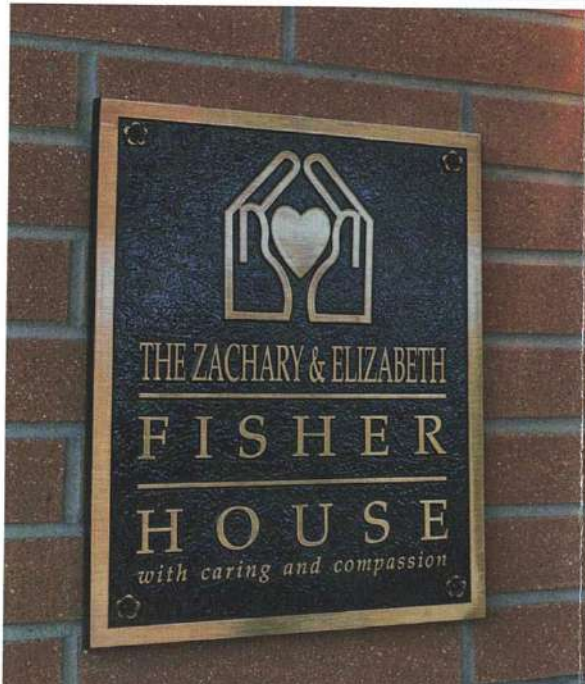


## What is a Fisher House?

The Omaha Fisher House is a free hospitality lodging program that offers a warm, compassionate environment and provides families a "home away from home" while their loved one is undergoing inpatient or extensive outpatient treatment at the Omaha VA Medical Center.

A family's love is always the best medicine. When a loved one is injured or ill, Fisher House unites families and relieves the financial and emotional strain of being away from home.



### Fisher House Foundation

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

### VA Fisher House Program

[www.socialwork.va.gov/fisher.asp](http://www.socialwork.va.gov/fisher.asp)

### Omaha Fisher House

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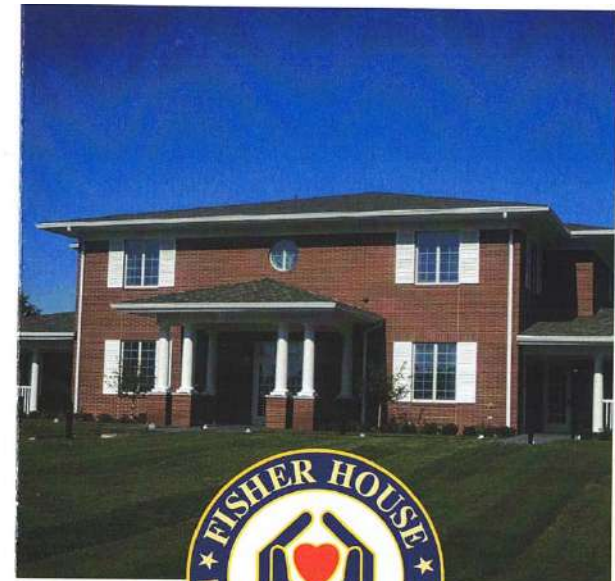
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# OMAHA FISHER HOUSE

HELPING MILITARY AND VETERANS' FAMILIES



## Fisher House Special Features

The Omaha Fisher House, located on the medical center campus, features 16 fully furnished family suites, each equipped with a private bathroom.

The house has a fully stocked gourmet kitchen, spacious dining room, modern laundry room and common living areas for families to gather while their loved one is receiving care at the Omaha VA Medical Center.

*The Omaha Fisher House was built by the Fisher House Foundation and then gifted to the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System.*



## Who Can Stay at the Fisher House?

### The Omaha Fisher House Welcomes Guests Who:

- have a loved one receiving care at the Omaha VA Medical Center or are receiving care at a local hospital authorized by the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).
- live 50 miles or more away or have a 2-hour commute from the Fisher House.
- are actively engaged in the Veteran's or Active Duty Service Member's treatment plan.
- are medically stable and able to stay in a non-medical unsupervised setting.
- are willing and able to abide by all house guidelines and regulations including: prohibition of smoking, weapons, alcohol or drug use; and be willing to clean up after themselves.
- No animals are permitted in the Fisher House, with the exception of Service Dogs.

## How Does Someone Get Referred for the Fisher House?

Individuals requesting Fisher House accommodations must be referred via electronic consult by a member of the Veteran's VA health care team (Physician, Nurse Care Manager, Social Worker, etc.). A referral is a request and will not guarantee a room reservation.

Reservations will be based on eligibility criteria being met and room availability. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

### A Home Away From Home

- Each Veteran's family will be allowed one private suite to share, with a max occupancy of four people.
- Families will share a communal kitchen, laundry room, dining room, and family room with other guests in the house.
- Children are welcome at the Fisher House but must always be supervised by the guardian checked in as a guest.

