

Meet Our Speaker: JANET ANDREWS

Janet Andrews, MBA, joined the Fisher House Foundation in January 2017 after 10 years VA Healthcare service. She has served as the Assistant Manager role for the Fisher House at Bay Pines, as well as the Lodging Coordinator for Bay Pines VA Healthcare System. In this position, she coordinates temporary housing needs for families and Veterans that are receiving healthcare treatment. She has served in previous analyst roles, healthcare eligibility roles, budgeting and other professions in the healthcare facilities. She has worked in four VA's, including the James Haley VA, in Tampa, Florida.

Janet Andrews is not only a caretaker in her role at the Fisher House, but is a mother to five. She mentors in the Hillsborough county school system as well with the Million Women's Mentoring Program. The Fisher House is her passion due to her love for helping others.

For those unfamiliar with the Fisher House, it's "a home away from home" for families of veterans and those currently serving in the military who are receiving care at Bay Pines VA. Those staying at the home must live 50 miles or more from the VA center.

Built by the Fisher House Foundation (FHF), Fisher Houses, which are cost-free to the families who use them, are located at military and VA medical centers around the world.

It's right on our campus so families are able to just walk over to see their loved ones.

The Fisher House provides families with everything they need during their stay – from home-cooked meals to toiletries.

With nine bedrooms, the Bay Pines Fisher House is one of the smaller of these homes

This means the Bay Pines Fisher House is often at full capacity. Often, we utilize the FHF's program Hotels for Heroes, where people donate their hotel rewards points, to ensure the family of those receiving treatment has a place to stay.

Due to the demand at Bay Pines, the VA center has been approved for a second Fisher House, a 16-room facility that will be built next to the original home. It's tentatively scheduled to open in 2019.

Donations are accepted for the project, as the FHF needs to purchase everything for the home from furniture to linens to games, books and other forms of entertainment.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY: Help us, God, to use the gifts you have given us to do your will. Amen

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Janet Andrews,
Fischer House at Bay Pines

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Brad Dykens,
Seminole Fire Dept

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Mitchell Shenkman,
Guardian Ad Litem

Upcoming Events:

May 30th	Bob Burg
June 6th	NO MEETING
June 13th	Phil Crow
June 20th	Nathan Wilt, Chief of Volunteer Service - Bay Pines
June 27th	Hayward Hartman J
July 4th:	NO MEETING
July 11th:	Phylis Boksen
July 18th:	Claude McMullen
July 25th:	Wendy Mitchel Matthews