

We are all in this together, making tomorrow a brighter day.







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### FALL 2015

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## PROVIDING FRIENDS FOR THOSE IN NEED

## In Huntsville and Madison County

When thinking about a topic for this newsletter, it weighs on my heart the many in our community that are hurting and crying out for help in this broken world. They face many daunting challenges regarding their health care; the deep ache of losing a loved one; poor decisions resulting in a lack of support; family who live far away; and the silent cry of loneliness.

Without a doubt, the attention that we devote to those hurting and reaching out for help will change the world as they see it, and our lives as well. This is our calling: to reach out to those around us in need. We are His hands and His feet feeling their pain in our hearts... and that shows compassion. At the end of the day, a friend can provide the emotional oasis that makes all the difference in the world. This in turn creates a ripple effect for both the hurting and the friend. If you would like the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those reaching out and asking for help, please join Friends, Inc. by volunteering, or by your continued financial support. Know that our volunteers bring light back into the lives of those with serious illnesses or disabilities. Just a few hours of your time can make a world of difference.

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and Friends that care.

Jan Brewer



Tan Brewer, Executive Director

How often does one have the opportunity to make an immensely impactful difference in another person's life? At Friends, Inc. it happens daily and we always consider it the highest privilege. Recently we were honored to take a seriously ill wheelchair-bound World War II veteran to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center so that he, surrounded by his loving family, could personally view his photograph hanging on the wall there. It was our great pleasure to provide transportation to one of our disabled paraplegic patients to his beloved family member's funeral service and the family meal afterwards, without which he would not have been able to attend. A child who has suffered significantly needed someone to provide caring companionship and safe transportation to her most important counseling appointments. We cared enough to be there for her, and oh, what a privilege it was. We have been given the rare opportunity to make certain critically ill patients, who previously have had to decline crucial medical treatment because they had no transportation, are now able to get to those significant appointments. To provide groceries to those who battle hunger, medical supplies to those who cannot afford them, and friendly visits to those who day after day struggle with extreme loneliness is indeed, quite a privilege. It has been said that no one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Might you be that someone and join hands with us to become a Friends, Inc. volunteer? I can assure you that your caring heart will truly make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need; and oh, what an honor and privilege it will be.

Grace and peace, Sherry Bryant

Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator



#### VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE

Home Instead - Julie Smith "Do You Know The Signs Of Elder Abuse?"





Peter Loux, grill masters of Friends, Inc.









Thanksgiving is a time for reflecting on all the blessings that have been bestowed on you and yours. It is also a time to share your blessings with those less fortunate. If you prefer, feel free to make a monetary donation to purchase prepared plates for those who are unable to cook a meal. Thank you for helping us to provide our patients a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

NEEDED IN DECEMBER -We are presently seeking sponsorship for \$10 gift cards in order to give each of our clients a gift card to use towards the purchase of a ham for Christmas.

# Memorials, Honor Gifts, and Donations

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harrell Given By: Mrs. Kathy Albers

In memory of Mrs. Laura Binger Given By: Mr. Roger Bishop

In honor of Mr. Bobby McAllister Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brady

In memory of Dr. Tom Smith Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In memory of Mr. Howard South Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In memory of Mrs. Laura Binger Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buchanan

In honor of Jan Brewer & Sherry Bryant Given By: Mrs. Carole Finch

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Fux Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Armand Fux

In honor of all Armed Forces Personnel Given By: Mr. Robert Gibbs

In memory of Mrs. Marie Elkins Given By: Mrs. Evelyn Golden

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Barclay Given By: Mrs. Evelyn Golden

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Noel Estopinal Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Graham

In memory of Mr. Christopher Griggs Given By: Mrs. Marilyn Hull In memory of Mrs. Geraldine Carr Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones

In honor of Mr. Robert Slaughter, Jr. Given By: Mrs. Barbara Langford

In memory of Mr. Kenneth Williamson Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Don Laurine

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In memory of Mrs. Jimmie Bandgren Given By: Mrs. Marilyn Lorch

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In honor of Ms. Marjorie McCoy Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patrick In memory of Mr. Billy M. Duncan Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

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## In Loving Memory

Mrs. Hazel Blake, Mrs. Frances Brett, Mr. Nathan Dasaro, Mr. Duane Price, Mr. Marshall Springer, Mr. Clyde Walker, Mrs. Lucille Warren

Thank you for allowing Friends, Inc. to be a part of their lives.



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