



FALL 2017

FAITH + HOPE + LOVE



Currently 125 Dedicated Volunteers

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PROVIDING FRIENDS FOR THOSE IN NEED

In Huntsville and Madison County

As 2017 draws to a close I can't help but reflect back on all the many amazing things I have had the opportunity to bear witness to while working at Friends, Inc. Our volunteers give and give of their hearts and souls to those reaching out and needing the support services provided by Friends, Inc. Often the tracks are long and lonely for those lacking support while they are going through possibly the most difficult time in their lives; such as the diagnosis of cancer, the loss of a loved one, or being elderly and no longer able to do the things they once could do with ease. The list could go on and on. When asking our volunteers why they give like they do, they say they mainly do so because of their FAITH. It is so exciting to see our volunteers, day after day, putting their faith into action. Friends, Inc. brings together volunteers of many faiths to help people in our community with long-term health needs or disabilities maintain their independence for as long as possible. We bring HOPE to those lacking a support system. I say all the time that our services are more than just a ride to a medical appointment, or just someone stopping by to say hello and bringing a bag of non-medical supplies. Our services are given out of LOVE to those needing assistance to carry on another day. Many of our patients are dealing with a serious illness or disability that makes day to day living a struggle, but now tracks that once seemed long and lonely can be filled by Friends, Inc. with FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE.

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

Jan Brewer



Jan Brewer, Executive Director

There are many ways to make a real and lasting difference in someone's life; so many ways to bring help and hope to those in need. Countless people struggle in our community with no one to turn to. Many are battling illnesses and disabilities with consequences that most of us can hardly imagine. Still, in the midst of these life-changing struggles, Friends, Inc. is able to provide help and hope. Friends, Inc. is able to provide dedicated and compassionate volunteers who are committed to supporting and empowering those we serve, bringing hope and positive change to those in need in our community. With humor, honesty, compassion and concern, our volunteers connect with their hearts, making certain those we serve know they have not been forgotten. We give hope because you gave hope. Because you care enough to invest in Friends, Inc. with your time, talents, and monetary donations, Friends, Inc. is able to provide support to children who have suffered abuse, families in need, veterans, seniors, those who are hungry, those who are seriously ill or disabled, and those who have no one in their lives who care. You have given Friends, Inc. the opportunity to help our neighbors in need, and also be a part of their solution.

Thank you for investing in the lives of others. Thank you for helping Friends, Inc. make a real and lasting difference in our community. Thank you for making hope possible.

Grace and peace,
Sherry Bryant

Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator



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Autumn

EVENING
WITH FRIENDS, INC.



GRATITUDE OF Thanks

This year's event raised a record \$41,000, benefiting those who are seriously ill or disabled in Madison County, and will also provide volunteer training, coordination, and background screening for Friends, Inc.'s 125 volunteers.



“ I am extremely grateful for our many sponsors and donors who made this year's Autumn Evening our most successful fundraiser to date. For over 19 years Friends, Inc. has had the opportunity to meet the needs of two groups: those who want to volunteer to give back to our community, and those who are in need of our services. ”

- Jan Brewer, Executive Director



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