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### **Friendship Family Home News**

Holiday 2022



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#### FRIENDSHIP FAMILY HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S SUMMARY

We hope the holiday season finds you happy and healthy! We had so much fun this year and want to share a few highlights from 2022.

In 2022, we had some personnel changes while adjusting to the implementation of 24/7 staffing. Additionally, we made the following physical updates to the home: changed our interior décor, painted walls, installed new flooring in the basement, moved furniture around, and we disposed of items we haven't seen or touched in years! These changes have made our living space a more pleasant atmosphere!

Our annual summer trip was at Camp Cadillac---where we rented a cabin and a cottage for our stay. We were able to enjoy walking, swimming in the pool, outside dinners, ice cream dates, playground excursions, smores around the campfire, yard games, and visits with our friends. We loved our trip and are planning the same for next year!

Many friends visited us during our open house in August. We had a fun photo op set-up and enjoyed laughing with everyone as we took silly pictures. Movie theater popcorn, along with food and drinks, were a big hit. However, the best part was seeing everyone's smiling faces. We were able to show off our home improvements too. Your presence in our lives is so precious to us and we thank you for coming to share in our home.

As usual, we enjoyed our picnics, movie, bowling, church, and field day trips. Our friend Karlene spent lots of regularly scheduled time with us singing our favorite songs and hymns. We have been so blessed.

In the future, we are looking forward to holiday parties, dancing, socializing with friends and loved ones, decorating and lots of good food!

## We hope your year has been well and we wish you joy and happiness in 2023!





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#### FRIENDSHIP FAMILY HOME TREASURER'S SUMMARY

The purpose of the Friendship Family home is to provide a home-like atmosphere and care for 6 adult women with developmental disabilities. It is our desire to provide a home environment that allows the women to become as self-sufficient as possible and to grow socially and emotionally all while being cared for in a dignified and humane manner.

FFH is guided by an all-volunteer Board of Directors made up of individuals and husband/wife teams who are genuinely and wholeheartedly committed to the mission of this Christian-based home. The home is a Private 501(C)3 Nonprofit Corporation as defined by the Internal Revenue Service and, as such, is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations.

Our staff has been working remarkably well together; they are highly experienced and extensively trained in a variety of skills including CPR, first aid, how to handle social interaction between the residents, and all the requirements of Community Mental Health (CMH). The employees are required to provide protection and supervision of residents twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Assistance with personal care and grooming is provided as specified in the resident care agreement and assessment plans. Laundry service along with home cooked meals served family-style are provided.

The FFH physical home is mortgage-free and, through the efforts of many volunteers, the building has been more than adequately maintained. FFH receives approximately 70%-75% of its annual funding from the State of Michigan and Social Security; the remainder is provided by your gracious, individual gift giving and support from local churches. Through the grace of God, along with the overwhelming generosity of the community, the FFH financial status is very sound.

Your donations and prayers are a key aspect to maintain the functioning of the FFH; your tax deductible donations are accepted by check or cash through the use of the pre-addressed, post-paid envelope included with this letter. You can also contribute to the FFH Endowment Fund held by the Cadillac Area Community Foundation by directing your donation to the Endowment Fund.



#### Thank you and may God's blessings shine on you and your family always!



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