

Friendship Family Home Newsletter



December
2024

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.
Galatians 5:13

Update from the Home Administrator

Happy holidays to our friends and family! We hope this finds you in good health and happiness. We have had many exciting things happen and would love to share our news with you!

This year was filled with many visits from our friends, numerous outings, our annual camping adventure to Camp Cadillac, visits to many different parks, pumpkin patches, the movies, bowling, picnics on the beach, attending parties and dances, and swimming in the pool. We loved having the opportunity to worship Jesus with our friends from Friendship Bible Ministries and our local church; along with attending other churches as well, and we are thankful for it all. We had the opportunity to spend a day at The Lake of the Pines for their day of appreciation. We made crafts, played many different games with prizes, played Bingo (one of our unanimously favorite games ever!), ate delicious food, sang our favorite songs with karaoke, visited with old friends and made new ones as well.

We felt a great loss earlier this year. After getting sick with Covid, and then developing pneumonia, our dear friend and housemate, Suzann, passed away in March. We have missed her deeply, and still talk about her often.

Our highlight of the summer was spending our evenings on our newly finished covered deck. It's wonderful to enjoy meals outside with the beautiful view and we can enjoy the weather without being eaten alive by mosquitoes or have to go in because it's raining!

We also continue to love our twice monthly Saturday afternoons with our friends Karlene and Marilyn. They come to sing songs of worship with us. We enjoy their company and the refreshments.

As this year comes to an end, we feel the love from everyone we share our lives with and are filled with anticipation of what the new year will bring. Our gratitude and joy for being blessed with the life God has chosen for us is beyond measure. We have been looking for the right person to add to our home and are hopeful that we can find our perfect match. We would appreciate a moment of your time to add this prayer request. We continue to walk by faith and know we will receive His blessings and that there is a plan He has set for us all. Our Christmas wish for you is that you feel His presence in your lives too! We are surrounded by so much generosity, love, and so many people who care. We hope that we have also blessed you! Merry Christmas from all of us to our friends and family!

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*"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." -
Psalm 139:13-14*

2024 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.

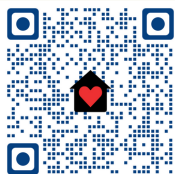
FFH remains guided by an all-volunteer Board of Directors made up of individuals and husband/wife teams who are genuinely and wholeheartedly committed to the mission of this Christian-based home. The organization is a Private 501(C)3 Nonprofit Corporation as defined by the Internal Revenue Service and,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

Our staff consists of 8 dedicated and professional 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 remains 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 home's deck and wraparound walkway were commissioned in late July. The three-season room provides a safe, insect-free area that is an absolute favorite of the residents!

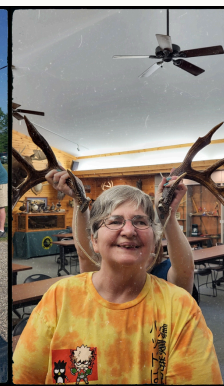
Although the FFH receives approximately 70%-75% of its annual funding from the State of Michigan and Social Security, the community's individual and organizational gift giving remains an important source of funding to continue the home's mission. Your donations and prayers are a key aspect to maintain the functioning of the FFH and the Board has expanded the means by which to accept your tax-deductible donations: 1) donations via checks are accepted by utilizing the post-paid envelope included with this letter; 2) Donations can be made right from our new website located at [HTTPS://FRIENDSHIPFAMILYHOME.ORG](https://friendshipfamilyhome.org) and selecting the "Donate" button; 3) Or scan the below QR Code and it will direct you to the website donation page. As always, 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 grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you and your family this holiday season and always!



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2024 Highlights



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