

## FRIENDS OF MID-MISSOURI FISHER HOUSE, INC.

### ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Friends of Mid-Missouri Fisher House, Inc. was organized, established and recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service and the state of Missouri in June 2018. The mission and purpose of the organization is to serve as the local, community partner for the Fisher House Foundation by raising awareness of and funds for the construction of a Fisher House on the grounds of the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital in Columbia, Missouri as well as to provide assistance to that Fisher House once it opens. The construction of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House started in July 2022 with completion anticipated in May 2023.

#### 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received unsolicited \$100,000 donation from the Greater Kansas City Friends of Fisher House in February.
- Established a Finance & Administration Committee chaired by the Board Treasurer in February.
- Received \$2,500 donation from Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity, University of Missouri, in February.
- Received \$2,000 donation from Mizzou Marines Detachment in March.
- Received \$2,500 donation from Walmart Distribution Center, Moberly and \$1,250 donation from Walmart Store #451, Columbia in May.
- Partnered with local promoter and American Legion Auxiliary Post 202 for "Ride This Train" Johnny Cash tribute show in Columbia in June.
- Received \$15,000 grant from the Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation in June. This was in addition to a \$35,000 grant received in 2021.
- Received \$5,000 donation from Wagons for Warriors, Lebanon in June.
- Planned and conducted the second annual golf tournament to benefit the Mid-Missouri Fisher House at the Country Club of Missouri in Columbia on July 25. Veterans United Home Loans was the Title Sponsor again for the event, which produced a net profit of \$10,000.
- In August, received \$5,000 donation from a previous supporter who also established an endowment fund administered by the Community Foundation of Central Missouri that will provide an annual distribution of \$2,000.
- Partnered again with the Heart of America Marathon for its annual event in September. Our organization provided 15 volunteers to assist with the race in Columbia, Mo. and received \$1,500 donation from the Columbia Track Club.
- In September, received \$4,500 donation from SmokeFest 2022, Hermann. This was the second year that our organization was the designated charity.
- Received unsolicited \$10,000 donation from private donor in September.
- Received \$8,711 donation from the Grand Chapter Eastern Star in September.
- Received \$2,000 donation from VFW Post 2657, Fulton in November from a July poker run.
- Received \$7,000 donation from American Legion Riders, Post 5, Jefferson City in November. The total donation was the result of three different events.
- Approved as a participant in the 2022 Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign and the 2022 CoMoGives Campaign. Total contributions pledged/received were \$4,152.

- Provided presentations and/or information about the Mid-Missouri Fisher House to several groups and organizations throughout the year.
  - Metro Rotary Club in Columbia (January)
  - VFW Post 280 in Columbia (January)
  - Chamber of Commerce Showcase CoMo 2022 in Columbia (April)
  - Columbia Kiwanis Club in Columbia (April)
  - AMVETS state executive committee in Osage Beach (May)
  - DAV state convention in Jefferson City (June)
  - VFW state convention in St. Louis (June)
  - Knights of Columbus Council 7231 in Fulton (June)
  - American Legion state convention in St. Louis (July)
  - Missouri State Fair Military Appreciation Day in Sedalia (August)
  - Missouri Department of Transportation Employees in Jefferson City (October)
  - VAVS Advisory Committee in Columbia (October)
  - Columbia Cosmopolitan Club in Columbia (November)
  - Millersburg Community Club in Millersburg (November)
- Partnered again with Central Missouri Mustang and Ford Club as one of four charities for the annual car show held in Jefferson City in September 2022, which resulted in a \$1,000 donation.
- Distributed Spring and Fall newsletters to past donors.
- Received 32 memorial gifts totaling \$3,510 for a long-time supporter who passed away in June.
- Provided interviews about the organization for the Central Bank of Boone County promotion of local nonprofits video (May), an article in COMO magazine (September) and a Facebook Live program for CoMo Gives (October).
- Established Fund Development Advisory Group in December.

## 2023 PLANS

- Continue to raise public awareness of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House under construction at Truman VA.
- Transition organizational emphasis from capital fundraising to support of the Fisher House when it becomes operational sometime in the summer of 2023.
- Conduct a raffle for a BBQ grill and smoker donated previously by Lowe's for a fundraiser that was cancelled.
- Conduct third annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Mid-Missouri Fisher House.
- Support efforts by the Fund Development Advisory Group to identify and contact prospects as potential donors in conjunction with the Strategic Fundraising Plan. Pursue grants and donations from foundations as appropriate.
- Maintain Facebook page and other social media sites as well as the organizational website.
- Maintain and seek partnerships with fundraising activities such as the Heart of America Marathon & Fun Relay, Smokefest 2023 and other events sponsored by veteran service and civic organizations.
- Reapply for the 2023 Missouri State Employee Charitable and CoMoGives Campaigns.
- Participate in all celebratory events associated with the opening of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House.