



Friends House
community through caring

Dear Friends,

At Friends House, we believe in the power of community and mutual support. As a non-profit organization, we depend on the generosity of donors like you to continue providing needed care, safety and comfort, and enhanced opportunities for our residents. This year, we're making a heartfelt request to help fund three areas that are vital to the life of our community.

ARTSPACES

Imagine a place where creativity thrives in collaborative workshops, where woodworking projects take shape, and where residents find new ways to express themselves through the arts. The woodshop and art studio are key projects in our ArtSpaces initiative, but we need your support to complete them. With your help, we can provide residents with well-equipped studio and teaching spaces where they can be creative and help each other develop new skills.



GIVING HIGHLIGHT: IMAGINE AN ARTSPACE

A row of windows lights a flexible open space where friends can share their arts and crafts skills with grandkids, join a painting or ceramics workshop, or keep a personal painting project alive on a secure easel. A refurbished carpentry shop uses donated equipment to repair and build furniture. These are places where a lifetime of experience can be shared. That is what we envision for our ArtSpaces. We hope you will join Friends Foundation for the Aging and contribute to these very special renovations. With your help we hope to be able to welcome friends to re-imagined creative spaces by the new year.



GIVING HIGHLIGHT: THE ART OF MODEL TRAINS

Many of us loved trains growing up, and a few collected them as we became adults. Several of our residents have collected trains and even built the landscapes and miniatures they chug through. Our ArtSpaces train room will welcome many new connections as residents and their families build and re-build a model railroad wonderland. We have most of the goal met, but we need your help to finish the project.

UNRESTRICTED GIVING

Whether it's unexpected maintenance on equipment, urgent building needs, or new needs for services that arise throughout the year, the Unrestricted Fund allows us to be flexible and meet the evolving needs of our residents swiftly.

GIVING HIGHLIGHT **HIGH WATER**

Imagine working in our healthcare center when one of the key water lines burst. Water was everywhere and rising. Our staff acted quickly, moving residents, equipment and records out of the path of the flood. As soon as everything dried out the team went to work replacing damp drywall, pulling down old wallpaper, discarding and replacing badly damaged furniture, and preparing to completely renovate a large part of our nursing facilities. What our insurance didn't cover was partially covered by the Unrestricted Fund. Please help us be ready when the next unforeseen expense arises!

As 2024 comes to a close please consider making a gift to Friends House Retirement Community, Inc. No matter the amount, all contributions are appreciated and tax-deductible. You can donate via cash or check. If you prefer an online donation, scan the QR code or visit **GiveToFriends.org**.

We also welcome gifts of appreciated securities, 401k disbursements, annuities, or planned gifts. Please call me with any questions at 301-686-5319.

Thank you for your continued support.

In Friendship,



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TRANSPORTATION

Everyday our electric shuttle circles the campus at the lunch and dinner hours bringing residents to the Bistro or Dining Room. Our larger 14-seater bus takes residents on tours or excursions to nearby points of interest. The "Lunch Bunch" rides the bus to neighborhood restaurants. Our van equipped with a wheelchair lift takes residents to and from doctor's appointments. This fund supports the expenses of maintenance and repairs for the vehicles as well as covering our drivers' expenses. Please help us keep the wheels turning.



EVERY GIFT MAKES A **DIFFERENCE!**

Over the past six months, Friends House transportation provided 35 trips to medical appointments, 105 trips for shopping and errands, 28 outings to enjoyable destinations, and countless on-campus rides.

Help us do more in 2025.

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