

# Extreme Makeover Fisher House Edition

April 24, 2010 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The National Museum of the United States Air Force Presented by
Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc.
in partnership with
Air Force Association Wright Memorial Chapter &
Miami Valley Military Affairs Association

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "An All-American Evening" to benefit the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Fisher Houses

- Gourmet Fare by Chef David Glynn
- Silent Auction and Live Auction by Sheriff Gene Kelly
- Complimentary wine / beer / soda / water
- Master of Ceremonies / entertainment Dan Edwards, News Anchor on WDTN



Guest Speaker: WPAFB's own James Terpenning



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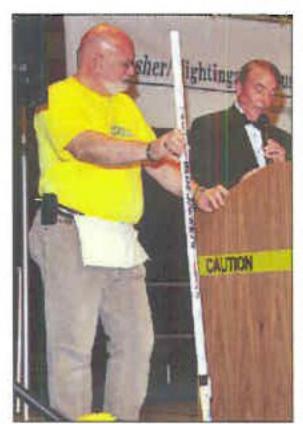
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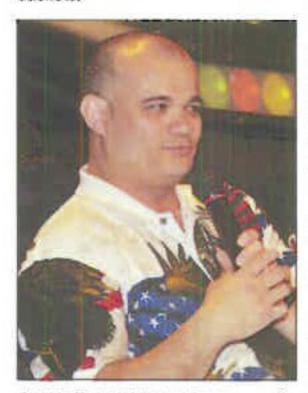
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## 'An All-American Evening' raises record amount in support of FNHI



Chris Stanley, executive director of the Fisher/Nightingale Houses Inc. (left) and auctioneer, Clark County Sherriff Gene Kelly, take the podium during the live auction as part of the fun at the annual "An All-American Evening" event. The item up for bid was a hockey stick signed by all of the members of the Columbus Blue Jackets.



James Terpenning spoke on receiving his "Extreme Makeover" home and the difference it has made in his family's life. He shared with the audience how the new WPAFB Fisher House will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. by Libby Van Hook

Fisher/Nightingale Houses Inc.

The Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. raised more than \$107,000 during its seventh annual "An All-American Evening....Extreme Makeover - Fisher House Edition" at the National Museum of the United States Air Force April 24.

"This is the biggest crowd we've ever had," said Chris Stanley, executive director of FNHI. "We exceeded all the goals we set for this year. We sold a record 390 tickets, collected more than 200 auction items and raised more money for FNHI than we expected. Without the tremendous support of our community on and off base, we could never make this event the success it is."

The event provided guests with a wide variety of items from which to choose during the live and silent auctions. All auction items were donated by community and business members and individuals, and raised more than \$33,000.

Clark County Sheriff Gene Kelly served as live auctioneer, bringing in a record \$16,000 during that portion of the evening.

Led by Sheriff Kelly, bidding was intense throughout the live auction, and grew as the evening progressed. Chef David Glynn, Wright-Patterson Banquet Center, generously offered to create and cater a dinner for eight, and when bidding reached \$1,400, he agreed to host not one but two dinners.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Terry "Ski" Slawinski, offered the flight of a lifetime in a YAK-52TW, agreeing to pilot two flights when bidding reached \$2,200 each.

Finally, local artist Steve Bricker created an original, one-of-a-kind aviation painting which sold for \$800. Then he threw in two more original paintings of whatever planes the winning bidders wanted, which sold for \$1,500 each.

Guests enjoyed gourmet fare prepared by Chef Glynn and his staff. Wine and beer tasting was provided by Allied Wine, Heidelberg Distributors and Dayton Coca-Cola



Skywrighter photos by Bill Richard

"An All-American Evening - Extreme Home Makeover" event could not have taken place without the talents and efforts of the committee that took on the hard work.

provided soft drinks and bottled water. Dan Edwards, WDTN-TV anchor, served as master of ceremonies and entertainment throughout the evening. "This was one of the best event buys of the year at \$70 a ticket," said Stanley.

Wright-Patt's own James Terpenning spoke about his "Extreme Makeover" house and the WPAFB Fisher house during the evening, highlighting how we can all make a difference in other's lives.

The Fisher and Nightingale Houses provide a safe and comfortable place where military families can stay while they receive medical care at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center. Active duty and retired military families of all branches of the service and the Guard and Reserve are welcome on a space available basis and pay no cost to stay with the FNHI raising money to reimburse the Air Force for the day-to-day operations.

Normally proceeds from the event support the day-to-day operations of the two WPAFB Fisher and Nightingale Houses compassionate care homes, but due to this year's theme and the new home being built here, net proceeds from this year's event will go the capital campaign to build the new WPAFB Fisher House, which is already

under construction.

"We were challenged to raise \$1 million towards the cost of the new home from the Fisher House Foundation," said Stanley, "and we have nearly reached \$900,000 of that."

Plans are already in the works for next year's All-American Evening.

For more information, please contact Chris Stanley, Executive Director of FisherNightingale Houses, Inc., at (937) 372-5784, or visit www.FNHI.org.



The participants had to opportunity to secretly bid on a wide variety of items from baskets to basketballs. All of the proceed going to support the building of the new Fisher House at Wright-Patterson AFB.