The Lackland Fisher House has a joint agreement with the Children’s Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) organization, which allows the Fisher House guests to use the playground.
The Staff at Fisher House, Inc., Civil Engineering and the Contracting Office continue to work tirelessly on the bathroom renovation. Fisher House I will soon open up and Fisher House II will start construction. This project is a long process but will benefit military families in the long run with ADA compliant bathrooms and much needed décor.

The Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for the 25th of August, 2017 at the Republic Golf Course in San Antonio, Texas. Our goal is to have at least 120 players for the event. This event is becoming the premier non-profit golf outing in San Antonio. The reason for this is because our primary goal is to have fun. Plus, it is a great day with friends in our community. Please mark your calendar for 25 August 2017.

In addition, the Fisher House Inc. Appreciation Day event is scheduled for 12 October 2016. This event is an opportunity for our partners to meet members of our Board Of Directors and have a short lunch at Lackland Air Force Base. This will also provide a first-hand opportunity to tour the Fisher Houses, look at the rooms and grounds.

Lastly, the mission at Fisher house Inc. would not be possible without our donors and volunteers. It takes money and volunteers to do our mission. Both are very important pillars and should not be underappreciated. Last year, 2,360 volunteers contributed 6,668 volunteer hours to the mission at Fisher House, Inc. If the volunteer hours were calculated to $10 per hour (which is underestimated) it would have cost Fisher House, Inc. $66,680 in additional cost. That is the power of dedicated volunteers. Your generosity with funds and time makes our mission of a Home-Away-From-Home at no cost to military families possible.

The Defense Gang

In this photo, Colonel Imondi stopped by the Fisher House office to discuss the upcoming Fisher House, Inc. Appreciation day event on 12 Oct, 2016. Colonel Imondi is a key member for the San Antonio Defense Gang. The Defense Gang is a group of 295 retired military Colonels that support military families and veterans. They have helped the Fisher House with contributions and volunteers for the last nine years. A few members from the Defense Gang are also on the Fisher House Board of Directors.
On May 4th 2016, the Fisher House staff received six wheel chairs donated from DaVita Health Care Partners Inc. during a presentation ceremony recognizing several charitable organizations. This was the first opportunity for Philip Harralson (Fisher House Inc. New Assistant Manager) to represent Fisher House, Inc. in a large public setting, and the experience was very rewarding. Fisher House will put the donated wheel chairs to good use in our three houses located on Lackland AFB. The wheel chairs will provide great assistance for Fisher House guests and patients who find themselves in situations where they now need a wheel chair to get around.

One of our longtime guests, Debra Sullivan, celebrated her birthday at the Lackland Fisher House. Debra has not only been a guest for 20 years, she also helps out around the house. Her assistance has become invaluable. Debra has become part of our family here at the Lackland Fisher House and we wish her the best on her special day.

Left to right: Jack Sullivan and Debra Sullivan

Happy Birthday
From the front cover:
The idea for Children’s Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) began when a group of Air Force physicians realized how important a camping experience could be to their pediatric patients with special needs. Founded in 1979, CAMP was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1980. In 1988 CAMP purchased a campground on the Guadalupe River in Center Point, Texas, and became accredited by the American Camp Association in 1992. Today, children and adults with disabilities and special health care needs (the majority from Texas, from across the U.S., and beyond) attend week-long camping sessions held each summer from May through August. The facility they have on Lackland Base is located next to the Fisher House 3 and the playground is located in between the two locations. The CAMP group allows our guests to use their playground.

CAMP does its best to ensure that no one is ever turned away based on the severity of their disability or inability of the family to pay.

FISHER HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Fisher House, Inc. is currently remodeling the restrooms of our houses. The new bathrooms will have brand new showers, toilets, walls, and counter tops. The update will allow easier access for our guests and families. The project has been possible by a generous donation from the Fisher House Foundation and the Air Force Fisher House Board of Directors.

The sun always shines brighter in Texas. However, with many of our guests needing to rest during the day, the old window coverings were no longer meeting our needs. As per suggested by many guests, after their eye surgeries, the old window coverings were replaced with beautiful, cream colored, room-darkening curtains. This allows for a more sophisticated look to our rooms and a way for our guests to have a peaceful rest during the day.
A Very Special thanks to Swings Mids Days (SMD), a non-profit for over two decades. SMD started with a group of men and women who had the heart and passion for the community. The goals and objectives are to help military families and to be there for local communities and provide support to local organizations, wherever the needs are. SMD supports, St Jude, Wounded Warrior Family Support Center, Lackland Fisher House with the most needed items from the “Wish List”, and Mr. Brides Home in Florida. Last, but not least, SMD prepares dinners for at least 20 families quarterly and fills the house with laughter and love.

What a great meal prepared by The Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW). This council is recognized and endorsed as the official women’s organization within the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. MCCW mission reflects a visible presence of Christ in military communities by fostering and nourishing women in spirituality, leadership and service. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, MCCW serves as a vital enhancement of the religious support mission of military chapels. A recent guest at the Lackland Fisher House said, “Thank you MCCW for your hospitality, the warm meal and uplifting encouraging words of wisdom and spiritual insight.”

One of the benefits of being a member of the Shertz Chamber of Commerce is that you look at all the events on the calendar and support other members programs, conferences, or outreach activities. Recently, the Lackland Fisher House staff went to Hands N Harmony for the chair yoga class.

Many times family members that stay at the Fisher House do not want to leave their ill loved ones to relieve stress. The Lackland Fisher House staff has basic Yoga techniques that all guests can use that will not require them to leave their loved ones.

Left to right, Alexandra Murray and Gianna Brockhosff
Love has no boundaries and knows no limits. Our donors remember us during all different times of their lives. We have been blessed this year with flower arrangement donations from Porter Loring Mortuaries. The families that have lost a precious loved one elect to share their beautiful flower arrangements with the families here at the Lackland Fisher Houses. The families donating these amazing arrangements, spread love even in the midst of their sadness.
FISHER HOUSE DESK JOURNAL

By Philip Harralson,
Assistant House Manager

One of the great aspects of my job as the assistant house manager is to look at all of our room desk journals. We look for really interesting stories and inspirations from our great guests. I found a noteworthy one from before my tenure here at Fisher House but it really outlines what a great and rewarding job this is and what great coworkers I have.

Lackland Fisher House
NEEDS WISH LIST 2016

People and organizations often ask for the Fisher House Wish List when visiting us. Listed below are items needed to help decrease our operating costs. Interesting facts: we use an estimated 10,000 rolls of toilet paper and 225 bottles of detergent annually.

PAPER PRODUCTS (High Demand Items!)
* Toilet paper / Paper towels / Paper napkins
* Plates and bowls (all sizes)
* Cups (Cold 12-16 oz)

KITCHEN SUPPLIES
• Anti-bacterial liquid hand soap (7.5 oz pump or gallon refill)
• Food storage containers (large and small)
• Food storage bags (1 gallon and quart)
• Kitchen trash bags (13 gallon)

CLEANING PRODUCTS
• Laundry detergent (liquid only)
• Laundry stain remover
• Fabric Softener Sheets
• Dishwasher detergent (liquid only)
• Bathroom cleaner: 4-in-1 disinfectant
• 409 Cleaner
• All purpose disinfectant: 4-in-1 spray (fresh scent)
• Furniture wax/polish for dusting
• Oust/Glade Air Freshener

RESIDENTIAL/HOUSEHOLD NEEDS
• DVD movies
• Universal TV remote controls

FOOD PRODUCTS
• Coffee (decaf and regular)
• Creamer (powdered)
• Canned Fruit
• Canned Meats
• Canned Vegetables
• Baking supplies (box/bag cake mixes, muffin mixes, etc.)

MISCELLANEOUS
• Copier/printer paper
• Large emergency-sized flashlights
• White, standard pillow cases
• White wash cloths
• Batteries (any size)

Anything your house needs, our houses need!
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FISHER HOUSE DONATIONS

The Fisher House Family would like to offer their sincerest thanks and appreciation to all of those who have generously and thoughtfully provided their time, talents and treasures to support the guest residents of the Lackland Fisher Houses. We appreciate your encouragement for our continued success in service of our military families with medical crises. The following “Friends of Fisher House” have provided financial support between November 17, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

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Finck Cigar Company continues to give back to the community. Each year the Finck Cigar Company conducts a Lone Star Cigar Bash in San Antonio, Texas with the funds supporting Fisher House, Inc. The event hosts top cigar vendors from all around the world. This is the fifth year Finck Cigar contributed towards Fisher House, Inc.

Photo from left to right, Steven Finck, Emily Finck Kanaby, and Bill Finck (Finck Cigar Company Owner) after a tour of Fisher House III.
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