

Omaha Fisher House

Because a family's love is good medicine



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration:
Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System



Fisher House Foundation

- Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military and Veterans' families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital.
- These homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world.
- Gifted to DoD or VA as a gift upon completion.
- 91 Fisher Houses
 - 41 VA medical centers
 - 25 military installations

VA Fisher House Program Introduction

Omaha Fisher House

- The house was constructed and donated by Fisher House Foundation, Inc. on July 6, 2020
- 16 suites, 13,000 square feet
- “Traditional” American one family house
- \$8 Million Gift – fully furnished
- Omaha is the 46th VA Fisher House and the 88th internationally



Eligibility Requirements

- Prospective guest must live at least 50 miles from the Omaha VA Medical Center.
- All individuals referred for accommodation to the Fisher House must be fully independent in all Activities of Daily Living and self-care.
- No Veteran/Patient can lodge without a caregiver.
- Up to two guests are allowed lodging per Veteran.
 - 1 room per Veteran
- Minors must be supervised by an adult on VA grounds at all times during their stay.
- Eligibility for continued temporary lodging at the Fisher House is dictated by the need for daily family involvement in the treatment plan of the Veteran and occupancy levels.
- Includes Care in the Community

Daily Living

- A key card is issued to each room occupant upon check-in (to access the house and their assigned guest room).
 - All exterior and room doors automatically lock.
- Daily cleaning of rooms is the guest's responsibility.
- Each guest is assigned a refrigerator “cubby” and a pantry cabinet where they can store food.
- Food/prepared meals will be provided as community support/funding allows.
- No services are provided within the house – all emergencies will require calling of 9-1-1.

Lodging Priority Status

- Patients actively dying;
- Patients admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU);
- Patients admitted to Palliative Care/Hospice Unit;
- Patients scheduled for major surgery resulting in admission to an ICU;
- Patients admitted to an Acute Medical Unit;
- Patients admitted to a Residential Treatment Program;
- Patients admitted to Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation Unit;
- Patients admitted to Community Living Center; or
- Patients receiving ongoing outpatient treatment.

Omaha Fisher House Virtual Tour

Omaha Fisher House Stats

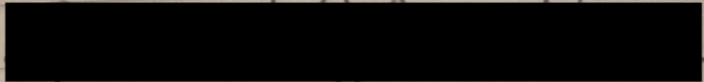
- Opened September 9, 2020
- Average length of stay – 4 days
- Served over 70 families so far
- Average miles traveled: 145
- Cost savings as of January 31: \$22,330

What guests are saying

1/12/21

As I sit here by myself, and wait for the phone call that my husband is out of surgery! I feel so blessed! To be safe and warm with the best staff and to be somewhere that feels like Home! I have always been the Caregiver in my job and at home so someone that cares for me (the caregiver) is amazing to me!

Thank you! So so much this is an amazing experience and I feel so Honored.



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