



Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, 1826 Veterans Blvd., Dublin, GA 31021

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VA receives first Fisher House donation

Dublin, Ga. — The Dublin VA recently received its first donation to build a Fisher House at the medical center.

Lake Oconee Elks Lodge #2849 in cooperation with the GEO group donated \$2,500 to the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center Fisher House Foundation project to assist with the building of a Fisher House at the Dublin VA.

Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. Fisher homes are located at military and VA medical centers around the world. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room, and an inviting living room. VA has Fisher Houses at multiple VA locations including Charleston and Augusta with a goal to achieve at least 100 at the VA's 153 medical centers nationwide.

In accepting the donation, VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) chief Keith Griffin thanked the groups and underscored the support that the Middle Georgia community provides VA in caring for America's heroes.

"We have a lot of hardworking folks at the VA, and we certainly appreciate Congress's budget support, but there are always gaps that we need help filling, and for 75 years this community has been there to help us care for our veterans. I can't offer enough praise to our friends in the community. We couldn't do it without you," Griffin said.

The VA has chosen a location on its front lawn for the new facility and hopes to break ground within the next two years. The complex will provide temporary and long-term housing for single veterans or veterans with families in a homelike environment that will include garden facilities.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to the Dublin VA Fisher House project can contact Griffin at Keith.Griffin@va.gov or by calling 478-272-1210 ext. 72439.

The Dublin VA encourages those interested in similar events and the latest information about VA programs and services to follow it on Facebook at "Dublin VA Medical Center." Anyone who would like to learn more about the Fisher Foundation or donate to the effort to build a Fisher House at the Dublin VA can visit <https://fisherhouse.org/>

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Photos:

- 1) CDCE chief Keith Griffin accepts check from Elks Lodge and CEO representatives

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