



“IT’S OURS”

As of May 5th 2004, Friendship Place has now become ours. Ours? Why wasn't it considered ours before? This is how our story began.

Hazel Kane, our founder, had a vision. Her vision was to have a place where people with a mental illness can go. Hazel wanted a drop-in center where there would be dances, meals or just a get-together.

The group was Episcopal time rent-free Hazel heard about a through St. Paul's



started at St. Thoms Church on a part-basis. In 1989, Hazel heard about a vacant building through St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The building could be rented for \$100 a month. All that they had to do was fix the building up to their own need. NAMI helped in the purchase of the building, which really was two individual side-by-side buildings. Hazel, with the help of others, fixed the place up to her satisfaction.

Her dream had finally become a reality. In May, 2004, we purchased the building from NAMI. We are in the process of a major fund-raising drive to be mortgage-free. We currently need to raise about \$37,000 more to do this. So now you can see why I'm very happy to say Friendship Place is ours today.

Denise V. Walber, President
Friendship Activities Committee



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VOLUNTEER SQUAD

Do you know someone that needs their yard cleaned or an area around town that needs cleanup? How about an elderly or disabled person that could use help with minor cleanup? Then call the Volunteer Squad at Friendship Place.

The participants here are in the process of forming a group of volunteers to help others make life a little easier.

Our goal is to help people understand that just because we have a brain disorder doesn't mean we are lazy or of no value.



Another goal is to reach out

to the community and give back for some of the help we have received.

This group will not only help those that can use our services, but will also help us as volunteers. Some of the areas it will help us in are self-esteem and pride in a job well done.

Need help? Call us at 920-729-9975.

SUPPORT GROUP

Friendship Place and NAMI have started a support group for participants. We meet every Thursday from 1:00- 2:00 p.m. The facilitator is Sandy

Pharis. Sandy has been coming to Friendship Place for about three years. She received her training through NAMI.

The purpose of this group is to offer support

and encouragement. Here we can talk about problems that are bothering us. There is always a listening ear, which helps when you're going through a rough time.

WRITING AND POETRY CLASS by Patrick

Friendship Place will be offering a Writing and Poetry class starting in September. It will be run by Dennis, Hazel, (who has published a

book of poetry), and Sandra, whose works have also been published.

A Photography class will also be offered. We hope to self-publish a

book of poems, photos, and short stories.

The classes will run for an hour.

Our sincere thanks to Munroe Studios for printing this newsletter

THE HUMAN RACE: A HUGE SUCCESS by Maggie Wentzel

On June 19th, 2004, 13 participants, including staff, walked in the 4th annual Human Race. This event was held on the Thrivent Financial grounds. The weather was perfect and everybody had a good time.

We raised a whopping \$3,000, which put us as the

3rd highest amount raised overall by a non-profit organization. The top 2 fundraisers who collected pledges for Friendship Place



this year were April and Jason. They both received a

gift certificate to either the PAC or Resch Center. Also, those who raised \$100 or more had a fun time at the director Dennis Jansen's cottage in Keshena, for an overnight camping stay.

Congratulations to all the those participants to a job well done.

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Friendship Place thanks all those that have helped make this place ours, both in contributions and future pledges.

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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

Wish List

\$1-\$5 Prizes

Sponsor a person
(2.00 an event)

Pinball Machine

Popcorn Machine

Styrofoam cups

Darts & Pool Sticks

Printer Cartridges

Hot Dogs & Buns

Sugar-free Snacks

Art Supplies

Volunteers

Stamps

Fresh Fruit

Some of the Fall Activities at Friendship Place

Campfire, cookout

Poetry & Writing Class

Karaoke

Bingo

Support Group

Photography, car care

Autumn Tour Around Lake

Dance, Lunches & dinners

Bowling, Movie nights

Worship Service

Yes, I would like to be a Friend of
Friendship Place

Enclosed is my tax deductible Contribution of :

___\$5.00 ___\$10.00 ___\$25.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$100.00

We appreciate your helping others gain their independence. God Bless You!