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### **Milwaukee VA Fisher House breaks ground June 3**

Fisher House and Veterans Affairs will hold a groundbreaking June 3 for the newest Fisher House which will open on the grounds of the Milwaukee VA Medical Center.

The Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. It offers a "home away from home" place for families, and is built through donations and the foundation.

The Milwaukee VA's Fisher House will be located just northwest of Lake Wheeler and be within walking distance of the medical center. The 13,000-square-foot facility is expected to open in the summer of 2015 and will offer 16 suites, all professionally furnished and decorated.

Robert Beller, Milwaukee VA Medical Center director, said this wouldn't have been possible without the support and fundraising of Fisher House-Wisconsin and so many private individuals, veteran groups and corporations who contributed to the project.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be taking this monumental step forward, which has been the culmination of years of hard work, dedication from the Fisher House, volunteers and numerous folks who have donated their time, money and energy," Beller said.

"We are grateful to see this come to fruition, and look forward to the groundbreaking, a strong partnership with Fisher House, and most importantly, a comfortable place for family members whose loved ones are getting care here. It's a great day for the VA, and a great day for our veterans."

There are currently 62 Fisher Houses located on 23 military installations and 23 VA medical centers, with many others under construction or design.

Each Fisher House features a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and toys for children.

Dan Buttery, president of Fisher House-Wisconsin, said it provides another step forward for veterans and their families.

"The addition of the Fisher House facility on the Milwaukee VA Medical Center's grounds will provide a safe, comfortable and loving place for the families to stay while visiting their loved one receiving treatment at the regional hospital," he said. "The entire team at Fisher House-Wisconsin is proud to be part of this effort to continue to supporting our nation's greatest asset, our veterans.

"The amount of support received from across Wisconsin's community speaks volumes to how supportive our fellow residents are of our military, veterans and their families who continue to sacrifice daily for our freedom."

For more information on contributing to the Fisher House project, please visit [www.fisherhousewi.org](http://www.fisherhousewi.org).