

Greater Cleveland Fisher House

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

*Assisting veteran families at
the Cleveland VA Fisher House
since 2019*



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2024: A Year in Review

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 veteran families while their loved one is receiving care at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center.

LEADERSHIP

We experienced board growth in 2024, increasing by four trustees, and installed a new president.

All trustees are either veterans or family members of veterans.

EVENTS

Our organization continued to work hard to create and maintain vital community partnerships, through several events and outreach opportunities.

PROGRAMS

Our 3 main programs for the Fisher House families continued:

- Family Dinners
- Lunch Box Break
- Extra Weekly Groceries

FUTURE NEEDS

With our donors help and support, we would like to replace the mattresses in the guest suites as well as the washers and dryers, and continue to provide any additional items they may need to make their stay in Cleveland more comfortable.

CLEVELAND VA FISHER HOUSE STATS

Our nonprofit partners with the Cleveland VA Fisher House to support the veteran families who stay there, free of charge, while their loved one is receiving care at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center. Since June 2019, close to 10,000 individuals have been accommodated.

[This link](#) takes you to the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System 2024 Annual Report. It gives an overview of the scope of their work for all veterans in our region.

2024 Leadership

BOARD OFFICERS

DANIELLE KRAKORA

Board President

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Vice President

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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TIM BUCKLEY

CHELSEA TREBONIAK

ADVISORY BOARD

JOHN HOHNE

JON REISS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TARA CAMERA

Programs

FAMILY DINNERS

2,044

TOTAL DINNERS
IN 2024

A prepared dinner is ordered for the guests one night each week, so they don't have to make or buy a meal for themselves after what can be a long and difficult day at the hospital.

LUNCH BOX BREAKS

1,829

TOTAL LUNCHES
IN 2024

Boxed lunches are ordered another day of the week for the families. They can grab them on the go, or at the end of the day, when maybe it's the first thing they've eaten that day.

EXTRA WEEKLY GROCERIES

\$500 / WEEK

We provide supplemental groceries – from kitchen staples, such as bagels and orange juice, to items for the guests' suites, such as hand soap. Essentially, any items they may need to help make their stay more comfortable.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

In addition to our main programs, through our donors' generosity and grants received, we were able to provide additional support as needed.

For example, through grant funding, the patio concrete was replaced to make it a safer surface for the guests. We also purchased items, including medical-grade recliners, aluminum water bottles for guests, two new bed frames, and two new sofa sleepers for the guests' comfort.

Events

We continued to work alongside our vital community partners this year, and created new connections, through numerous events and outreach opportunities.

These partnerships help us raise awareness of our mission as well as form a stronger community when we all work together for the greater good for those in need in Cleveland. Below are some examples.

FUNDRAISERS

- TopGolf Tournament
- CWO4 Stanley Krysiak, USNR, Retired, 10th Annual Memorial Golf Outing – hosted by the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) Ladies Auxiliary
- BBQ and Banquet
- Roar by the Shore Mentor on the Lake Annual Cruise In – hosted by our partners

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Burning River Lacrosse Annual Tournament
- Cleveland VA Fisher House 5-year Anniversary Open House
- Cleveland Monsters hockey game (Salute to Service)
- Cleveland Cavaliers basketball game (Salute to Service)
- *Cleveland Jewish News* May and December Giving Guides
- Decorating the Fisher House for the holidays with local volunteers
- Gardening event at the Cleveland VA Fisher House
- Piston Power Show at the I-X Center
- Social media: New Facebook and LinkedIn pages

Financial Highlights

We are honored by every single dollar we receive, and we ensure it is used in the best way possible for the families.

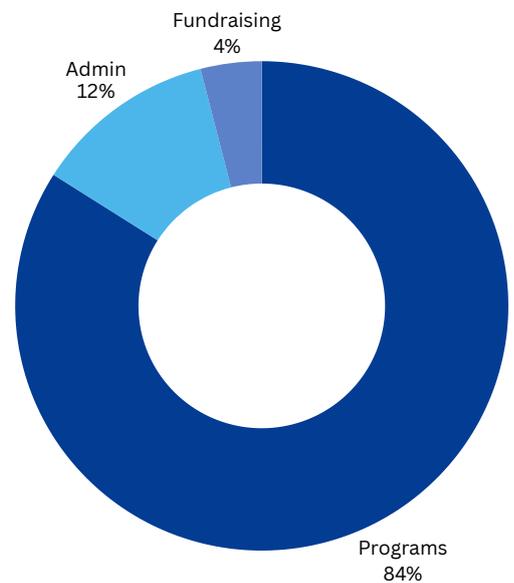
In fact, in 2024, we invested 84 cents of every dollar into our vital programs – *well above* the nonprofit industry standard of 65 cents.

But this isn't just dollars and cents to us.

It's *people*.

It's those we are entrusted to assist.

It's the Fisher House veterans and their families.



CATEGORY	EXPENSES	PERCENTAGES
<i>Programs</i>	\$221,466	84%
<i>Administrative</i>	\$30,576	12%
<i>Fundraising</i>	\$10,537	4%



For every dollar received, 84 cents goes to programs for the families.

Thank you!

What we are able to accomplish for the Fisher House families all year, every year, is thanks to YOU, our donors. Our volunteers. Our champions and allies.

We sincerely appreciate your support in who we are as a nonprofit organization and what we do for our nation's heroes and their families. The Fisher House—here in Cleveland and the other 99 in operation around the country and overseas—is a vital resource that these special families have earned and deserve.

With your help, we will continue to work tirelessly to make sure they know they are not alone during one of the greatest times of need in their lives. Because we firmly believe that a family's love is good medicine.

THANK YOU for all the ways you support our organization and the families at the Cleveland VA Fisher House. *We couldn't do any of this without you.*



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Contact Us

We're happy to hear from you!

Reach out to us in one of the ways below if you have any questions or would like to learn more about how you can give back to those who served and their families.



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