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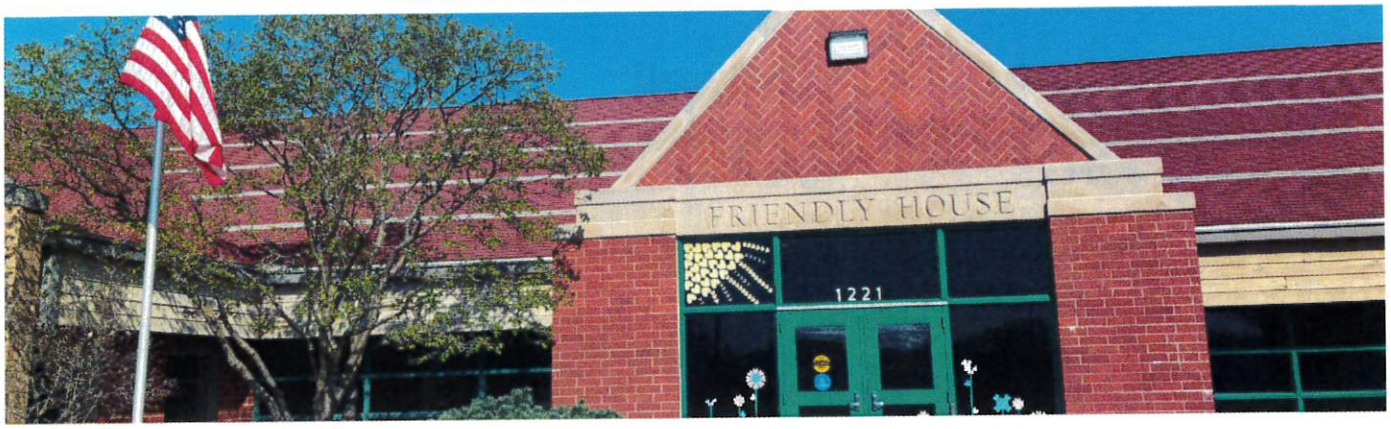

Mission Statement - "To respond to the needs of children, families and seniors through quality, affordable services that will enrich lives and strengthen our neighborhoods and the community."

Upcoming Events

FH Holiday Basket Sign-Up

Oct 14th 8:30am-12pm; Oct 15th 8:30am-10:30am; Oct 16th 8:30am-11:30am & 1:30pm-4pm

Individuals and families may register to receive a holiday meal basket. Children ages 16 and under can also be signed up to receive holiday gifts during the registration period.

FH Hogtoberfest

October 29 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Our signature fundraising event features games, auction items, live music, and plenty of fun. Guests can enjoy food samples from local restaurants, as well as craft beer and spirit tastings provided by area breweries and distilleries. Join us for an evening of entertainment while supporting Friendly House programs. Tickets are on sale now.

FH Thanksgiving Meal

November 24 12:00 PM

A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served to anyone in the community who would like to attend. We welcome all guests to join us in celebrating the holiday together.

There's always something happening at Friendly House!

Recently, we celebrated our 130th Anniversary, hosted a free clothing giveaway, continued planning for Hogtoberfest, and wrapped up a successful summer childcare program.

Now that the 2026–27 school year is underway, our childcare programs continue to bring plenty of energy and excitement! Some of the fun activities we have planned include a bowling trip for our school-agers on a Plus Day (a day off from school) and a visit to Niabi Zoo for our preschoolers. We're also excited to have Common Chord and Family Resources continue working with our youth each week after school.

Our senior program has plenty going on, too! Participants will be getting out into the community for activities and outings, including a trip to Wilson's Orchard in Iowa City and a visit to the Kaleidoscope Exhibit at the Putnam Museum.

We're excited to keep this momentum going as we provide high-quality programs and services to seniors, families, individuals, and youth throughout our community.

Thank you for your important part of supporting Friendly House. Together, we are making a lasting impact—one person, one family, and one connection at a time.

Friendly House Team

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Event Spotlight - Back 2 Swell

Back to Swell 2026 is officially in the books. Among the highlights are this being our Family & Senior Services Supervisor, Kloey's first Back 2 Swell. This annual event is accomplished as a drive thru. Parents & Guardians with their children, line up in their cars to enter our lower parking lot and receive a backpack with supplies for each child (K-12) along with information from other area agencies, service groups, and businesses.

This event goes beyond the joy of the day of the event. It starts months prior with being the recipient of donated backpacks and supplies. These donations were made by boardmembers, Craftsmen Trailers, and Jefferson Elementary School. Then just weeks before the event we were able to have a packing party with the supplies donated. We had staff and 2 groups of 4 kids from our youth program volunteer their time to packing supplies into backpacks.

This years event was held on August 18th from 3p-6pm. 423 back packs with supplies were given out. Members of the Davenport Police Department assisted with this event. Participating vendors were Bikers Against Child Abuse, Quad City Bank & Trust, Iowa Total Care, and the Scott County Health Department were vendors. Additionally Family Resources, Butterfly Beginnings Counseling, and The Clothing Center at Minnie's Maison provided additional supplies and information to add to the resources at the event.

Thank you, to everyone that had a role is making this an amazing event!