



Friends of Friendship Place

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Friendship Place's Halloween Bash 2012!

As we say goodbye to yet another Halloween, staff and members can not help but reflect on how much fun they had on the night of October 31, 2012.

Friendship Place provided another great Halloween party for members and members' guests. The party was held from 3-6pm with all the tricks and treats one could handle. We had over 40 people attend, which surpassed last year's party.



We contribute the success of the party to the staff and member's creative ideas, the generous donations of our community, and the over all fun atmosphere.

Friendship Place received over \$600 in donated prizes from various businesses

around the community (A full list can be seen on the next page). Friendship Place provided fun incentives for members who otherwise may have thought twice about

attending. The donations showed of Friendship Place members how much their community truly cared for them and wanted to help make a memorable night.

Meet Our New Mental Health Program Assistant

Hello! My name is Ranae, and I am excited to be the new Mental Health Program Assistant here at Friendship Place.

I have a bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

I have chosen to work in the field of social services because I have a strong desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others, and at the very least, I hope to put a smile on someone's face.

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Friendship Place. I am a true believer that laughter is the best medicine and I hope to share that with all of you!



Halloween Party



Taking a moment out of the night to be "serious" about Halloween.

One member commented that they couldn't believe a community could care about someone so much, who they don't even know. Members requested that staff send a personalized thank you card to each business, attached with the picture on the front page, to once again thank them for their kindness and generosity.

Along with the amazing donated prizes, Friendship Place provided a ghoulish

homemade meal that consisted of several spooky Halloween favorites such as: Harry Eye-balls, Sloppy Joe Mamas, Tater Toes, Slice and Dice platter,



Cidernyde, Zombie Punch, and Poison Apple Bar.

The night came to a close with the door prize selection and costume contest. Best male, best female, and best overall were voted on by fellow party guests. Each winner received a basket full of goodies and gift cards.

Friendship Place hopes to continue this Halloween tradition and is already excited to plan next year's event. We all know it will be spooktacular!

A Big Thanks to our Halloween Donors

"We can never get a re-creation of community and heal our society without giving our citizens a sense of belonging."

– Patch Adams

Once again, words can not express how grateful Friendship Place is to the Fox Cities businesses for their generous donations to our Halloween party. Friendship Place would like to personally acknowledge the following businesses and donors for their kindness and generosity.

-Dairy Queen on S. Commercial, Pagoni's Pizza, Great Har-

vest Bread Company, Cherry on Top, Hong Kong Buffet, Aspen Coffee and Tea, Cranked Bike Studio, Cheveux Salon, Goodwill Industries, Shellattes, Got Java, Sammy's Pizza, Kay's Salon, Wild Apple Gallery, and Jen Marty who donated two baskets of Bath and Body Works merchandise. Once again, thank you all! We truly are grateful to be part of such a wonderful community.



In Memoriam 2012

Friendship Place would like to take a moment to honor the following individuals who have passed away earlier this year: Jim Luedtke, Jennie Zimmer, Mike Barnes, Carol Paynter, Wally Graper, Delores Buss, and Carol Olson. Our thoughts and sincere sympathy is with all of their families and friends.

Friendship Place would also like you to keep Dan Robinson in your thoughts and prayers. Dan was in an accident earlier this fall, and is currently in rehabilitation making strides everyday. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Friendship Place Builds New Relationship With Four Legged Friends



Members enjoy fall afternoon with new volunteer project

We are all aware of the power animals can bring to our

ered it a big success, and have stated to staff that they feel a calmness come over them when they are around the dogs.

Some members even reminisce about dogs they grew up with, and what a nice reminder it is to see how loving and trusting a dog can be in just a few minutes of meeting.

For members unable to walk the dogs, snuggle time is arranged with dogs that need some extra TLC.

physical, mental, and emotional self. So what better way to embrace that thought process than by working directly with animals. unteerig with animals at any capacity has been a constant request, and Friendship Place has set up an on going volunteer project with another nonprofit agency called N.E..W PAWsibilities, (North

East Wisconsin) located in Oshkosh on Algoma Blvd. N.E.W PAWsibilities is an all-breed dog rescue helping dogs in need of a home. N.E.W PAWsibilities have committed to taking care of those that may need some rehabilitation, and also the older dogs that may not get adopted as quickly.

Friendship Place volunteers twice a month to walk and socialize with the dogs. All who have volunteered have consid-

“Animals are such agreeable friends -- they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”
-GEORGE ELIOT



Friendship Place Poetry (both poems are written anonymously)



Peace

Peace-
Flutters near
Then darts away.
Will it ever come to stay?
Elusive
Fleeting
Gone so long-
Can it find me?
Am I wrong-
To want it?

Sadness

Sadness enshrouds me
An entangling web-
Of melancholy, sadness, woe
Captures me
Won't let go.
Invades my every waking thought.
Rules my dreams-
I feel I'm caught!
Never to escape again-
Trapped within its gloomy den.
Where's the exit?
Where's the key?
Where's the key to set me free?

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.



Mission Statement:

To encourage adults with mental illness to live well by fostering an environment that provides members with peer support, advocacy, and education.

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