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Bay Pines Fisher House Receives \$100K Donation from 84 Lumber

BAY PINES, Fla. – Bay Pines VA Healthcare System accepted a donation of \$100K from 84 Lumber during the organization’s official grand opening of its new store in Palmetto, Florida, on Feb. 21.

The donation is the largest single gift for the Bay Pines Fisher House in 20 years.

“We are humbled by the generosity of 84 Lumber and honored to be selected as the recipients of the donation,” said Bay Pines VA Deputy Director Kristine Brown. “84 Lumber has been a benefactor of Fisher Houses around the country for many years, and this donation will make an immediate and lasting impact to the support and services our Fisher Houses offer to Veterans and family members on the Bay Pines campus.”

Brown, along with Bay Pines Fisher House Manager Shentrella Diggins, accepted the donation from 84 Lumber Chief Operating Officer, Frank Cicero.

“We hope this donation will help lessen the burden that so many families and loved ones of Veterans face during some of the most stressful times,” said 84 Lumber’s Vice President of Marketing, Amy Smiley. “84 Lumber is a proud supporter of the Fisher House and the many services they provide our military Veterans.”

Last October, Bay Pines VA and Fisher House Foundation President David Coker [dedicated the second Fisher House on the Bay Pines campus](#). The nearly 15,000 sq. ft. house can serve up to 5,840 families each year, at full capacity, with a projected savings of more than half-a-million dollars in lodging costs for families of Veterans.

“The Fisher House is an indispensable part of our mission as we follow through on our promise to serve the whole health needs of Veterans, family members, and caregivers,” added Brown. “No Veteran should have to fight alone, and through the Fisher House, we’re able to ensure that loved ones can be with their Veteran every step of their journey.”

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About Bay Pines VA Healthcare System

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System (BPVAHCS) is one of the nation's largest tertiary healthcare facilities, caring for Veterans residing across ten counties in the Southwest region of Florida. We served more than 105,000 Veterans in 2023, across our 10-county catchment area. Our healthcare system includes nine facilities: C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center, located in Bay Pines, Lee County Healthcare Center, located in Cape Coral, and seven outpatient clinics located in Bradenton, Naples, North Pinellas, Port Charlotte, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, and Sebring. We employ more than 4,500 health care professionals, and we are accredited by The Joint Commission and more than 10 additional accreditation and certification organizations.

About Fisher House

Fisher House Foundation is best known for its network of 96 comfort homes where military and Veteran families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, and in Europe, close to the medical center or hospital they serve. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee. Since inception, the program has saved military and Veteran families an estimated \$575 million in out-of-pocket costs for lodging and transportation.

About 84 Lumber

Founded in 1956 and headquartered in Eighty Four, Pennsylvania, 84 Lumber Co. is the nation's largest privately held supplier of building materials, manufactured components, and industry-leading services for single and multifamily residences and commercial buildings. The company operates 310 facilities which include stores, component manufacturing plants, custom door shops, and engineered wood product centers in 33 states. 84 Lumber also offers turnkey installation services for a variety of products, including framing, insulation, siding, windows, roofing, decking, and drywall. A certified national women's business enterprise owned by Maggie Hardy, 84 Lumber was named one of America's Largest Private Companies by Forbes and made the Inc. 5000 list of America's Fastest-Growing Companies in 2023. For more information, visit 84lumber.com or join us at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).



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