

Because of Friends Like You!



Message from the President, Rocco Bagala

Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11, and the approaching new year remind us to reflect on our blessings and renew our commitment to family, friends, and Military and Veteran families. It is with great appreciation that we thank you—our donors—for your continued commitment, partnership, donations, and heartfelt support of Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound. Your generous contributions provide our four Washington State Fisher Houses with the necessary resources to care for the families and loved ones of hospitalized Service members and Veterans. It is your support that creates a "home away from home" for our active-duty Military and Veteran families, their loved ones, and caregivers during a time of medical emergency. ~ Rocco



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Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound on the Back Cover	
Using Our QR code or Mail-In	

Our House Managers' Wish Lists

Our Fisher House Managers created 'Wish Lists' to support guest services at our four Fisher Houses in Washington State. If you enjoy spreading holiday cheer, be sure to contact the Fisher House Manager of your choosing. Information below.

JBLM Fisher House

Vattana Garcia, House Manager at:
 Email: vattana.garcia.naf@health.mil
 Or Call: (253) 967-5198 or (253) 967-8362

Vancouver Fisher House

Christine Morgan, Program Specialist/Assistant Manager
 Email: Christine.Morgan@VA.gov Or Call: (260) 567-4647

Seattle Fisher House

Glen Boje, Assistant House Manager
 Email: Glen.Boje@va.gov Or Call: (206) 277-3950

Our Priorities for Guest Services:

- Well-stocked kitchen with groceries, food & beverages for everyday meals, snacks, holidays, & special events
- Basic comforts of home in the kitchen, bedroom & bath, laundry room, and living room
- Clean, safe, healing indoor/outdoor space
- Access to transportation to accompany hospitalized loved ones to affiliated centers
- Access to technology similar to home
- Sense of camaraderie, family, care



Because of Friends Like You! Donor Impact Oct 2023-Sept 2024

Seattle



JBLM



Vancouver



Here is How You Can Help!

Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound is solely reliant on YOUR donations. Thank you! Your contributions support active-duty Military & Veteran families today and will continue to do so.

Here is how you can help:

- Donate by mail, at a local Fisher House, or online: fisherhousevaps.org/donation-form
- Employee giving, matching gifts, workplace fundraisers, combined federal and cause marketing campaigns, business% retail sales.
- Memorials: Honor the life of a loved one by making a donation in their memory or creating a memory page for others to donate to.

For further information about legacy gifts, see page 5.

Contact your financial advisor to donate via Donor Advised Fund (DAF), required minimum distribution, tribute gift, family foundation, or to include a gift in your estate.

Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound

Who We Are: Since 2006, Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, administered by an all-volunteer board, has been established to raise funds and awareness to support Military and Veteran families staying at our four Fisher Houses located in Washington State. FOFHPS helps to provide "home away from home" accommodations for these deserving families while they are caring for their loved ones needing emergency medical treatment at a military medical center or affiliated facility. Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound keep families together because a family's love supports healing and restoration—good medicine! We are grateful for your partnership with us!

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Rocco Bagala - President

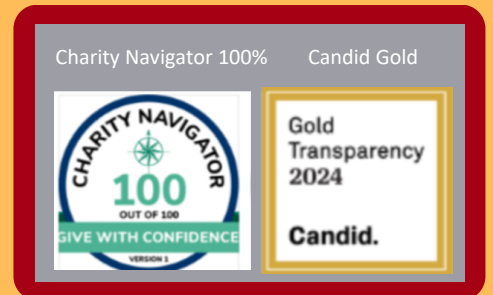
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-**Charity Navigator** has certified Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound highly impactful with a perfect score of 100% in the following categories: fiscal responsibility, efficiency, sustainability, trustworthiness, and best practices for accountability and transparency.

-**Candid** has awarded Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound a 'Gold Transparency Seal' for its mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, and governance.

What Fisher House Means to Me? Keith & Diana Gepner



“Fisher House is a safe, peaceful, and elegant ‘home away from home’ in a time of need...I don’t know how we would manage... without the services the Fisher House and the Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound provide.”

Fisher House is a safe, peaceful, and elegant ‘home away from home’ in a time of need. There are moments in our lives that stand out as great blessings. My experience at Fisher House is one of those blessings and continues to be a tremendous gift to my husband and me.

My husband, Keith, is a disabled Veteran. He receives his health care at the VA hospital and health care facilities in Portland and Vancouver. Living in Prineville, central Oregon, it takes us four hours to travel the 150 miles for his medical treatment. If the weather or traffic is challenging, it takes considerably longer. I don’t know how we would manage the trip in times of medical emergency or for the frequent short- and long-term hospital stays for Keith without the services Fisher House provides. We know Keith faces more hospital stays in the future. Knowing that Fisher House is there for us is invaluable.



One night, one week, or one month—we have had many stays over many years. Knowing that we will have safe, friendly, and high-quality accommodations gives Keith and me peace of mind when the need arises. The staff is warm and welcoming and offers great moral support, just like a caring family, far beyond what one would receive at a hotel.

As a side note, I would like to share a special experience I had at Fisher House during one of my month-long stays. It is my nature to be productive, and after daily visiting Keith at the hospital, I found I had some unexpected time on my hands. With the consent of the staff, I brought my sewing machine and fabric, set myself up in the dining room, and over a few days, I made scarves as gifts for the staff and guests. Bringing joy to others brings me joy. Smile all around!

Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound, we keep families together ~ because a family’s love is good medicine!



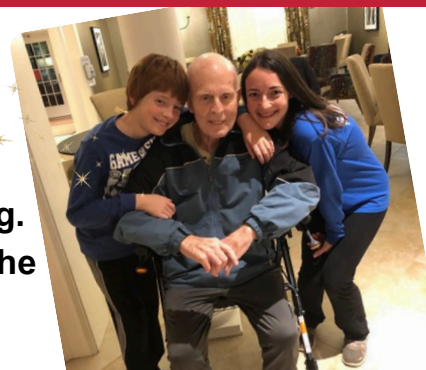


Our Guest Family Album

“What a tremendous gift. You are the nicest people!”



“The Fisher House and its staff are amazing. What a blessing to be relieved of some of the stress following the loss of a loved one.”



“The place is wonderful, along with the staff. It has been a blessing for my granddaughter and I. We will never forget this place.”



“Thank you to the kind souls that make this place a haven of peace and tranquility.”



“Thank you so much. We are deeply grateful.”



**Seattle VA Fisher House
Mark Debenport, Manager
Glen Boje, Assistant Manager**

**Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Vattana Garcia, Business Manager
Emily Bonilla, Ops Assistant
Jennifer Hembrador, Ops Assistant**

**Vancouver Fisher House
James Dorce', Manager
Christine Morgan, Program Specialist**

Many thanks to our incredible House Managers who provide the gifts of love and service, that keep on giving all year long!

A Legacy of Support Gift

We are grateful for your commitment to support Military and Veteran families during a time of considerable need. If you wish to make Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound a part of your legacy, you may be interested in learning how easy it is to leave a lasting gift. By including Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound, in your financial or estate planning, you ensure that future generations can access the support and care earned.

Contact your financial advisor to donate via Donor Advised Fund (DAF), required minimum distribution, tribute gift, family foundation, or to include a gift in your estate. Benefits of these popular ways to give without impacting your current financial situation are below:

- *As simple as adding one sentence to your will or trust.
- *You can leave a specific amount, a percentage, or the residual of your estate.
- *You can change your mind at any time.
- *There is no minimum gift required, and every gift makes a difference.
- *Your gift creates a lasting legacy for our deserving active-duty Military and Veteran families.



Community Partner Corner

Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound
~ because a family's love is good medicine!



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“Supporting Military members and their families is a cause close to our hearts, especially for our Veteran-owned and operated company. That’s why we wanted to partner with Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound. Their mission of providing a “home away from home” for Military and Veteran families during difficult times strongly aligns with our values and resonates with our team. We believe these families deserve unwavering support, and Fisher House’s proven effectiveness makes a real difference in their lives.”

~ Gabrielle Johnson

Genentech

“Genentech prioritizes giving back to our local communities annually, especially during Genentech Gives Back Week in June. Our Seattle/Alaska Team loves the mission of the Fisher Houses, which provides a no-cost refuge for individuals and families supporting a loved one through their healing journey. Many members of our team feel especially connected to the veteran community, either being vets themselves or having family members who served. Thus, what better way to demonstrate our thanks and recognition than by offering hands-on support and literally getting in the weeds!” ~ Janet Loats



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You may also give online at:
fisherhousevaps.org/donate
and click on the "Donate" button
or use the QR code below:

Please make checks payable to: Friends of Fisher House Puget Sound

- This gift is in honor of: _____
 This gift is in memory of: _____
 If you would like to notify someone that you have made an honorary or memorial gift, please provide the name(s) and address(es) so we can send a note on your behalf.

- This gift is anonymous. Please do not list my name in any published texts.
 I was a guest of Fisher House.
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