

## PRESS INFORMATION

### Fisher House Foundation is Premier Partner of INVICTUS GAMES DÜSSELDORF 2023

The international non-profit organisation sponsors the Family & Friends Programme of the international sporting event

**Düsseldorf, 04.05.2023** Fisher House Foundation has been announced as Premier Partner of the INVICTUS GAMES DUSSELDORF 2023. As a long-term supporter of the Invictus Games Foundation, the charity that oversees the Invictus Games, Fisher House Foundation has been the only Premier Partner present for every event since the inaugural Invictus Games London 2014.

*“We have been honored to partner with the Invictus Games for the past ten years and are excited for the Invictus Games Düsseldorf 2023,”* said Fisher House Foundation Chairman and CEO Ken Fisher. *“Germany is an important location for our military community which is why we have two Fisher Houses at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Many of our Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and allies received critical treatment before they were stable enough to return to the United States, and many more service members and their families have called Germany home while being stationed there, making this location very special”*, Fisher continued.

Fisher House Foundation is an international non-profit organisation established to improve the quality of life for military personnel, veterans and their families. For more than 30 years, the Fisher House programme has provided comfortable housing for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers. In these accommodations, families of active and former military personnel can stay free of charge to be near their loved ones during medical treatment. To date, there are 94 Fisher Houses located in the USA, Germany and the UK.

## Fisher House Foundation enables Family & Friends Programme

Fisher House Foundation will continue to sponsor the Invictus Games Family & Friends Programme in 2023, which it helped create in 2014. The programme enables competitors from all participating nations to bring two family members or friends to the Games, accompanying them during this important step on the road to rehabilitation. Family & Friends are an integral part of recovery journey supported by the Invictus Games. In return for having walked the path back to a self-determined life together with the competitors, they are to experience respect and recognition at the Games, enjoy a carefree time and take away positive memories. Thanks to the programme, Family & Friends are not only able to experience the sporting events with the competitors, they can also explore the city of Düsseldorf with them as part of a cultural and excursion programme. Further benefits will include free travel and accommodation on site, free use of public transport and meals during the Games.

*"Family & Friends are an integral and indispensable part of every Invictus Games. They are the very foundation on which the rehabilitation of the competitors rests. We are very pleased that, thanks to the commitment of the Fisher House Foundation, we will be able to welcome Family & Friends from all over the world to the Games in 2023 as well, showing them the respect and recognition they deserve",* says Brigadier General Alfred Marstaller, CEO of the INVICTUS GAMES DÜSSELDORF 2023.



Source: Fisher House Foundation

## **International Sports event under the banner of recovery and rehabilitation**

This year, the sixth Invictus Games will take place from 9 to 16 September in Düsseldorf, Germany for the first time. More than 500 wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans from 22 nations will take part in ten sports. What counts is not elite performance, but competition, people, team spirit and the will to live. Through sport, the competitors draw strength for their recovery and rehabilitation. Their sporting achievements show their progress in their recovery and their will to find their way back into life after serious injuries or illnesses.

## **About Fisher House Foundation**

Fisher House Foundation is best known for its network of nearly 100 comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical facilities nationwide, and in Europe, close to the medical facility they serve. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, a warm dining room and an inviting living room. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is never a lodging fee. Since inception, the program has saved military and veteran families an estimated \$575 million in out-of-pocket costs for lodging and transportation.

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### **About the INVICTUS GAMES DÜSSELDORF 2023 presented by Boeing:**

Initiated in 2014 by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex, the Invictus Games will be held in Germany for the first time in 2023. The project, jointly hosted by the Bundeswehr and the City of Düsseldorf, is to be a unique celebration of optimism and inspiration. One of the main goals of this international sports competition is to give physically and mentally wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women greater awareness and recognition in society, and to support their rehabilitation journey. The event will take place in Düsseldorf under the motto 'A HOME FOR RESPECT.' The venue consists of the MERKUR SPIEL-ARENA, the adjacent Arena Sports Park and the Rheinbad swimming pool.

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