



# ALBUQUERQUE FISHER HOUSE

*Because A Family's Love is Good Medicine*

## August 2023 Newsletter

Rotary Club of Albuquerque Metro sponsored our Observance of Patriotic Holidays and generously volunteered to decorate the house inside and out to be enjoyed by our families, Veteran's, visitors, walkers, and NMVA Staff.



Krystina Pomeroy and her family delivered her delicious homemade Lasagna for *Lasagna Love*



Rio Grande Blue Star Mothers NM2 sponsored our Drive-Thru Day Observance with beverages, snacks, and our families were excited to receive gift cards for their favorite places.

**Our Families appreciate your help by Volunteering to create a comfortable "home away from home" for them. Since January 2023, 19 Volunteers have generously donated over 80 hours to support the Albuquerque Fisher House**

**Albuquerque Fisher House Volunteer opportunities: Grocery Refresher, Baker, and Meal Train  
Sponsor an Observance: Donating food, beverages, snacks, and decorations**





# Journal pages to share

Our families appreciate every Donor, Volunteer, and for the Care team who referred them to the Albuquerque Fisher House



## Albuquerque Fisher House Guest Journal



Thanks again Fisher House and Staff for making our stay comfortable. The Staff was awesome as usual. I look forward to my next stay. Thank You again and be safe. (c) Let's not forget... Thank You to all the donors who made it possible for V.A families to have a place to stay.

## Albuquerque Fisher House Guest Journal



We cannot express our gratitude enough for the amazing staff at the Fisher House. For two and a half months the Fisher House became our home away from home while my nephew fought for his life after a severe motorcycle accident. The generous donations and hospitality of the staff allowed my sister to focus on getting my nephew the care he needed and not having to worry about the expense of a second home 600 miles from home during this ordeal. We made so many new friends during our time here and through sharing our stories we all became better advocates for our loved ones. Family is the best medicine and with the challenges and frustrations of going through a medical emergency for a loved one, this resource is so incredibly invaluable. Day in and day out we knew we were supported and safe and the staff was so patient as our plans changed over and over again. Thank you Tracy, Lemuel and Vicki for all that you do. We will certainly miss you! Thank you to the generous donors for enabling this incredible resource and supporting the military and their families in such a profound way. To future guests, as hard as it is, share your story amongst each other. You're not alone and the love, support, and prayers of others going through the most challenging days of their lives as well as so good for the soul. You are strong, resilient, and the absolute best advocate for your loved one. Ask questions, speak up and know that we are praying for you too. The housekeeping staff who keep this house perfectly clean also have the most interesting "past lives" and are so caring and supportive. We cannot say enough praise and thanks for y'all! ~With love, SrA Hewitt's family

## Albuquerque Fisher House Guest Journal



May, 2023 -

I thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed my stay at Fisher House! Lem was a very kind host and my room was lovely. What a wonderful service to veterans and their families! Thanks so much!

My stepfather served in the air force for 20 years including terms in Vietnam. He later worked as a professional photographer and as a not-so-professional golfer. He experienced significant dementia in his later years. He was always treated well by the kind employees at the VA hospital where he in Albuquerque.

Thank you again for letting me stay here while I support my stepfather!



On a sunny Saturday morning our Families enjoyed a wonderful surprise of bagels. Thank you to our wonderful Donors!



# Thank you for supporting us!



## WISH LIST

Please call the Fisher House at  
505-265-1711 Ext. 3180  
to discuss our current needs.

### AMAZON SMILE WISH LIST

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28F9P22NXJZDY?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28F9P22NXJZDY?ref_=wl_share)

Our Wish-list provides ideas of items we are currently needing. Please feel free to shop anywhere for items you would like to donate, we appreciate all donations. Please let us know if you purchase online so we know who to thank.

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

#### ALL Individual portions please

Meals/Entrees/Bowls/

Pancakes/waffles/syrup

#### Juice & Drinks

Apple, Orange, Cranberry, Powerade

#### Snacks

Chips, Cookies,, Nuts, Cheese Crackers, Peanutbutter Crackers, Breakfast Cereal

**Snack packs:** (cheese, deli, nuts)

**Ziplock Bags:** Snack, sandwich

**Additional items:** Lip balm, nail files, Individual hand/body lotions, eyeglass wipes, anti-slip socks

### MONETARY

**\$25** Local Restaurant Gift Cards for meals

**\$25** Visa Gift Cards for Families to use

**\$100-\$500** Visa Gift Cards for Facility use

#### Checks:

Payable to *Albuquerque Fisher House*. Mail or deliver to Fisher House.  
Do not send cash.

**E-Donations:**<https://www.pay.gov/public/form/start/52238064/>

**Facility=**New Mexico Healthcare

**Enter your information**

**Program for Donation=Fisher House**

**Donation Amount=Donation/gift amount**

**Select type of payment**

**DONATIONS MUST BE  
NEW, UNUSED**

**Since January, the Albuquerque Fisher House has  
received over 70 donations over \$20,000.00  
from our generous Donors.**

Rotary Club of Albuquerque Metro  
ALA 85 (Celina McCleary)  
AMER LEGION AUX Unit 99  
American Legion AUX Peggy Brown  
American Legion Post 12  
Anonymous  
BCBCNM Julie Lee  
Blue Star Mothers (Berta Wagstaff)  
Lopez, Edward  
Everheart, Teresa  
Fisher, Becky & Michael  
Fisher, Martin & Linda  
FONMFH  
Girl Scout Service Unit 174  
Gwenn Cyrus for Rosann Houlihan Bridge GP  
Jordan, Nancy  
Kaiser, Jim  
Knights of Columbus Assembly 3773  
Lasagna Love Krystina Pomeroy  
Higgins, Louanne  
Vaquera, Mandi (923 KRST)  
Mazon, Marie  
Leavelle, Melissa  
Chavez, Michael & Patti  
MOCA # 7 Barbara Santillanes, President  
National Nuclear Museum  
NM Society Sons of the Amer Rev Gadsden  
NM Order of Eastern Star  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
NSDAR C. Dibrell  
NSDAR C. Dibrell (Kathryn Henderson)  
Phillips, Robert  
Hanson, R. Gary  
RGV Blue Star Mothers NM2  
Roseann Houlihan's Bridge Groups  
Rotary Club of Albuquerque Metro  
Roybal, Guadalupe Charles Douglass  
Sisneros, Toni & Arturo  
Tamale Patrol Chuck Zobac  
Tobias, Donald  
VFW AUX 9515 Portales

## Friends of New Mexico Fisher House (FONMFH)



This local non-profit works with Fisher House Foundation to support the Albuquerque Fisher House by fundraising.

Since January, they generously donated more than \$5,500.00 in Gift Cards and Groceries

For more information visit the Friends of New Mexico Fisher House website at:

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



**Fresh flowers brighten the day and  
bring smiles, thank you Donors!**



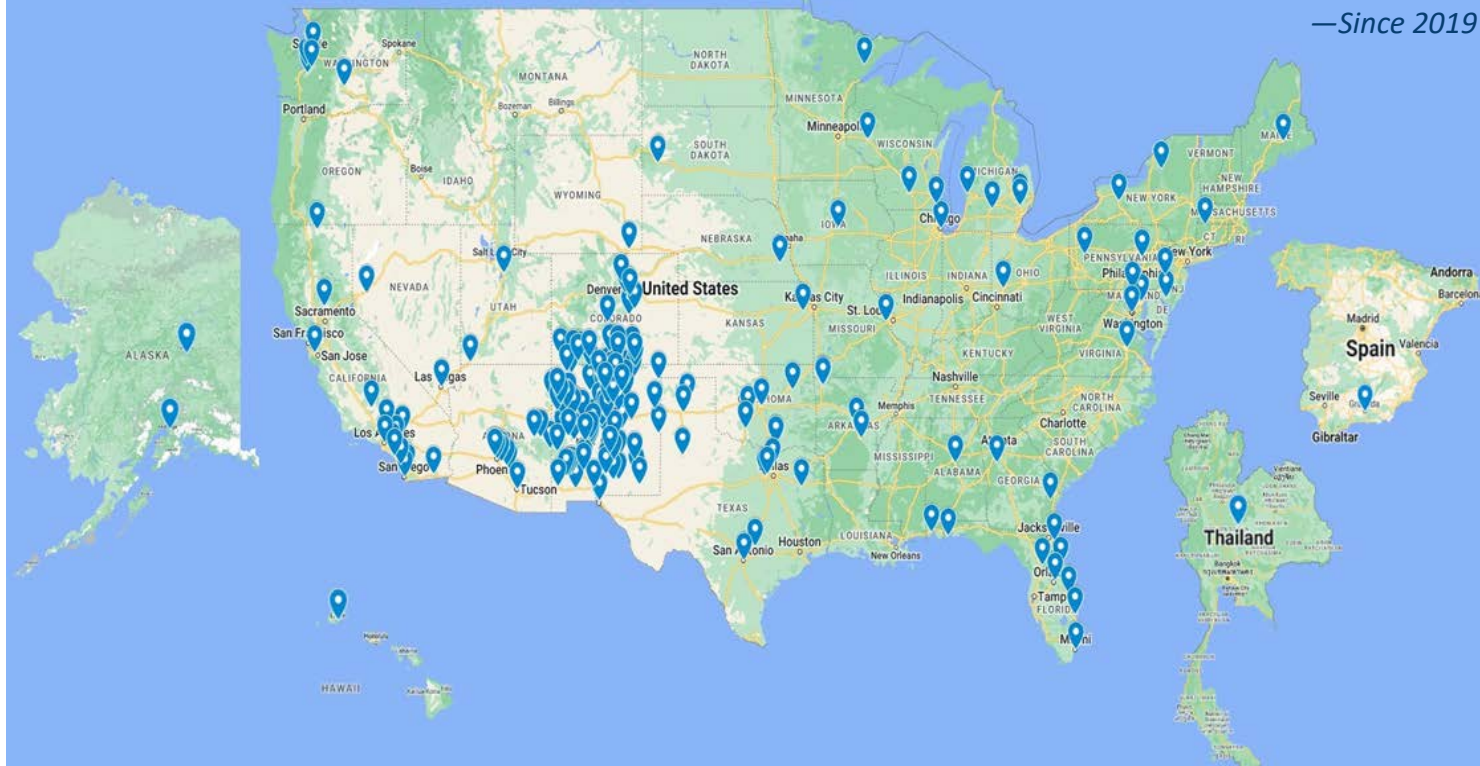


# A Home Away From Home



With your help, **590 families** from **219 cities** in **33 states**, have stayed in our “home away from home”

—Since 2019



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHER HOUSE FAMILIES

- ✓ Live 50 miles or more from the NMVA
- ✓ Family member of an **Active Duty Service Member** or an **inpatient Veteran** at the NMVA
- ✓ Actively engaged, needed for bedside support
- ✓ Medically stable, not under a doctor's care
- ✓ Independent and able to live in a shared home.
- ✓ Living in permanent, stable housing (not homeless)
- ✓ Is free from communicable illness (flu, chicken pox, etc.)
- ✓ Abides by the Guest Agreements and Rules

## The Albuquerque Fisher House will be celebrating our 4th Anniversary on October 19, 2023

Fisher House Foundation donated the Albuquerque Fisher House to the New Mexico VA on October 19, 2019.

We are the 85th Fisher House constructed and donated by the Foundation: there are now 95 Fisher Houses across the world serving Veterans and Active Duty families.

Families who meet eligibility criteria are able to stay close to their hospitalized loved one at no charge.



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Link to a Virtual Tour of the ABQ Fisher House: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1ob7NmXZoA>