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Carl Vinson VA Medical Center Selected for Fisher House Construction

The Carl Vinson VA Medical Center was one of 12 approved VA medical centers and healthcare systems to receive a Fisher House for future construction via a competitive application process. Carl Vinson VA Medical Center Director David L. Whitmer, FACHE, will announce the details to stakeholders Thursday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to building 86 where the Fisher House is slated for future construction.

"Having a Fisher House on our campus will allow families to spend time with, and focus on, the long-term care and healing of Veterans we treat at our medical center," Whitmer said. "The Fisher House provides these families with quality lodging free of charge so they can concentrate on their loved ones and their healthcare instead of expensive lodging costs."

Chief of Voluntary Services Keith Griffin, who lead the team that prepared application for the Fisher House said, "We estimate the construction or our proposed sixteen room Fisher House to be approximately \$6 million, half of which we are expected to raise via community donations."

You can use the following link to support Fundraising efforts: https://connect.fisherhouse.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.event&eventID=554

The Fisher House will be built next to the hospice in Building 86 and will overlook Lake Leisure, providing visitors easy access to many of the areas where Veterans are in residential treatment programs as well as take advantage of the walking trails, fishing piers, and children's playground nearby.

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