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FRIENDSHIP FAMILY HOME NEWSLETTER

Holiday 2023



FRIENDSHIP FAMILY HOME ADMINISTRATOR'S SUMMARY

Hello family and friends! We hope you are doing well and in good health. So many things happened, so we thought we would share them with you. Here is a recap of our year, enjoy!

This year was filled with many exciting experiences, and we are thankful for it all. We loved going bowling, and going out to eat at our favorite restaurants. We went on many day trips on the weekends, which included having picnics in different parks nearby. We loved going swimming in the pool at Camp Cadillac on hot days and cheering for our favorite team at the local football games. We also enjoyed going to a few concerts in the park, seeing movies at the theater, and going to dances. We love to dance! We got to spend a whole day at The Lake of the Pines playing games, winning prizes, socializing, singing karaoke, and doing crafts. We were also able to try some unfamiliar activities like learning how to make rope and making spin art. We went to a few petting zoos, a harvest party in Vogel Center, the Cadillac Pop Culture Con, and many different holiday parties.

Our highlight of the summer was spending 3 nights at a house on Lake Cadillac. The view was beautiful! We also enjoyed relaxing in the hot tub, eating at the local restaurants, and going on small adventures each day.

Twice a month on Saturday afternoons, our friends Karlene, Marilyn, and Harriet come to sing bible songs with us, which makes us feel so happy. We love singing! We are looking forward to Friendship Bible Class starting again. We missed seeing our friends.

We also really enjoy watching the work crew come over to build our new deck/covered porch. It's fun to see the new developments when we come home from our day programs.

As we end this year, we know our home is filled with gratitude, faith, hope, and love each day. We are surrounded by many caring, generous friends and family. We wish just as good things for you and your loved ones in the coming year.

Merry Christmas from all of us to you and yours!

Friendship Family Home

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10



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FRIENDSHIP FAMILY HOME TREASURER'S SUMMARY

Happy Holidays from the Friendship Family Home Board of Directors. We sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and happy this holiday season. Our purpose at the Friendship Family Home remains unchanged: to provide a home-like atmosphere and care for 6 adult women with developmental disabilities. Additionally, 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 remains 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 organization 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 evolving over the last year and now consists of 8 personnel who work remarkably well together to provide the required protection and supervision of residents twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. 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). 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.

Through the never-ending Grace of God, along with the overwhelming generosity of the community, the FFH financial status is very sound. Over the years, through your kindness, the FFH physical home has been more than adequately maintained—with updates/improvements being addressed as needed. This year, the Board undertook the removal and replacement of the home's deck and wraparound walkway as these wooden items were built with the original home and overdue for replacement.

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. 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 using 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 the blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you and your family always!





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