



FALL 2014



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## PROVIDING FRIENDS FOR THOSE IN NEED

### *In Huntsville and Madison County*

Time has flown by this year and the holidays are here upon us. What better time to say thanks to our supporters than now? Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success in providing friends for those in need. Please know that words cannot express our deep appreciation for your generosity and kind consideration to Friends, Inc.

Go with me for a brief moment: you're 90 years old and just received your first birthday party; you're unable to do much needed yard work and a group of volunteers comes in and prepares it for the winter; your spouse just passed away and a hot plate of food and a smiling face shows up at the door; the pantry is bare and a bag of food is delivered; all of your public transportation tickets have been used and more come in the mail; the only birthday card you received this year came from Friends, Inc.; you need another ride to the doctor and have no family in town to help this time, and the friendly voice on the phone just called to say hello and to see if you needed anything. This is a brief glimpse of the day to day operations of this organization that I am so blessed to be a part of.

Many of our patients tell us time and time again that our volunteers are angels. We all can be angels by doing the little things that make a big difference. I would like to invite you to join us as a volunteer in 2015 to help shop, drive, or just check in to say hello to those who lack support in their daily lives.

With the gift-giving season drawing near and the end of the year quickly approaching, I would like to encourage you to remember Friends, Inc. It is our desire to better serve this community and those that are in need. Allow Friends, Inc. to continue being a light to those who find themselves in a dark place.

I hope you have a blessed holiday season and enjoy your time together with those you love. May you always have love to share, health to spare, and Friends that care.

Jan Brewer



*Jan Brewer, Executive Director*

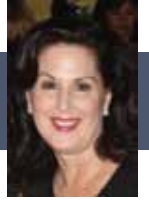
As I reflect over the past few weeks, I am overwhelmed by the passion and dedication of our volunteers; by their determination, resolve, and energy. Recently our volunteers gathered together to deliver bags of groceries, turkeys, and prepared Thanksgiving meals to those less fortunate in our community. Many of the recipients of that food not only expressed gratefulness for the food but also thankfulness for people who truly care. And care, our volunteers do. Our volunteers share selflessly of their time and talents to provide life-changing support services to the seriously ill and disabled within our community, literally changing lives daily; one act of kindness at a time.

Sharing this mission of helping others with such a committed and compassionate group of men and women is such a blessing. Hearing how much our volunteers enjoy being a part of something so meaningful and worthwhile; how much a positive impact being a part of Friends, Inc. has had on their lives is both awe-inspiring and motivating. Volunteer experiences are often shared, along with a sense of the fulfillment and hope that one can receive from doing work that makes the world a better place.

Christmas is right around the corner and soon our volunteers will be playing Santa as we get to deliver Christmas gifts to many of our senior patients. For most of those patients, these will be the only Christmas gifts that they will receive. Just think of the joy to be had that day! As a volunteer, it just doesn't get much better than this. Might you consider joining hands with us as a Friends, Inc. volunteer to make a positive impact in the lives of others? We need more volunteers. We need you!

Grace and peace,  
Sherry Bryant

*Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator*



Volunteers filled the room, eager and ready to deliver 89 "Bags of Blessings". Friends, Inc. was honored by Mayor Tommy Battle stopping by to say thank you. He wrote a recent post that said, "As Mayor, it is a time when I enjoy reflecting on our community's many blessings, such as non-profits with a servant mission like Friends, Inc., who offered rides to the doctor for more than 720 people and prepared 89 Thanksgiving meals for needy families." Friends, Inc. would like to thank everyone who participated in this effort. Know that you blessed many with your generosity and caring heart.







# Autumn

EVENING  
WITH FRIENDS, INC.



# Special Thanks To

## ALL OF OUR SPONSORS

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Autumn Evening 2014 was a great success benefiting \$33,000. We would like to take this time to say a very special thank you to our sponsors and all who attended or made a donation to this year's big event.

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*Friends, Inc.*

It is our mission to provide support to patients with serious illnesses or disabilities, enabling them to maintain their independence through caring volunteers.

The bottom section of the page is a large red rectangle. On the left side, there is a white dove in flight, carrying an olive branch in its beak. The dove is surrounded by various white snowflakes and small white stars. The text "Give the gift of Peace & Independence this Holiday Season" is written in a white, elegant script font. Below this, a paragraph of text explains the giving program. At the bottom of the red section, the name "Friends, Inc." is written in a white, elegant script font, preceded by a decorative flourish. A dark red horizontal bar at the very bottom contains the organization's mission statement in white text.