrapbook



Seahawk Jimmy Graham, #88, visited.



...thank you for the caring and compassion ...



Holiday decorating crew

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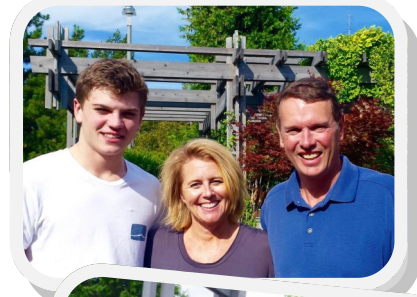
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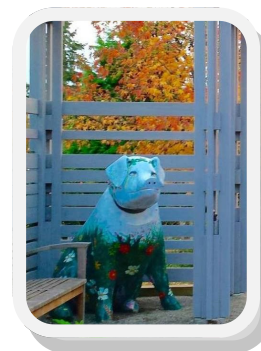
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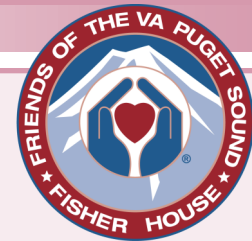
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