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WEST LOS ANGELES FISHER HOUSE CELEBRATES SECOND YEAR ANNIVERSARY
Fisher House Ambassadors to Participate in Celebrations

LOS ANGELES - On February 10th, The West Los Angeles Fisher House will be hosting a special brunch from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. to celebrate its second anniversary of serving Veterans and their families. The West LA Fisher House is also welcoming Fisher House Foundation Inc. Ambassadors: Audrey Fisher and Nancy H. Edelman to the celebration. Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Edelman will be accompanied by Mr. James D. Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation, Inc. Communications Officer.

“This celebration allows medical, support staff and private donors an opportunity to visit the beautiful facility and meet some of our Veteran families staying at the Fisher House,” said Sharon Hudson, Fisher House Manager. “The Greater Los Angeles VA Fisher House provides a warm, supportive environment and we’re proud to open our home to individuals who have made a positive impact on the success of this essential facility.”

Since opening two years ago, over 1300 families have called the West Los Angeles VA Fisher House their "home away from home" while their loved ones received medical care at the VA Medical Center and nearby medical facilities. During these tough economic times, the VA Fisher House has saved families over \$2 Million in lodging costs while providing a comfortable and relaxed environment while their loved ones are treated for illness or undergoing long term care.

The 16,000 square foot California-Spanish style Fisher House is conveniently located on the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center campus. The Fisher House offers 21 bedroom suites, each with a private, handicapped-accessible bathroom. The two-story, elevator-equipped facility features communal spaces such as lovely living and dining areas, a library, a well-equipped, state-of-the-art kitchen, and laundry facilities.

The Fisher House offers a supportive and caring environment which encourages and nurtures Veterans and their families; enabling them to focus on daily progress and eventual recovery of their loved one. Families are able to bond and empathize with others experiencing similar situations.

The Fisher House program is supported through a unique private-public partnership that supports America's military in their time of need. The program recognizes the special sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and the hardships of military service by meeting a humanitarian need beyond that normally provided by the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. The home enables family members to be close to a loved one at the most stressful time; during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

“We're excited to celebrate the Fisher House's second anniversary and continuing our service to our Veterans and their families,” said Hudson.

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