



GREATER CLEVELAND FISHER HOUSE 2023 Annual Report

OUR MISSION

Greater Cleveland Fisher House is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that assists the Cleveland VA Fisher House in providing a temporary home away from home, free of charge, for eligible military and veteran families while their loved one is receiving care at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center or other nearby hospital.

2023: A YEAR IN REVIEW

With the support and generosity of our donors and volunteers, we accomplished many goals in 2023 for the military and veteran families we are honored to assist alongside our partners at the Cleveland VA Fisher House.

Through community events and outreach efforts, we raised more awareness of our organization, gained new volunteers and donors, and generated funds—all to benefit the families staying here in Cleveland during a challenging time in their lives.

2024 will be a special year for us, as we celebrate the *5-year anniversary of the two Fisher Houses' grand opening in June 2019*. We will also work hard to build on our past successes as well as initiate additional resources for the guests, such as replace the bedding and mattresses in the suites, fund transportation to local medical facilities, and purchase medical-grade reclining chairs.

Together, with your steadfast support, we know we will create an even bigger impact for our nation's heroes and their families in 2024.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

16,801

Cumulative Lodging Nights for
Guests from
June 2019 - Dec 2023

7,518

Total Individuals Accommodated
since June 2019

\$1,394,483

Cumulative Hotel & Lodging Cost
Savings for Guests by Staying at
Fisher House
June 2019 - Dec 2023



PROGRAMS

Below are several programs created for the Fisher House guests, thanks to the generosity of our donors and the proceeds from fundraisers (included on page 3).

PROGRAM	DETAILS	COMMENTS
Fisher House Family Dinner	<p>A dinner is ordered one night each week for the families, so they don't have to cook after a long day at the hospital.</p> <p>Dinners have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Peppered steak, rice, broccoli, chocolate cake with raspberry filling.- Roasted turkey, wild rice pilaf, spinach, New York style cheesecake.- Spaghetti and meatballs, asparagus, side salad, lemon meringue pie.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-started in March with a new vendor, following grant funding.• Guests said they really appreciate these hot and comforting meals, so the decision was made to continue the program.• Total dinners in 2023: 1,145
Fisher House Lunch Break	<p>Boxed lunches are ordered from a local sandwich shop one day a week, on a different day from the family dinner. Guests can grab a box on their way to the hospital, during a mid-day break at the Fisher House, or at the end of the day.</p> <p>Guests can choose from a variety of sandwiches, plus each box includes chips and a chocolate chip cookie.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Started in November through a local grant, and we've continued the program due to its popularity.• Guests like the convenience—having something fast when they need it.• Total lunches in 2023: 347
Additional Programs and Assistance Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gift cards for direct needs• Weekly Walmart grocery orders• Catered lunches or dinners for each holiday, and Amazon gift cards for the guests on Christmas Day• One dishwasher was replaced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special assistance for an unhoused veteran needing lodging for medical appointments, and one veteran family member needing hotel financial aid so she could stay near her loved one while he was receiving emergency medical care in another Ohio city.

EVENTS

In 2023, we continued to host fundraisers (or had one hosted for our benefit) to assist the Fisher House families. These efforts directly supported the programs listed on page 2. We also participated in several local events to keep raising awareness of who we are and what we do.

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Holiday "Undecorating"	January 6, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers visited the Cleveland VA Fisher House to take down all holiday decorations and pack them up for storage.
Piston Power Show	March 31 - April 2, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our organization had an information table.
Flower Planting	May 12, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers planted hundreds of flowers at the Fisher House.
Stanley Krysiak Memorial Golf Outing	May 20, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held in honor of our Vice President's veteran father. 2023 was the 9th annual event.
Fisher House BBQ and Banquet	August 12, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the second year in a row, this event was held at a local American Legion.
Roar by the Shore Car Show	September 2, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our long-time partners held this show (one of the largest in Northeast Ohio) to once again to benefit our organization.
Open House	October 7, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held for the first time, this event allowed the community to tour the Cleveland VA Fisher House.
Holiday Decorating	December 1, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers decorated both Fisher Houses for the holidays.

Our community partnerships also included having information tables at the Burning River Lacrosse Meltdown Madness Championship at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton April 29-30, and at the Super Heroes to Kids Day on September 16 in Avon.

In addition, we partnered with the Cleveland Monsters AHL hockey team for two home games, in which our organization was the beneficiary of their 50/50 raffle.

We are thankful for these partnerships as well as others not listed here. All of it adds up to a tremendous impact for the families staying at the Cleveland Fisher House.

We couldn't have
done it without your
generous *support.*


Thank you


to all our donors
and volunteers.


We cannot say thank you enough to those who support the Greater Cleveland Fisher House.

*It is because of **you** that military and veteran families find comfort while they are in our city during a difficult time in their lives. And that makes a world of difference for those who have given us **all** so much.*

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