

FISHER HOUSE



Kenneth Fisher
Partner, Fisher Brothers
Chairman & CEO, Fisher House Foundation
Co-Chairman, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum



Ken Fisher has dedicated his career and life's work to building and leading complex, multi-billion-dollar organizations and supporting military personnel and families.

Ken Fisher is a co-managing partner at Fisher Brothers, one of the country's most successful family-owned real estate development and management companies, with a portfolio of 6.5 million square feet of commercial, residential and retail space, and a market valuation of over \$6 billion. As partner Ken is responsible for the daily operations, management, marketing and leasing of the company's portfolio. Under Ken's leadership, the company is implementing a far-reaching innovation initiative to modernize its infrastructure and technology across its portfolio.

As an industry leader, Ken has been appointed to the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), the Executive Committee and Board of Governors; the Board of Directors of the Realogy Corporation; the publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust, Strategic Hotels & Resorts; and The Real Estate Round Table.

In 2015, Ken received the Real Estate Board of New York's Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award, in recognition of his 35-year career in the industry.

Ken Fisher is the Chairman and CEO of Fisher House Foundation, an organization best known for a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving medical treatment. The homes are located at major military and VA medical centers, close to the medical center it serves. Ken has overseen the construction of 71 Fisher Houses throughout the United States and has expanded operations to Germany and the United Kingdom.

Fisher Houses provide support to more than 28,000 military and veterans' families each year. Since its inception, the Fisher House program has helped more than 305,000 families, saving them an estimated \$360 million in out-of-pocket costs and providing them a comforting and compassionate environment as they care for their wounded, injured, or ill loved ones.

In 2004, the Foundation partnered with the Department of Defense to establish and administer the Hero Miles program, using donated frequent flyer miles to purchase airline tickets, allowing families to be together during a medical crisis. Similarly, in 2011, Hotels for Heroes was created, allowing family members to stay close by medical centers where a Fisher House is not available.

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In addition, since 2001, Fisher House Foundation has helped more than 10,000 military children attend two and four-year colleges across the country by providing more than \$15 million in scholarships.

The Foundation's success and high accountability standards have earned it membership to the Combined Federal Campaign, one of the most exclusive fund drives in the world. It has also merited the Independent Charities Seal of Excellence – one of only 2,000 charities in the United States with that distinction. The Foundation has been recognized by Charity Navigator for its operational efficiency, receiving a 4-star rating for 13 consecutive years.

Ken has served as a Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. In this role, Ken supervised the development of the museum into a unique non-profit educational institution. Today the museum is a fully interactive living tribute to America's history of innovation and public service that welcomes one million visitors per year.

Ken served as Chairman of the Invictus Game's Organizing Committee for the 2016 games in Orlando. The Invictus Games uses the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding and respect for wounded, injured and sick service men and women. Working with Prince Harry, the Games' Founding patron, Ken led the effort to bring the Invictus Games to the United States.

The Invictus Games convened a weeklong series of sporting events for 500 military competitors, 1,000 family members and friends of military personnel, and an international symposium focused on easing the transition of returning service members to civilian life.

As challenges for America's service members intensify, Ken has deepened his involvement with the military serving both the Democratic and Republic administrations.

In 2007 he was appointed by the Bush Administration to the Presidents Commission on Care of America's Returning Wounded Warriors tasked with conducting a comprehensive review of the care America provides to wounded service members returning from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For the past four years, Ken has served on policy roundtables in support of current U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter and former U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Business Executives for National Security (BENS), a non-partisan, non-profit organization that supports the Federal government by applying best practices to its most difficult national security issues.

Additionally, Ken serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Army Command and General Staff College, a graduate school for United States Army and sister service officers, interagency representatives, and international military officers.

In 2012, Ken's commitment and service was recognized with the Defense Distinguished Public Service Award, the Department of Defense's highest civilian honor.



Other notable honors Ken has received, include:

- The Association of the United States Army awarded Ken with its highest honor, the George C. Marshall Medal (2009);
- A second Defense Distinguished Public Service Award – this time with Bronze Palm – in recognition of his work with the Department of Defense to assist the families of fallen service members with needed military death benefits threatened by the government shutdown (2010);
- Department of Veterans Affairs' Secretary's Award (2004);
- The U.S. Secretary of the Army's Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service, (2005);
- The Special Forces Association's Honorary Green Beret (2007);
- Selected as one of America's best leaders by Harvard and US News and World Report in (2007);
- The United States Marine Corps' Honorary Marine award (2011);
- The Order of Military Medical Merit (Inducted 2001);
- The Paralyzed Veterans of America's Public Awareness Award (2006);
- A+E Television Networks' Lives That Make a Difference Award (2004)

Ken attended Ithaca College and received an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science from the college in May 2016. He lives in New York with his wife Tammy. Ken is a proud father of three children, two of which are in college, and one grandchild.

Beyond his military philanthropy, Ken sits on the Board of Directors for New York's Finest Foundation, the Association for the Help of Retarded Children and the Jackie Robinson Foundation, a non-profit that advances higher education for minority students by providing multi-year scholarship awards.