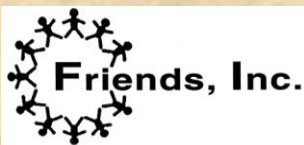


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In Huntsville and Madison County



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Spring has officially sprung and the smell of honeysuckle is in the air. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well following the tragedy that has surrounded our community. It is such a blessing, and brings great comfort to know that our God is much bigger than any storm.

Friends has many things to be thankful for. We could not do without the incredible financial support we receive from our committed donors and our dedicated volunteers who continue to reach out to this community by giving of themselves unconditionally. Our patients frequently call and send thank you notes telling us how much we are appreciated. They tell us that our volunteers are indispensable and how they could not do without their assistance. Our many volunteers are continually touching the lives of those who are suffering from serious illnesses or disabilities.

I would like to recognize and say a very special thank you to West Huntsville Kiwanis Club who graciously hosted a fundraiser and raised five hundred dollars for Friends, Inc. THANK YOU!



Volunteer Jayson Pagan showing off his new badge and magnetic car sign!

WOO HOO!!!

I am ecstatic to have the Venturi employees join hands with us, providing a five thousand dollar grant that was used to purchase much needed office supplies, car identification signs, and ID badges for all of our volunteers. Thank you to all of the caring Venturi employees who so generously choose to give back to our community.

Lastly, let me say how very honored I am to be a part of this thriving organization that is so richly blessed by helping those in need. Serving others is our greatest joy, and I believe there is no greater calling.

Please feel free to call the office at 256-534-4079, or email us at friends@friendsinc.net if you have any questions. May you always have love to share, health to spare, and Friends that care.

Blessings,

Jan Brewer



THANK YOU VENTURI EMPLOYEES!

*In Loving Memory of
Linda Brown, Annie Lee, Tinh Lee, Fred Plymale, and Mildred York
Thank you for allowing Friends, Inc. to be a part of their lives.*

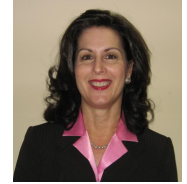
Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator

Spring has finally arrived and for Friends, Inc. that has meant a flurry of activities! We waved a fond farewell to an eventful winter calendar with our February Volunteer In-Service, "Creating Solutions While Changing Lives". Soon afterward, flowers began to bloom, the grass turned green, and trees began to bud bright new leaves; all presenting a beautiful backdrop for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in April. During this breakfast we had the privilege of celebrating the amazing men and women who daily give of their time and energy to Friends, Inc. Volunteer Bill Bodden was named Friends' Volunteer of the Year, 2011. Mary Ann Bodden was recognized as the volunteer who traveled the greatest number of miles, while Judy Wilson was recognized as the volunteer who donated the most amount of time; all in support and service to our patients. Sandra Valley and Nell Roberts were also recognized, representing our talented seamstresses who so selflessly give of their heart and hands towards the sewing of hospital gowns.

Most recently, many of our volunteers and patients spent a

delightful afternoon at the "Remember Mama" luncheon, an event sponsored by Volunteers of America to honor those mothers who might otherwise have not been remembered. A fun-filled afternoon was had by all, ending with several of our patients singing and dancing to the tune of Tina Turner's, "Rolling on the River"! According to our patients, attending this luncheon was a Mother's Day celebration that they will always remember with a huge smile.

I thank all our volunteers for choosing to make themselves available to the needs of others. You are invaluable beyond measure, truly transforming the lives of so many.



Sherry Bryant



**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
BILL BODDEN**



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

- Christa Ayers
- Regina Baker
- Zandora Bone
- Tiffany Brewer
- Doreen Jurgielewicz
- Jayson Pagan



"I REMEMBER MAMA"

Memorials, Honor Gifts, and Donations

*In Memory of Mrs. Sylvan Odegard
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patrick*

*In Memory of Dr. Shirley Wallace
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patrick*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Ken Barfield*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Mrs. Marilyn Bethune*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chandler*

*In Memory of Mr. Fred Plymale
Given By: Mr. Eric Cooper*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Noel Estopinal*

*In Memory of Mr. Nick Passing
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Finch*

*In Memory of Mr. Christopher Griggs
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Griggs*

*In Memory of Mrs. Merrilyn Carpenter
Given By: Mrs. Debra Harriman*

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

*In Memory of Mrs. Jean McCown
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. John Hughey*

*In Memory of Mrs. Patricia Chambers Bragg
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. J. Michael Jones*

*In Memory of Mr. Christopher Griggs
Given By: Anonymous*

*In Memory of Mr. Fred Plymale
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Perry*

*In Memory of Mr. Wallace R. Phillips
Given By: Mrs. Doris Phillips*

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

*In Memory of Mr. Fred Plymale
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Potee*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Roberson*

*In Memory of Dr. Milton Peeler
Given By: Mrs. Jane Rutenberg*

*In Memory Mr. Keith & Mrs. Jamie Coates
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Denny Sissom*

*In Memory of Mr. Sted Bradshaw
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Sid Smith*

*In Memory of Mrs. Kris Broom
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Sid Smith*

*In Memory of Mrs. Sondra Erdman
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Sid Smith*

*In Memory of Mr. Marvin Brewer
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Brent Smith*

*In Memory of Mrs. Raymor Scruggs
Given By: Mrs. Margaret Yarbrough*

*In Honor of Mrs. Talitha Yokley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bentley*

*In Honor of Jan Brewer & Sherry Bryant
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bodden*

*In Honor of Mrs. Ann Koontz
Given By: First Christian Church*

*In Honor of Mr. Walter Fletcher
Given By: Mrs. Rosie Fletcher*

*In Honor of Mrs. Laura Binger
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris*

*In Honor of Mrs. Laura Binger
Given By: Mrs. Yvonne Hawkins*

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

*In Honor of Mrs. Pat Golley
Given By: Ms. Nancy McMahon*

*In Honor of Mrs. Mary McQuinn
Given By: Mrs. Sandra Valley*

*In Honor of Mrs. Debbie Chandler
Given By: Ms. Anne Walker*

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FEBRUARY

Joyce Brown
Carroll Dailey
Hazel Gregory
Dale Griggs
Cindy Huntley
Kim Huskey
Doreen Jurgielewicz
Jo Ann Malcolm
Mary McDonald
Mary McQuinn

MARCH

Betsy Estopinal
Elissa Finchum
Pearline Gilpin
Allison Lewis
Marilyn Lorch
Bill Malcolm
Rex Mills
Kay Shelton
Sherry Taylor
Talitha Yokley

APRIL

Regina Baker
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Happy Birthday Volunteers

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independence through caring volunteers.**



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A TOTAL OF \$75,000 A YEAR!**

my cup runneth over...

A simple cup of coffee becomes hope
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That's far less than a cup of coffee
at your favorite fast food restaurant
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