

DMS Pharmaceutical Group Instrumental in Groundbreaking of First Fisher House for Illinois

A cool, crisp December day brings hope to many wounded warriors and their families with the groundbreaking of the first **Fisher House for Illinois**. The ground breaking ceremony took place at Hines VA Hospital, 5000 S. 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

Co-chairs Sam Lazich, president of **DMS Pharmaceutical Group**, and Bill Anderson, executive vice president, were instrumental in raising the \$3.5 million that led to the groundbreaking event of the first Fisher House for Illinois. They were joined by honored guests Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn; Assistant Veterans Affairs secretary

Tammy Duckworth; Hines VA director Nathan Geraths; and Fisher House Foundation chairman Ken Fisher, along with honored service men and women and their families.

The Fisher House is a 21-room, fully furnished suite home, similar to the Ronald McDonald Homes a "Home Away From Home." Hines will be the first VA medical center in the Midwest to receive a Fisher House.

This Fisher House will serve as a temporary residence for military families. They can stay at no cost while their loved ones recuperate. All the Fisher Houses are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region.

The houses, depending on size, can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and are equipped with toys for children.

The program began in 1990, and has offered nearly three million days of lodging to more than 120,000 families.

DMS Pharmaceutical Group is proud to be an active sponsor of the Fisher House Foundation serving the Veterans Affairs Foundation and the Department of Defense.

DMS says it looks forward to the future and the Grand Opening of the Fisher House for Illinois. 



Taking part in the Groundbreaking Ceremony are, from left: Tammy Duckworth (Assistant Veterans Affairs secretary); Pat Quinn (Illinois Governor); Nathan Geraths (Hines VA director); Ken Fisher (Fisher House Foundation chairman); and Sam Lazich (DMS Pharmaceutical Group president).

A rendering of what the 21-room Fisher House of Illinois will look like when completed.



Photos courtesy of Hines Veterans Administration Hospital.