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Fisher House reopens after \$250,000 renovation project

FORT HOOD, Texas – The Fort Hood Fisher House showcased its new look after major renovation in a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 17 here.

The \$250,000 remodel project was the first major overhaul for the house since it opened in 1998, and included everything from new floors, furniture and fixtures.

“Everything is new from top to bottom. Basically, just the bust and the portrait of the Fishers were the only things we didn’t change,” said Theresa Johnson, director of the Fort Hood Fisher House. “I’m so pleased with how it turned out. Our families now have an even more amazing, comfortable place that they can call home during their stay.”

The Fisher House is a "home away from home" for military personnel (both active and retired) and their families, offering a clean, safe, low-cost respite from the stress of worrying about loved ones during a medical crisis.

The grand reopening coincides with the Fisher House Foundation's 25 year anniversary. In the 25 years since Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher first envisioned the idea, 65 Fisher Houses have been built at major military installations and VA medical centers throughout the U.S. and Germany, serving more than 250,000 families and saving them more than \$282 million in lodging and transportation costs.

The Fisher House Foundation covered the cost of new floors and furniture for the Fort Hood Fisher House, and other local companies and organizations donated time and money to help make the remodel a success. The New Hampshire-based Red River Company, an IT services provider to the U.S. government and Department of Defense (DoD), donated more than \$15,000 of computers, appliances and supplies and material. Plus, more than a hundred employees from the company spent a day here pitching in the labor to complete the renovations.

“It was truly a community effort, and that embodies the spirit of the Fisher House Foundation. It took a lot of love to build our community into what we’re doing right now. Even the original black and white photographs displayed throughout the house were donated by someone who stayed in the House or are stationed here locally,” Johnson said. “I’m so proud. Everything is Fisher House, everything Texas, and it’s truly a great place for Fort Hood area guests to stay.”