



Sharing the Caring

In Huntsville and Madison County

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Currently 88
dedicated volunteers

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I am always so pleased and excited with all that is going on with Friends, Inc. We continue to grow, and are becoming better known in the community. I would like to thank all those who make this important 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 5,400 hours of time valued at \$20.85 an hour, and traveled over 25,000 miles valued at 14 cents a mile, to provide personal assistance to our patients. That is a grand total of **\$116,403.44** that our Friends, Inc. volunteers donated in time and mileage in 2009. This is truly making a significant difference in the lives of so many seriously ill and disabled individuals in Madison County.

With the blessing of continued growth comes greater financial need. Currently we have a \$12,000 deficit from last year. Friends, Inc. is solely supported by donations from churches, businesses, and individuals within the community. Our “My Cup Runneth Over” campaign is an effort to bring in the necessary funds to be able to continue all the work being accomplished through Friends, Inc. I think we can all agree that we have more than we could ever ask for and more than enough for our needs, and our cups truly are running over. Please consider placing Friends, Inc. high on your priority list by making a financial contribution today. We need *your* help. Without your support, the work of Friends, Inc. would not be able to continue. If you would like to make a donation to Friends, Inc, you may do so by going to our website at www.friendsinc.net and using our new “Donate” button. You may also submit your contribution by using the enclosed return envelope.

I encourage you to continue to spread the word about who we are and what we are diligently trying to accomplish. We all share the same goal: to serve those in need. Thank you for joining hands with Friends, Inc. as together, we strive to meet the needs of so many in our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 534-4079, or email us at friends@friendsinc.net. May you always have love to share, health to spare, and Friends that care.

Blessings,

Jan



In Loving Memory of
**Mr. Johnnie Edwards, Ms. Frauke Evers, Mr. Dillard Clack,
Mrs. Katherine Jordan, and Mr. Royce Vaughn**

Thank you for allowing Friends, Inc. to be a part of their lives.

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 things that are transforming our community and bettering our patients’ lives. I recently read the following quote that I feel so accurately describes our volunteers: “I have learned that heroes are not people dressed in super-costumes with amazing powers, but are the rare few who commit to bettering the lives of others.” Presently, Friends, Inc. has 88 of those rare heroes who have selflessly and sacrificially committed to improving the lives of our patients. Our volunteers are considered true treasures by all who have had the privilege of witnessing their heroic acts of volunteerism.

Our volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are **PRICELESS!**

It brought great joy to be able to recognize and celebrate our amazing volunteers recently at the Friends, Inc. Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Ray Kelly was awarded the Friends, Inc. Volunteer of the Year award for his many hours of caring and compassionate service to Friends, Inc. Regina Kelly was recognized as the volunteer who donated the most hours to Friends, Inc., and Bill Bodden was honored as the volunteer who traveled the most miles.

All of our volunteers are invaluable beyond measure. We are grateful to have such awesome Friends!
Grace and Peace,

Sherry

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

WELCOME

Cindy Boyd
Linda Brown
Joyce Brown
Kelly Danbury
Susan Jordan
Jewell Spelce



HAPPY BIRTHDAY VOLUNTEERS!

February

Joyce Brown
Valerie Chandler
Carroll Dailey
Carole Finch
Dale Griggs
Hazel Gregory
Kim Huskey
Jo Ann Malcolm
Mary McDonald
Mary Quinn
Helen Sommers

March

Betsy Estopinal
Pearline Gilpin
Allison Lewis
Bill Malcolm
Rex Mills
Kay Shelton
Sherry Taylor

April

Dorothy Cable
Celeste Fletcher
Marcy Lawton
Nell Roberts
Rae Starnes

Volunteers take pleasure in sharing and spending time with each other while enjoying breakfast together.



Our volunteers were honored with a memorable performance by Ms. Debra Saylor. Debra is a blind pianist and soloist that brought tears to our eyes as she sang from the heart with her fingers and her voice. At the completion of the performance, Debra received a standing ovation.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ray Kelly

Pictured with Jan Brewer, Executive Director,
Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator and
Barbara Daniel, Board Member

Thank you for your Memorials, Honor Gifts, and Donations

*In Memory of Mrs. Margaret Cornelison
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer*

*In Memory of Mr. Keith Coates
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer*

*In Memory of Mrs. Marcello Lyons
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cramer*

*In Memory of Mr. Everett Brooks
Given By: Mrs. Charlsie Brooks*

*In Memory of Mrs. Edith Faught
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chandler*

*In Memory of Mrs. Betty Burch
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook*

*In Memory of Mr. Tommy Whatley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Duerr*

*In Memory of Mr. Russell Alcott
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell*

*In Memory of Mr. Chris Griggs
Given By: Mrs. Beth Griggs*

*In Memory of Mrs. Carmen Gum
Given By: Dr. Greg Gum*

*In Memory of Mr. Paul Golley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Harper*

*In Memory of Mr. Chris Griggs
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoger*

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

*In Memory of Halva Huntley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huntley*

*In Memory of Mrs. Margaret Cornelison
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kilpatrick*

*In Memory of Mr. Dan Cagle
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kilpatrick*

*In Memory of Mr. Chris Griggs
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Scott McCary*

*In Memory of Mrs. Doris Bentley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Don Mikel*

*In Memory of Mr. Henning Krome
Given By: Mr. William Pine, Jr.*

*In Memory of: Mrs. Grace Plymale
Given By: Mr. Fred Plymale*

*In Memory of Mr. Jerry Richardson
Given By: Mrs. Janet Richardson*

*In Memory of our parents
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rinn*

*In Memory of Mrs. Jewel Fowler
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Roberson*

*In Memory of Dr. Chalmus Strickland
Given By: Mrs. Diane Strickland*

*In Memory of Mrs. Jewel Fowler
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tallon*

*In Memory of Mr. William I. McDonald
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Wingo*

*In Memory of Mrs. Alice C. Hamilton
Given By: Mrs. Margaret Yarbrough*

*In Memory of Mr. Terrance Flynn
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer*

*In Memory of Mr. Julian Walker
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Ed Walker*

*In Honor of Mrs. Nell Roberts
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Boon*

*In Honor of Mrs. Eloise Boon
Given By: Ms. Hannah Boon*

*In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hall
Given By: Ms. Patty Henritz*

*In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bentley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. David Lucas*

*In Honor of Mrs. Sherry Taylor
Given By: Ms. Connie Payette*

*In Honor of Mrs. Judy Wilson
Given By: Ms. Helen Ream*

*In Honor of Mrs. Sandra Vallely
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bates, Jr.*

*In Honor of Ms. Janice Fowler
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hammer*

*In Honor of Ms. Pat Golley
Given By: Ms. Louise Applegate*

In Honor of Mrs. Betsy Estopinal

Given By: Dr. Deborah Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Buchanan, Mrs. Ana Byrne, Mrs. Diane Charles, Dr. and Mrs. Tres Childs, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Butch Damson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dinerman, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Goldbach, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartman, Mr. Mark Kershner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lioce, Mr. A. Mac Martinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCarty III, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Merjianian, Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Morring Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Rick Musso, Mr. and Mrs. Lilas Raptis, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Schreeder, Mr. Ted Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Ken Teachey, Mrs. Sherry Thaggard, and Ms. Debra Wymer

Donations: Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andrzejewski, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnes, Ms. Penelope Bashore, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Bazzell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bodden, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Burnside, Ms. Wilma Caughran, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Damson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daniel, Mr. Thomas Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dotts, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Driskell, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Duerr, Mr. and Mrs. Lucia Eidt, Drs. Ted and Melinda Edwards, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finchum, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Fowler, Ms. Susan Gillespie, Ms. Pat Golley, Ms. Hazel Gregory, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith, Ms. Barbara Handba, Dr. and Mrs. George Harriman, Ms. Dorcas Harris, Mr. and Mrs. George Harsh, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Haws, Ms. Judy Howard, Ms. Libba Hughey, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Huie, Dr. Eugene Hutchens, Ms. Mary Ann Johnson, Ms. Laurel Karr, Mr. Wendell Kestle, Ms. Allison Kirkpatrick, Ms. Wilma Langford, Dr. and Mrs. Troy Layton, Ms. Kelly Looney, Ms. Sandra Moon, Ms. Sherry Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. William Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pigeon, Mr. Bill Poole, Ms. Edith Powell, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds, Mr. Roland Roberts, Mrs. Earl Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. William Shergy, Ms. Eudare Shuey, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Sissom, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steward, Ms. Jean Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Teepool, Ms. Josette Traylor, Ms. Debra Wymer, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yokley, and The Sons Of The American Legion.

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

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

Friends, Inc. serves the Huntsville and Madison County community by providing support services such as:

- **Transportation to medical and cancer treatment appointments**
- **Respite care for caregivers of patients**
- **Running errands, grocery shopping, prescription pick-up, etc.**
- **Emotional support through friendly visits and phone calls**
- **Access to community resources and spiritual support as needed**

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Donation, Memorial, & Honor Gifts

Memorial Gifts and Honor Gifts are ideal ways to remember a loved one's legacy, or special occasions. At the same time, your gift is used to provide volunteer support to patients with serious illnesses or disabilities, and to their families. Upon receipt of your gift, an appropriate letter of acknowledgement will be sent naming the honoree, and you, as the thoughtful donor.