

## How Can You Help?

The Boston Fisher House depends on donations from individuals and groups to support its programs. Funds are used to provide cooking supplies, food items, and personal items that family members use during their stay.

By donating directly to Boston VA Hospital, you can be assured that 100% of your donation will be used to support the Fisher House.

Donations can be made to:

Voluntary Service (Fisher House 5009)

VA Boston Healthcare System

1400 VFW Parkway

West Roxbury, MA 02132

For information about making donations, contact Voluntary Service

To find out more, see your Social Worker for a referral, or contact 857-203-4000, for questions.



## Eligibility Requirements

Families and or Caregivers of Veterans or Active Duty Military Personnel receiving inpatient treatment at Boston VA Healthcare, or receiving VA covered care in the community, may stay at the Fisher House while they receive their inpatient care. The following are eligibility requirements for lodging at the VA Boston Fisher House:

- Guests must be medically stable and able to care for themselves and/or family members independently.
- Guests must live 50 miles or more from the Fisher House, *exceptions to the mileage can be made by House Manager, for extenuating circumstances.*
- Guests must agree to house guest agreement rules, and be able to abide by them.
- Minor children must be supervised by their families at all times.

# VA Boston Fisher House



**A Home Away From  
Home for Veterans'  
Families and Caregivers**



VA Boston Healthcare System  
1400 VFW Parkway  
West Roxbury, MA 02132

## What is a Fisher House?

Fisher Houses recognize the special sacrifices of our men and women who served in uniform by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other hospital.

Veterans and their families often must travel long distances to receive specialized medical care. This often leaves their families in need of temporary housing in the area.

The Fisher House Foundation donates "comfort homes"; built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable fami-



ly members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful times - during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

## Why Build One at Boston

Boston VA Medical Center is a Tertiary Care Center that treats injured service members and ill veterans from throughout the New England, and beyond. Spinal Cord Injury programs attract many patients from throughout the country.

A Fisher House will be there for veterans' families who have someone they love going through long-term rehabilitation programs, including traumatic brain injury, cardiac, spinal cord injury and acute patient care.

Having someone you love seriously injured is traumatic for the families and the last thing they need to be worried about is how to pay for a hotel bill.

## What does the Boston VA Fisher House have to offer?

The Boston VA Fisher House has 20 suites to accommodate family members. By law, there is no charge for any family to stay at a Fisher House operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The house features a common fully stocked kitchen, spacious dining room, an inviting living room, toys for children and laundry facilities. Bedrooms offer either one queen sized bed or two twin size beds. Each room has an adjoining private bathroom with a shower and all rooms are equipped with a TV and DVD.

The Boston Fisher House is located on the VA Boston West Roxbury campus. The Fisher House has its own parking lot designated for guests and visitors to the house only.