

NEWS FROM FRIENDLY HOUSE, A SETTLEMENT HOUSE SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1896



Friendly Times

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.

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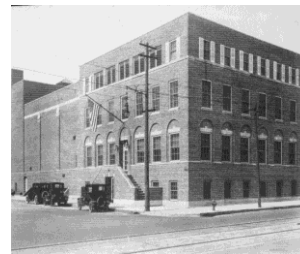
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FRIENDLY HOUSE IS CELEBRATING 115 YEARS

Friendly House originated in the "Bucktown" district of Davenport where concern for people living in the area led the Rev. Ned Lee to establish the People's Union Mission, a settlement house. The settlement philosophy was brought to America from England in 1886 by Jane Addams, the mother of modern social work. The name "settlement" derives from the practice of early reformers to "settle" among the people they served. In 1911, the mission became non-denominational and changed its name to Friendly House. Two years later, due to changing demographics, Friendly House moved to Third and Taylor Streets. In 1993, Friendly House moved to our current home at 1221 Myrtle Street.

Generations of Quad Cities families have found Friendly House to be a safe haven, a social center, a resource for basic needs and advocate for involvement. In short, Friendly House has been a neighbor to the Quad Cities.

In Celebration of 115 years of being a neighbor and friend to the community, we would like to invite all current and past friends to join us in commemorating our birthday with some special events.



Birthday Open House
April 27, 2011 3pm -6pm
@ Friendly House

Birthday Bash
Dance Music Provided by Identity Crisis
May, 13 2011 6pm
@ Golden Leaf Banquet & Convention Center

DO YOU NEED CARE FOR YOUR CHILD THIS SUMMER?

Friendly House offers a Summer Daycare Program that is a fun and affordable way for your kids to enjoy the summer. This year we will offer registration on a week by week basis, providing themed weeks much like a summer camp. We offer quality childcare during the summer for kids who have completed kindergarten - 5th grade. The program begins on Friday, May 27 and operates from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Our program will include a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, ceramics, swimming, recreational games, computer classes, gardening, and field trips. Breakfast and lunch are provided for a portion of the program; snacks are provided throughout the program. Friendly House does offer scholarship opportunities which helps to make the program affordable for all families.

For information, contact Andi at 563-323-1821, ext. 29 or aengler@friendlyhouseiowa.org.





From the Director...

"Other Duties as Assigned" That is a catch all kind of phrase that most often is the very last item on a job description. It would seem that by giving it last place, it is the least important aspect or infers that it may not ever be needed. After 23 years at Friendly House, I have come to respect that line for the unique "opportunities" it has brought into my life. Often, the opportunity presents itself before the opportunity for it to be assigned. Good things happen when people "just do it". There is nothing like a snowstorm to bring out the "just do it" attitude. While we were not able to open Friendly House during the recent blizzard, Roger Viernow, our very own "just do it" guy made his way to our building, and with his trusted John Deere snow blower, worked diligently to clean out the drifts that had encompassed the building. This was of course after he had spent hours digging himself out of his own home. Roger is the guy who picks up donations all over town, does many of those unpleasant cleaning duties that no one wants, yet makes sure that coffee is made for employees who arrive each morning. He is the person who has lots of requests for those "other duties" and always graciously finds a way to please everyone. And while I feel compelled to single out Roger for this article, I have to admit that Friendly House is very, very blessed with many employees who go beyond their regular duties. Without being asked they make sure our seniors get extra attention, make sure our kids have warm clothes, help people who come to take showers, or "volunteer" outside of work time to help with many events or activities. When you think about it, the ordinary really does make an extraordinary difference when you just do some of those amazing other duties.

DO YOU HAVE STORIES OF FRIENDLY HOUSE?

Were you a Friendly House kid? Do you have memories of playing basketball, learning to sew, cooking classes, ceramics? Were you the star of a Friendly House production? Did you and your family enjoy our Penny Movies? We want to hear from you. In celebration of 115 years we are trying to gather as many stories as we can about the impact that Friendly House has had on your life. Become a part of our story and celebration by sharing your stories, photo's, etc. Join us for an Open House to share current programming and celebrate our history, April 27 from 3pm to 6pm . If you have stories or pictures you would like to share please contact Mikael at (563) 323-1821, ext. 28 or mgibson@friendlyhouseiowa.org.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION? FRIENDLY HOUSE CAN HELP!

Friendly House offers three annual educational scholarships. The Ivory/Optimist Scholarship provides funds to graduating seniors from a Davenport School who are planning on attending a licensed or accredited trade/vocational school, college or university. The Micka Scholarship provides funds to non-traditional students, 21 years of age or older, who wish to further their education by attending a licensed or accredited trade/vocational school, college or university. The Mort and Tish Levy Educational Scholarship is a scholarship that provides funds to a high school senior or individual over the age of 18 who is pursuing a Bachelors or advanced degree, advanced training or technical school, especially in the area of technical or fine arts.

Scholarship applications are available at Friendly House, through the area Davenport high schools and local colleges, or on the Friendly House web site, www.friendlyhouseiowa.org. Deadline for all applications is May 1, 2011. For more information, contact Jodi at (563) 323-1821, ext. 17 or jstock@friendlyhouseiowa.org.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Did you know that your neighbor is an excellent car mechanic, but has pants that need to be hemmed. Perhaps you can put your sewing skills to work in exchange for a free oil change? Join us for Community Circles! This is an opportunity to get to know your community and the many resources it has to give and you have to share. We all have gifts and needs, so come and spend some time at Friendly House and come away with new friends, new information, and new resources to make your family and community stronger.

JOIN US EVERY 3RD THURSDAY 6PM-8PM

For more information, contact Jodi at (563) 323-1821, ext. 17 or jstock@friendlyhouseiowa.org.

DO YOU NEED CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN DURING SPRING BREAK?

Before you know it, children will be on spring break, and Friendly House can help provide care for your children from March 21-April 1. We offer full day care for elementary school children grades K - 5 on in-service, intercession school days, or holidays when school is out. Our program is open from 7:00am-6:00pm. Organized activities, games and field trips are provided in a fun atmosphere. The cost for this program is \$17 per day per student. Your child does not need to be enrolled in our other youth programs to be eligible. Contact Andi at (563) 323-1821, ext. 29 or aengler@friendlyhouseiowa.org.

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ATTENTION HOME CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Friendly House offers a program to assist registered home day care providers in Scott, Clinton, Muscatine and Cedar counties. Providers are eligible for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). CACFP was founded in 1968 to provide federal funds for healthy meals and snacks served in licensed child care centers and family child care homes.

The Friendly House also sponsors CACFP within our Early Learning Program and Friendly Kid's Corner Program. Meals are available at no charge to enrolled children/adults in these programs. Meals are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

It is the policy of Friendly House not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or religion in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code section 216.7. If you have any questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by Friendly House, contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 1400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone: 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416 or web: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html>. For information and income eligibility, contact Lisa at (563) 323-1821, ext. 16 or lcorrigan@friendlyhouseiowa.org.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR DAY CARE EXPENSES

Friendly House can help with a portion of your day-care or preschool expenses. These program are funded by Scott County Kids-Early Childhood Iowa, some eligibility requirements apply. For more information and participating providers, contact Renee at (563) 323-1821, ext. 11 or reneerankin@friendlyhouseiowa.org.

A BIG FRIENDLY THANK YOU

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

- Roy J Carver Charitable Trust for the grant award of \$15,000 towards our Roof Repair Project.
- Riverboat Development Authority for the grant award of \$10,000 towards replacement of our water heater and boiler.
- Scott County Regional Authority for the grant award of \$20,000 towards replacement of our water heater and boiler.
- Maggie Moo's for collecting over 400 cans for our food pantry in celebration of National Cupcake Day.
- Pete & Mary Pohlman for their donation of socks, hats, and gloves for the winter season
- Hugh Stafford for his generous donation of office supplies.
- AND A BIG THANK YOU to the many individuals and groups that helped to make Family Week and Holiday Basket distribution such a success!

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Is your child under 18, and interested in summer camp? If you are interested in sending your child to camp but can't figure out how to pay for it. Contact Jodi at (563) 323-1821, ext. 17 or jstock@friendlyhouseiowa.org for more information.

RENT REBATE FILING

Iowa residents may be eligible for rent rebates. Total yearly household income must be less than \$20,301, and one of the following applies: 65 years of age or older, or be totally disabled and 18 years of age or older by December 31, 2010. Applicants must have proof of 2010 income, statement of when disability began, a total of rent paid in 2010, and the name, address and phone number of their landlord. Rebate forms are now also available online at <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/treasurer>. Contact Jodi at (563) 323-1821, ext. 17 or jstock@friendlyhouseiowa.org for more information