



Friends of Friendship Place

20th Anniversary & Open House Celebration

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We cordially invite you to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary and the completion of our long-anticipated renovations of our facility. We can't wait to show you how we have grown in the last 20 years!

Please join us in celebrating our achievements on **June 15, 2011**. Tours of the facility, a slide show of old and new, and light refreshments will be available from 11am-1pm or 4-6pm.

Miss the art showing at the Bergstrom-Mahler Museum? Members of the watercolor art class will have a selection of their watercolor paintings available to view at the open house.

We would like to thank the JJ Keller Foundation, the Clifford Family, the Albert & Mary Rhoades Museum & Charitable Foundation, Wilson Companies, and Gries Architectural Group for making this project possible.

A special thank you to our visionaries from past and present, and our many supporters.

Phase I began January 31, 2011 and included constructing a new group room with double doors and transom windows, a new ADA bathroom, new flooring throughout, and a renovated kitchenette for members. Phase I was concluded with the installation of a new double door passage between the two sides of the building.

Phase II began March 21, 2011 and included a new glass entryway in the back of the building, newly designed galley kitchen, 2 new offices, storage room for freezers, and a new shared work and storage space for staff.



Neenah Train Depot by Patrick Haskett

A Farewell To Julie and Candy

After 28 years, Julie and Candy are saying farewell, as they plan to retire July 1, 2011. Friendship Place would be where we are today without them. Here is a look back at all they have done to make Friendship Place what it is today.

1984– Julie and Candy were “Match Workers” with the Community Supportive Care Program in Winnebago County with Hazel Kane (visionary and founder of FP).

1984-1986– Volunteered at Friendship Corner, a Winnebago County run program.

June 1989-October 1990– Moved Friendship Place to St. Thomas basement room. Julie and Candy prepared meals for consumers.

October 1990– Moved to current location.

October 1991– Assisted with purchase of building from St. Paul’s Church.

1996-2000– Co-directors of Friendship Place, upon Hazel’s Retirement.

2001- 2011– Titled Outreach Specialists, upon 501 c 3 status achievement.

July 1, 2011-Retirement.

Friendship Place will be hosting a retirement party sometime in July...more details to come.

Thank you Julie and Candy for always keeping your heads up and being persistent in the growth and development of Friendship Place. Without your support, Friendship Place would not be here today. We all wish you the best and hope you enjoy your retirement!



Volunteer Center Human Race Update

Friendship Place participated in the 2011 Volunteer Center Human Race (a community fundraiser that provides an opportunity for all non-profit organizations to raise money for their programs) on May 14, 2011 at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Appleton. 12 team members and supporters completed the non-competitive run/walk event, in order to raise money for Friendship Place.

In order to raise money, Friendship Place held a bake sale, penny war (members won by a landslide), and a chili dog luncheon.

We have participated in the Human Race since 2003 and have raised \$23,423 to date! We raised \$4475.75 this year alone. Thank you to all who made donations! Please consider sponsoring us for our 10th year of participation in May 2012.

Melissa W. raised \$1,170 this year, making her the top Friendship Place fundraiser. Her awesome accomplishments have earned her a free lunch of her choice on Lori, the Executive Director (who came in a close second having raised \$1,120).



2011 Human Race members and supporters

Thank you Volunteer Center for putting together such a great fundraiser!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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In-Kind Donations: Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Solea's, Saykly's Chocolates, Twin City Diner, Dairy Queen (S. Commercial St.), Papa Murphy's (Winneconne Ave. in Neenah) and Richeson's Art Gallery (Rachel Kramer).

Time & Talent: Alena, Michael Barnes, Volunteer Project Group, FP Board of Directors, Jeff Zdrale, FP staff members, FVTC Nursing Program students, NAMI-FV New Hope facilitators, and Ruth Laughlin of the Parish Nurse Association.

Our sincere apologies if we inadvertently left your name out.

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.

A complete list of monthly activities and events can be found on our website.

www.friendshipplaceinc.com

Click on "Events/Calendar" for our current monthly calendar.

In Memoriam

Heather Miller passed away in late March of 2011. Friendship Place extends our condolences to her friends and family. She will be sadly missed.

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Mission Statement:

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

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