



## The Friends Focus! Fall 2021 Newsletter

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### **New Interior Updates for Families Staying in the Oakland House!**

Thanks to you, our friends, supporters, donors, and volunteers, the Pittsburgh Fisher House in Oakland embarked on recent home improvements! Guest rooms are undergoing renovations, and the library received a fresh layout and makeover with an eye toward comfort and relaxation with multi-use stations within the space including a desk and roundtable for work and leisure projects. These renovations will improve our guests' experiences so they can spend time together with family and newfound friends. It's a welcoming environment for camaraderie and bonding with others. The updated private rooms offer respite when they need quiet time to rest. You've helped to create spaces that are up-to-date and contemporary, and that feel personal, like inside your own house where you feel most at home. When families and caregivers are supported, they in turn can focus their full attention on the health and well-being of their loved one at the hospital. You have helped ease the burden on veterans and their families when they travel to Pittsburgh for care. Thanks to you, our guests know that you've rolled out the red carpet for them! [See the House»](#)



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## Progress on the 2nd Pittsburgh Fisher House!



You are making things happen for the 2nd Pittsburgh Fisher House! With the go-ahead from the national Fisher House Foundation and the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, we are gaining momentum for the Capital Campaign. You can get involved on the ground level to build toward a 2023 groundbreaking on the H.J. Heinz III campus in Aspinwall. Won't you join us in this exciting project?

[Here's how you can get involved >>](#)

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## Building Bridges!

Pittsburgh is a city of bridges. How many do you cross every day to get you where you are going? The Friends of the Pittsburgh Fisher House relies on human bridges every day! We know that you build the kinds of personal connections that have housed almost 6,000 veterans in need since opening the Pittsburgh Fisher House to guests in 2013 and that number grows with every family who stays. By providing for no cost, a safe landing space for families of veterans when they travel to Pittsburgh for treatment, you provide an outstretched hand and an open heart to ease their

stress. You are the bridges who connect us to resources that support our veterans. Just like there is no one bridge design or best type of bridge, the Fisher House has found the same from you. There are many ways to connect people and passions. Below are a few of bridge-builders who have gone the extra mile!



Jefferson Memorial Park raised funds through their Memorial Day gift program. Visitors were given the opportunity to donate to the Friends when they paid their respects over Memorial Day weekend.



The Blue Comet Motorcycle Club partnered with employees of Biological Sciences to give blood and give back. Paid time off for giving blood was donated to the Friends and a portion was matched by the company!



BB Military Wife Life artist Brook Brewer designs jewelry from upcycled veteran uniforms. Proceeds from September sales raised \$1,100 to benefit the Pittsburgh Fisher House capital campaign. Check out her designs here: <https://bbmilitarywifelife.com/>

## Ways You Can Be Involved....

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