

# Friends of Friendship Place

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UNDERWAY!

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Construction began on February 1st! Big changes have been taking place and we are all anticipating our grand re-opening which will be taking place in the summer (By the way... It's our 20th anniversary). Walls for the new group room as well as the bathroom were already framed on the first day. Loud sounds of drills and saws were being heard throughout the weeks and we all wondered what was happening on the second side of the building. We were able to witness the opening of the wall between the two sides. This was something we had been anticipating since talk about the construction began. Wilson Companies construction crew is doing a great job! They tolerated our daily peeking. Phase I will be completed the week of February 21st, and Phase II will begin on March 21st. All members are excited to see the final results. Thank you to the Pat Clifford family members and JJ Keller Foundation for making this renovation project a reality. We can't wait to show off our new space!

### Pictures from along the way!



Before we started



During the construction...

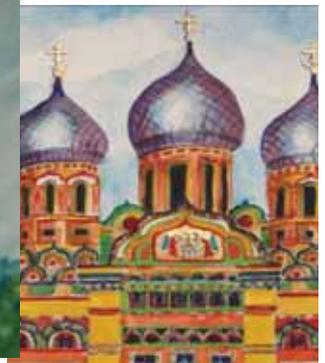
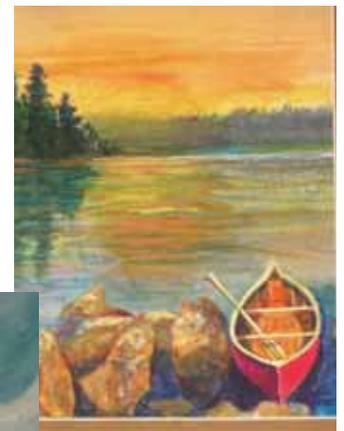


## The Artists of Friendship Place

Friendship Place will be hosting their first ever watercolor show! Members will be displaying approximately three of their original watercolor paintings at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum March 13th-26th. Jeff Zdrale, our volunteer watercolor instructor, along with Candy and Katelyn will be organizing this art display.

All members of the public are invited to participate in our *Opening Reception* on **Sunday, March 13th** from 1:30-4:00pm at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum in Neenah, WI. The watercolor artists will be available on March 13 at the reception to discuss their paintings and their experiences with mental illness. Please come to support our artists and Friendship Place. Light refreshments will be provided, and museum admission is free (donations accepted).

All members of Friendship Place are excited to have the opportunity to show their talents to the community. They have all worked hard to complete each one of their paintings and hope that everyone will be impressed by the quality of their work. Numerous hours have been put into these incredible paintings. We want to thank Jeff for all of the time and patience he has given to Friendship Place and it's members.



## What's Happened At Friendship Place?

### Annual Holiday Party

The Annual Holiday Party with Friendship Place, NAMI, & ORC took place on December 13th. This party was held at the First Congregational UCC in Appleton. Over 200 people enjoyed the wonderful holiday meal. Flute music filled the air and we could all feel the holiday spirit coming alive. Santa arrived after we had all finished eating, and attendants received a generous gift. We are all looking forward to next year—Dec. 12th, 2011.

### Snowflake Candlelight Dinner

Candy and Julie prepared a wonderful meal of roast pork and beef, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, along with green bean casserole, dessert, and non-alcoholic, sparkling grape juice—all for \$1! The event took place January 25, 2011 in the evening. Members enjoyed a quiet and peaceful dinner with soft music, lit by candlelight. This is one of the members' favorite events!

### Volunteer Projects

Our members continue to explore and participate in new and exciting volunteer projects, and are actively involved in the planning of the next month's programs. All are welcome to come and participate in upcoming volunteer projects. Our next planning meeting for April projects will be March 1st at 12:30pm.

Dec. 2010: Members and staff joined together to ring bells for the Salvation Army on several occasions. Members said they were happy to be able to give back to the community, and had a great time meeting new people. We also caroled and distributed holiday cards at Oakridge Gardens Nursing Center in December. Members were led by Jeff Zdrale and Julie in singing holiday music as they walked through the hallways. All of the residents were glad to hear our wonderful voices and were appreciative of the cards they received.

Jan. 2011: Members and staff had the opportunity to call card bingo at Vallhaven Care Center in January. We brought smiles and laughter to all by taking on this volunteer project. Several members of the care center asked us to come back again soon.

Members continue to serve meals on an ongoing monthly basis at the local churches, St. Thomas and St. Paul. Members who participate in the meals on a regular basis say they are grateful to have the ability to help out those who have helped them.

February volunteer projects consisted of handing out Valentine's cards to Vallhaven and Island Shores residents. Members and staff worked hard to complete this task, as we had to make approximately 186 cards so each resident would receive one.

March projects will consist of serving lunch at St. Paul's Church, helping the elderly with fall cleaning through Advocap, and also assisting with preparing and closing the art show at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum (see details on page 2).

**YES! I want to help Friendship Place with a financial donation.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my **tax-deductible** contribution of:

\$5.00  \$10.00  \$25.00  \$50.00  \$100.00  Other

We appreciate your helping others gain their independence.

Please make your tax-deductible checks payable to Friendship Place.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### A Quick Update

Russ S. has made great improvement with his health! He is temporarily at Vallhaven Care Center, flirting with the nursing staff. Russ is in great spirits and loves to have visitors. He is beginning to return to his old smiling, card playing, upbeat self. We look forward to his return to Friendship Place in the near future.

#### **Staff Members**

Executive Director: Lori Hill

Mental Health Program Coordinator: Katelyn

Outreach Specialists: Julie Grondahl & Candy Luedtke

Outreach Assistants: Dan Paynter

#### In Memoriam

Jodi Glasheen passed away in early February. Friendship Place extends our condolences to her friends and family. She will be sadly missed.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>*= Sign up a must! At least 2 days in advance. \$ due at the time of sign up</b></p> <p>(NR): Non-refundable (BYOM): bring own money</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Volunteer Project Planning Mtg. 12:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sheepshead 12:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>New Hope Gr. 2:30PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>*Soup of the Month: Julie/Candy's Choice - \$2 (NR) 12 Noon</b></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>*Healthy Choices Class: Creative Planning, 10:30am "Snacks"</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>B'day of the Month 12:30pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"Getting In Touch" mtg. 1pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bingo w/prizes, 12:30-2pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Sheepshead 12:30pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>*Supper w/Mike &amp; Ada. 5:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Watercolor Painting. 12:30-2PM</p> <p>-----</p> <p>New Hope Gr. 2:30PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>*Diner's Day: Member's Choice, 12 Noon (BYOM)</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>*Volunteer Project: Hanging art show at museum, 1:30-3pm</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>SUNDAY the 13th: Watercolor Opening Reception, 1:30-4pm at the Bergstrom Mahler Museum!</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>*Daylight Savings Begins--turn clocks ahead 1 hour Sat. night!</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>*Healthy Choices Class: Creative Cooking, 12:30am "Snacks"</b></p> <p>Phase II construction begins...</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>*St. Pat's Luncheon: Corned Beef and Cabbage 12:30pm - \$2 (NR)</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sheepshead 12:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Italian Lesson #4 w/Jeff Z., 1-2pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>New Hope Gr. 2:30PM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>*Volunteer Project: Spring Cleaning for elderly residents. 12-45-7pm</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Sheepshead 12:30pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Watercolor Painting. 12:30-2PM</p> <p>-----</p> <p>New Hope Gr. 2:30PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bingo w/prizes, 12:30-2pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Watercolor Art Show at the Bergstrom Mahler Museum ends</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>*Volunteer Project: Help serve lunch at St. Paul Church, 11-12:30</b></p> <p>(FP will be closed from 11-12:30)</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>*Volunteer Project: take down art show, 1:30-3pm</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Sheepshead 12:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Hope Gr. 2:30PM</p>	<p><b>Dates to Remember:</b></p> <p>April: Penny War</p> <p>5/14: Human Race</p>	<p><b>HOURS</b></p> <p>Mon., Tues., &amp; Thurs., 10-4</p> <p>Wed. 10-4 pm (open until 8 every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month)</p> <p>Fri. 10-3pm</p> <p>Sat. Closed</p> <p>Sun. Closed</p>

**FREE LUNCHES:** St. Thomas: M/W/TH 11:30  
St. Paul: T/SAT 11:30

**Hotdogs:** Mon.-Fri., 11:30-2:30pm, \$.25 each  
**COFFEE:** \$.25/cup, 10-2:30pm