

## Friendly House

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## Mission Statement

Friendly House is a neighborhood center whose mission is to respond to the needs of families and individuals through programs and services that will enrich their lives and strengthen our neighborhoods.

## GOLF FOR YOUTH

Friendly House has been fortunate to have another "Stroke of Good Luck" this year! The Quad City Optimists are having their annual "Golf For Youth" tournament on Tuesday, August 3 at the Oakwood Country Club. It is a 4-person preferred ball game. A portion of the proceeds benefit our youth programs.

There are spots still available if you would like to participate. Call Terry at (563) 323-1821, ext. 13 for information. Thank you Optimist Clubs and this year's golf participants!

## WEED AND SEED

In Fall of 2009, Davenport was awarded a Department of Justice Weed and Seed grant. The focus of these funds will be improving a targeted area using a two pronged approach; weeding out undesirable activities through law enforcement and community policing, while building resources to improve the outlook of residents through neighborhood restoration and prevention, intervention and treatment. The Davenport Weed and Seed Steering Committee oversees efforts to integrate and leverage existing organizations and efforts in order create the greatest impact.

Friendly House has been named as one of the area's Safe Havens, as our agency is within the Weed and Seed's target area (Locust to the River and Division to Farnam); this encompasses areas of wards 3, 4 and 5. With this grant, Friendly House will be proud to offer neighborhood events throughout the upcoming year.



## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Friendly House offers convenient and quality after school care for children in grades K-5. Children participate in group and individual activities, receive homework help and enjoy enrichment and recreational activities. The program operates Monday - Friday, after school until 6:00 p.m. Transportation from select schools. Cost is \$17 per week if no transportation is needed, or \$20 per week if transportation is provided. Call Andi at (563) 323-1821, ext. 29.

*Don't forget... We also provide day care for children on in-service, intercession school days, or holidays!*

## 2010 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCES

Friendly House announces the recipients of our scholarships: the Ivory/Optimist Scholarship, the Micka Scholarship and the Mort and Tish Levy Educational Scholarship. Recipients are **Leonard Hayes** - Micka Scholarship recipient, **Luke Ryan** (North Scott High School) - Mort & Tish Levy Scholarship recipient, **Cristina Stan** (Davenport North High School) - Ivory/Optimist Scholarship recipient, **Olga Vasina** - Micka Scholarship recipient, and **Kaitlin Voigts** (Davenport Central High School) - Ivory/Optimist Scholarship and Mort & Tish Levy Scholarship recipient.

*"I am just blown away by the number of things your center has done for my children and our family. I have the children to prove your success. I am so appreciative of the additional skills my children receive from others in our lives. Thank you as always. We are blessed to have you, your staff, and Friendly Kid's Corner in our lives."*

Holly G., a parent in our Friendly Kid's Corner Program

## WELCOME ON BOARD

Friendly House would like to welcome our new members to the Board of Directors: Tamra Binder, Beth Hancock, Robert Ristow, and Jenny Ruhl. We would also like to thank our outgoing board member, Jacki O'Donnell. Jacki had been a board member at Friendly House for over 15 years. Friendly House appreciates your time, dedication, and service.



*Jacki O'Donnell (left) poses with Friendly House Executive Director, Lorelei Pfautz*



\* Last year, we distributed **79,004 lbs. of food** from the Riverbend Food Bank through our pantry.

\* **71% of individuals** seeking assistance from our Family Services Department had their needs immediately met.

\* **19 out of 20 kids** in our four year old Early Learning Program had an increase of at least 10 points comparing their pre-test to their post-test.

## A BIG FRIENDLY THANK YOU!

Friendly House would like to thank the following organizations for their recent support:

- Diocese of Davenport for the grant of \$2,000 for our Food Assistance in our Youth Programs and \$1,000 for Holiday Assistance to help during our holiday basket distribution.
- Friendly Thrift for your grant of \$300 for the purchase of dolls which will be used in our Early Learning Program.
- Riverboat Development Authority for the grant of \$5,000 towards our Ductwork Repair project in our gym.
- Teens for Tomorrow for your grant of \$500 towards our Scooping Up Some Fun neighborhood program.
- Scott County employees for the donation of \$367 from your annual employee picnic.
- Senior Star at Elmore Place for your in-kind donation of furniture and office equipment.
- US Bancorp for your grant of \$1,000 towards operating support.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

It is time to put on your thinking caps! Friendly House will be have a Trivia Night on Saturday, October 23, 2010 in our gymnasium. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 a person. All proceeds support Friendly House Programs. More information will follow!

## EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

Friendly House still has a few openings in our award-winning early educational program which focuses on kindergarten readiness, social skills, and language development. We do offer scholarship opportunities, making the program affordable for all families. To enroll your child, call Linnea at (563) 323-1821, ext. 23.

## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH DAY CARE EXPENSES?

With funding by Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa, Friendly House administers three different opportunities.

The Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa **Birth - 24 Month Childcare Scholarship Program** helps residents of Scott County who have children ages newborn up to 24 months. The parent(s) must be working, attending school, or who have become recently unemployed and looking for work.

The Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa **Childcare Scholarship Program** is designed to help families with a portion of their childcare expenses. Eligible children include birth - 5 yrs who have not attended kindergarten. Parents can choose their own licensed or registered provider. Current openings are for parents who reside in Scott County and work 2nd or 3rd shift 28 hours or more per week, and secure a licensed or registered provider. The program pays a rate of \$300 per month for full-time childcare or \$150 per month for part-time childcare.

The Scott County Kids Early Childhood Iowa **Preschool Scholarship Program** helps families with a portion of their child's preschool expenses. Children three to five years qualify.

To be eligible, you cannot qualify for any other childcare assistance. Contact Renee at (563) 323-1821, ext. 11.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR...



*Where there are friends, there is wealth.*

~ Titus Maccius Plautus

I bet you did not know that I am a wealthy person? I did not win the lottery or find a new rich husband, or even discover gold. I have some of the best friends that anyone could hope for. Over my lifetime, I have been blessed with wonderful friends. And now through the technology of Facebook and Skype, I am enjoying reconnecting with some of those friends. Oh, yes, we have changed a bit over the years, but part of the fun is remembering all those good times or catching up with where our lives have taken us.

My friends like me in spite of knowing me. A great quote by Bernard Meltzer says " A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he (she) knows that you are slightly cracked". And those of you that know me know that I am a little cracked.

Friendly House is very wealthy as well. We do not have a huge budget or a zillion dollar endowment but we have true friends that care about what we do year after year. Some volunteer in our food pantry; some faithfully deliver food or bread so that we can help families; others support us financially. Our board helps us keep our ship steered in the right direction and our staff live out our mission of strengthening our neighborhood. I think that is a good investment.

So, put your stock statement away...it is too depressing. Take a minute and look around...you might be wealthier than you ever imagined.

*Julie Plautz*