

Friends of Friendship Place

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Mission Statement

The purpose of Friendship Place is to provide people with mental illness a safe, caring and stable environment for socialization, recreation, friendship, peer support, education and fellowship.



Executive Director Dennis Jansen and Denise W. laugh at Dennis' surprise birthday party.

Activities at Friendship Place

- Recreation - Bowling
- Pizza & Movie Nights
- Pool, Bingo, Darts
- Lunches, Cookouts
- Conversation
- Crafts
- Fine Arts
- Concerts
- Support & Discussion
- Budgeting & Nutrition
- Karaoke
- Bingo, Parties

"Reaching out to make a difference"

COMMUNICATING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS

April and Jason have been asked by Larry, a staff member at Winnebago Mental Health, to give a speech. The speech is on respect and dignity in the community among family members. Do we feel that people give us the respect and dignity we need?

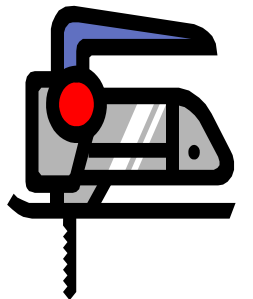
Our first speech was given on June 5th in Ripon. "This is an exciting experience for me", says April. "This is a great honor", Jason said. April and Jason both feel they have come a long way, and making these speeches is a measure of that.



Friendship Place is a United Way Fox Cities agency, and is further supported in part by grants through the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, Inc., the Bergstrom Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Neenah, and individual contributors.

FRIENDSHIP PLACE TO HAVE HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

On Friday, August 1st, and Saturday, August 2nd, we will have our "First Annual" Friendship Rummage Sale. We are looking for items in good condition, from clothing to electronics to tools, that you would be willing to donate to Friendship Place. We will accept delivery now, and can pick-up if necessary.



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OUR WISH LIST

- ◆ small chest freezer
- ◆ carpet cleaning
- ◆ \$1-\$5 prizes
- ◆ Karaoke CD's
- ◆ postage stamps
- ◆ styrofoam cups
- ◆ plastic tipped darts
- ◆ copier toner
- ◆ fresh fruits
- ◆ hot dogs and buns
- ◆ sugar-free snacks
- ◆ sugar-free lollipops
- ◆ event sponsors
- ◆ transportation
- ◆ pinball machine
- ◆ volunteers
- ◆ decaf coffee

Call 729-9975 and speak to Dennis.

OUR STAFF

Dennis Jansen, Candy Luedtke,
Julie Grondahl, Sue Carpenter,
Leah Schwartz, Dan Carroll.



Maintenance: Dan Paynter

Crafts: Karen Zettler

Friendship Activities:

Denise, Jason, Dale, Kerry, April
Joe, Rhua, Jeff, Dave

Volunteers : Penny Stroik, Nancy
Krueger, Bill Falck, Kara
Patterson, Mary Travis & Kateri

It's all about Faith

Jim K. loves to sing, but often, when

he'd belt

Elvis

want to

Not

sounded

because

LOUD! But when he kept talking

about singing and songwriting, we

encouraged him to compose a song on

the computer, and later we encouraged

him to talk to Jim Hendricks at Irish

Creativ Sounds.

And now it has happened. Jim has

written and recorded "**Constitutional
Rock**". He is fulfilling a life-long dream.

His recording is wonderfully done.

So much talent! So many gifts God has

given. Against all odds, Jim's Faith in

God and his dream have carried him

through to reach his goal.

Dennis Jansen

(CONSTITUTIONAL ROCK is a CD single for \$5.99 +
tax. Part of the profits will go to Friendship).

Visitors are welcome at Friendship Place

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US SINCE LAST ISSUE

- ◆ FAMILY OF JIM JENS
- ◆ HAZEL KANE
- ◆ GALLOWAY FOUNDATION
& COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- ◆ MARY TRAVIS
- ◆ DARWIN & BARBARA BORK
- ◆ BILL & KAY ELLIS
- ◆ MANDERFIELD'S BAKERY
- ◆ ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED US
BY DONATING TO THE "HUMAN
RACE", ESPECIALLY APRIL & SUE
FOR GETTING PLEDGES
- ◆ ALL THOSE DONATING TO OUR
RUMMAGE SALE
- ◆ MUNROE STUDIOS
- ◆ OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ◆ FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE
- ◆ LEAH, DAN, SUE, CANDY,
JULIE
- ◆ BILL, KARA, PENNY,
KAREN, MARY, KATERI,
NANCY, DAN
- ◆ JIM & MARY TRAVIS
- ◆ MARY BETH GEHRKE
- ◆ BRAD ENGEN
- ◆ DAVE AARDAPPLE
- ◆ BOBBY SOLBERG
- ◆ CYNTHIA STEFFEN

HOURS

Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday as scheduled for
special events

Horizons of Hope Hazel's Vision

by Leah Schwartz

About 14 years ago, a lady
named Hazel Kane had a dream.

She worked as a Community
Supportive Care worker with the
mentally ill, she saw a great need
for a place like Friendship Place.

She saw that many mentally ill
people had no jobs and no place
to go. They were isolated from
other mentally ill people and
society in general.

Hazel's determination grew
stronger along with her vision.

After starting out in a church
recreation room, word of her
vision spread. More and more
mentally ill people came out and
saw hope in moving out of
isolation and loneliness.

In 1991, the building presently
known as Friendship Place was

purchased. Now the mentally ill
had a nonjudgemental place to
socialize and engage in activities of
interest. Since then Friendship
Place has grown and evolved into a
hub of activities and socialization.

With less structure and activities
being voluntary, Friendship Place
is truly the answer to a great need.

Thanks for your love and
determination. We are all very
grateful to you, Hazel. You never
gave up on your vision.



Hazel Kane

Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to the "Friends of Friendship Place"
newsletter, designed for sponsors, donors,
family members and friends of our organization.
The newsletter is intended to keep you
informed of our program and needs. We hope it
will be another aspect of our continuing friendship.
Please let us know of others who might be
interested in our activities.

upcoming activities at Friendship

There are many things
happening at Friendship Place
every week.

You may choose to participate,
or you may choose to just sit
back and relax.

In July and August, we'll be
going bowling 4 times: we'll
have several Karaoke parties,
and we'll be having our big
rummage sale.

We'll have special meals, too!
And anyone who has ever
been to Friendship Place for
one of Julie and Candy's
meals knows how great they
are!

At Friendship, we also have
bingo, cookouts, and picnics.

A special feature is the Arts
classes facilitated by Artist
Penny Stroik!

And Karen Zettler's craft
classes promise creative fun!

We have dances regularly,
with either a DJ or even a live
band!

The Friendship Activities
Committee initiates activities,
and they get their ideas from
participants at Friendship
Place.

Please join us if you have a
diagnosis of mental illness.