

FRIENDS OF MID-MISSOURI FISHER HOUSE, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

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 estimated construction start of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House is the first quarter of FY 2023 (October – December 2022).

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received unsolicited \$50,000 grant from a local private foundation in November.
- Planned and conducted the inaugural golf tournament to benefit the Mid-Missouri Fisher House at the Country Club of Missouri on September 27, 2021. Veterans United Home Loans was the Title Sponsor for the event, which produced a net profit of nearly \$9,000.
- In addition to the already established Capital Funds Account, established four additional accounts in order to earn interest on the significant donated capital fund gift received in November 2020.
- Received the Columbia Missourian “Progress in Community Award for Nonprofits” in December 2021.
- Benefited from more than 80 memorial donations (\$10,000) for a long-time supporter.
- Approved as a participant in the 2021 Combined Federal Campaign, the 2021 Missouri State Employee Charitable Campaign and the 2021 CoMoGives Campaign. Total contributions pledged/received were \$7,822.
- Participated in a joint fundraiser, “Veterans Day Backyard BBQ.” Three organizations (VeteransLoans.com, the Dive Bar and EquipmentShare) conducted the event, which resulted in a \$4,500 donation.
- Provided presentations and/or information about the Mid-Missouri Fisher House to several groups and organizations throughout the year even though opportunities were still diminished due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
 - Daughter of the American Revolution Columbian Chapter in Columbia (May 2021)
 - National Senior Sales Summit (May 2021)
 - Military Morning Breakfast in Columbia (August 2021)
 - Impact Rotary Club in Columbia (October 2021)
 - King’s Daughters chapter in Columbia (November 2021)
 - VFW Post 280 in Columbia (November 2021)
 - Daughters of the American Revolution Howard County Chapter in Fayette (November 2021)
- Partnered again with the Heart of America Marathon for its annual event on September 6, 2021. Our organization provided 13 volunteers to assist with the race in Columbia, Mo. Donations associated with this event and partnership totaled \$6,800.
- Partnered again with Central Missouri Mustang and Ford Club as one of four charities for the annual car show held in Jefferson City, Mo. in September 2021, which resulted in a \$1,000 donation.

- Partnered with the wife of a service-disabled veteran to conduct a Pampered Chef fundraiser on Facebook in July 2021.
- Adopted an organizational Conflict of Interest policy for board members in May 2021.
- Distributed a Spring and Fall newsletter to past donors.
- Participated in Smokefest 2021 in Hermann, Mo. on September 18, 2021 as the beneficiary charity, which resulted in a \$2,000 donation.
- Participated in the Missouri State Fair on Military Appreciation Day on August 15, 2021.
- Participated in a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse restaurants in Columbia and Jefferson City on August 19, 2021, which raised more than \$400.
- Participated in a live music concert fundraiser at Sticky's Cabana in Columbia on October 9, 2021, which raised more than \$500.
- Provided interviews about the organization for the Columbia Daily Tribune in August 2021, KBIA-FM "Pepper and Friends" radio show in September 2021 and the Columbia Missourian's Progress edition in December 2021.
- Contracted with a local accounting firm to conduct an audit of the organization's finances in December 2021. (The audit report was completed in January 2022.)
- Submitted grant proposals to 91 charitable foundations and charitable family trusts located in the mid-Missouri area.
- Despite the pandemic, the Board of Directors continued to meet regularly throughout the year, virtually and in-person.

2022 PLANS

- Continue to raise public awareness of the Mid-Missouri Fisher House to be built at Truman VA.
- Conduct the annual Trivia Night event, which was cancelled due to the pandemic in 2021.
- Conduct the second annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Mid-Missouri Fisher House.
- Continue efforts 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 organizational website as well as expanding organizational presence in Twitter, Tumblr, Flickr, MeWe, and Rumble.
- Maintain and seek partnerships with fundraising activities such as the Heart of America Marathon & Fun Relay, Smokefest 2022 and other events sponsored by veteran service and civic organizations.
- Reapply for the 2022 CoMoGives Campaign.