Jan Brener, Executive Director

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I am always so pleased and excited with all that is going on with Friends, Inc. Our continued growth would not be possible without the support of this community. I would like to thank all those who make this work possible with your much appreciated monetary contributions and generous gifts of time. Friends, Inc. volunteers are giving 100 percent! In the last year alone our volunteers donated over 2.770 hours of time and drove over 25,778 miles, all to provide personal assistance to our patients.

Our van is on the road approximately 3 days a week providing one on one care for those in wheelchairs. The first patient who received services from the van had been homebound for 9 months due to an automobile accident. This week we have a paralyzed stroke patient who is waiting on a bed at the VA hospital and desperately needs to go to the doctor. The van is truly making a difference in the lives of so many seriously ill and disabled in Madison County.



I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a very special lady, Mrs. Barbara Lammers Daniel. Barbara has volunteered with Friends for



14 years and recently retired as a long-time Board member. She still volunteers and is not far removed from our Board since her husband, Jim Daniel, recently joined our Board! We greatly appreciate all the many hours of dedication Barbara has given this organization.

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

Blessings,

. Jan Brewer





Volunteers enjoying breakfast and entertainment at our **Appreciation Breakfast.**

Our Board of Directors and Staff would like to say a very special "Thank You" to You!

Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator

Friends, Inc. volunteers are a very special group. Outwardly they seem to be ordinary people just like the rest of us, but these "ordinary" people are doing some pretty extraordinary acts of kindness that are transforming our community and bettering our patients' lives. At our recent Friends, Inc. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, it brought great joy to be able to recognize and celebrate our amazing volunteers. Patti Patrick was awarded the Friends, Inc. 2012 Volunteer of the

Year award for her many hours of caring and compassionate service. Doreen Jurgielewicz was recognized as the volunteer who donated the most hours to Friends. Bill Bodden was honored for traveling the most miles. Mike Ragoza was honored with the "Outstanding Service" award, and Carroll Dailey graciously received the "Going Above and Beyond" award. All of our volunteers are invaluable beyond measure. We are grateful and blessed to have such incredible volunteers.

Sherry Bryant



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

At 43 years old I was involved in a serious car accident that turned my life upside down. Due to my serious injuries, I now have a lot of trouble with my balance and motor skills and spend most of my time in a wheelchair. It is difficult for me to do what most would consider the simplest of activities. I contacted Friends, Inc. because I needed help with some of the things I couldn't do by myself. I was also lonely and

My Story by Wayne Greeson

in great need of companionship. Friends, Inc. has been a lifesaver. They have always been there for me when I needed a helping hand. They have helped me with meals because I don't have the balance to cook on a regular stove. They have helped me learn more about computers and have provided me a volunteer who calls me and comes to visit me every week. That volunteer has become my friend, and I am no longer lonely. Friends has helped me with everything under the sun. They are always helpful and kind and have become more like family to me. I was drowning, and they threw me a life preserver. When nobody else was there to help me, Friends, Inc. was.

A Friend Who Cares



Volunteer Mike Ragoza and Wayne Greeson

MARCH

Happy Birthday Volunteers!

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In Loving Memory of Mr. Charles (Bud) Harris, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, and Mr. Harry Pennington Thank you for allowing Friends, Inc. to be a part of their lives.

Memorials, Honor Gifts, and Donations

In Memory of Mr. Willie Staggs Given By: Mrs. Rebecca Alley

In Honor of Mrs. Samantha Bentley Given By: Mr. Phil Bentley

In Honor of Mrs. Jan Brewer Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bodden

In Memory of Mrs. Helen Pitts Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chandler

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In Memory of Mr. Sam Hendry Given By: Mrs. Sam Hendry

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In Memory of Mr. Don Perry Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Don Mikell

In Honor of Mrs. Laura Binger Given By: Mr. and Mrs. George Painter

In Honor of Mr. Charles Ragoza Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ragoza

In Memory of Mr. James Park, Sr. Given By: Mrs. Julia Sutton

In Honor of Mrs. Jan Brewer Given By: Mrs. Anne Walker

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In Honor of Mrs. Sherry Bryant Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bodden

In Memory of Mrs. Faye Hunt Barhorst Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chandler

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In Memory of Mrs. Allene O. Howell Given By: Mr. James Howell

In Memory of Mrs. Cynthia P. Smith Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Chad Johnson

In Memory of Kathy Hunt Given By: Mrs. Sandra Moon

In Memory of Mr. Wallace Phillips Given By: Mrs. Doris Phillips

In Memory of Mr. Charles (Bud) Harris Given By: Mrs. Nell Roberts

In Honor of Mrs. Jan Brewer Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vann

In Honor of Sherry Bryant Given By: Mrs. Anne Walker In Honor of Mrs. Betty Bentley Given By: Mr. Phil Bentley

In Memory of Mrs. Ann Koontz Given By: Mrs. Laura Binger

In Honor of Mrs. Jan Brewer Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Boon

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In Honor of Mr. Wayne Greeson Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ragoza

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



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