

UPDATE

Summer 2023 Friends Homes, Inc. www.friendshomes.org

93 new homes open as expansion ends

The Friends Homes expansion is complete, and we have started welcoming new residents to the villa apartments. The expansion includes 93 new homes offering a mix of townhomes, cottages, and villa apartments. Friends Homes now offers residences ranging from cozy studio apartments to spacious three-bedroom cottages.

The Wellness Center has been open for more than a year, and residents are enjoying new spaces that include a sports court for pickleball, The Hub restaurant, an arts and crafts room, Integrated Health Clinic, and a beautiful outdoor courtyard complimented with a water feature, outdoor dining, and a fire pit.

For more information about availability or joining our Resident of the Future program, please call us at (336) 369-4313.



Consider a gift to help neighbors in need

As of this year, the Annual Giving Campaign will be known as the Resident Financial Assistance Campaign. Meeting the needs of all Friends Homes residents is more than what we do – it is who we are!

It is not always apparent that there are financial shortfalls among our friends and neighbors; however, each year, there are members of our Friends Homes family who, due to no fault of their own, need resident financial assistance.

This year alone, Friends Homes expects resident financial need to be of over \$1,000,000. You can help ensure that all residents at Friends Homes have the opportunity to live vibrant, active, and fulfilling lives by making a gift to support the Resident Financial Assistance Campaign.

Your gift will help a resident and move us closer to meeting Friends Homes' Resident Financial Assistance Campaign goal of \$135,000. You can give by using the enclosed envelope or online at www.friendshomes.org. You can save on taxes by gifting appreciated securities or making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) through your IRA. Matching gifts, memorial gifts, honor gifts, and grants from your donor-advised fund are also gratefully accepted.

For more information, please contact **Carson Spering**, Associate Director of Development, at (336) 458-0354 or cspering@friendshomes.org.

A message from the Executive Director

This is a busy time for us as 2023 is well underway and we celebrate our 65-year anniversary. We have completed Phase 1 of our construction project and our newest residents are getting acclimated to their new homes and making new friends. It's exciting to see all enjoying the



new amenity spaces that opened within the past year.

Board News: As we give thanks to **Don Farlow** and **Elwood Parker** for their support as they rotate off the Board we welcome **Kathy Adams**, Jennifer **Brigman** and FHG resident **Bill Carroll** to the Board of Trustees. We also acknowledge the service of FHG resident **Ray Treadway** who served on the Board until his passing last fall.

I am very pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees extended the Management Service Agreement with Brightspire (formerly named the Presbyterian Homes) through 2030. We appreciate and value the support Brightspire has provided us over the past seven years, and we look forward to continued success and collaboration as we look to our bright future.

Staffing News: In April we said goodbye and congratulations to **Donna Sprinkle**, Director of Health Services, who retired after 10 years of service to Friends Homes and over 50 years supporting seniors in various capacities. We are excited to welcome

Hannah Davis as our new Director of Health Services who started with us in April and has already hit the ground running. Please look at our website for a bio on Hannah, what she brings to Friends Homes and please swing by to greet her.

As Friends Homes continues to focus on wellness and promotion of an active lifestyle, we have recently launched our program "Encompass" that offers a whole-person approach that covers six dimensions of wellness: physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, nutritional and community outreach. Our activities, classes, dining, and other programs are all designed within these dimensions to provide you with a well-rounded experience for a fuller, more balanced life. I hope you will take the time to learn more about Encompass and join in this rewarding experience.

My sincere thank you for supporting our 2022 Resident Financial Assistance Campaign formally known as Annual Giving Campaign that raised over \$109,000. The 2023 committee for this year's Resident Financial Assistance Campaign set a goal of \$135,000. Because of Friends like you, and the overall support of the Resident Financial Assistance Campaign, our mission of providing quality care and services to our residents at a fair cost will carry on.

All are welcome at this place we call Friends Homes. Continued blessings to you and your family for 2023!

Warm regards,

Arnie Thompson Executive Director

Friends Homes permanent funds & endowments

Did you know that Friends Homes administers the following permanent funds and endowments?

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If you are interested in learning more about these permanent funds and endowments, or if you are interested in establishing a new endowment or fund, please contact **Carson Spering** at (336) 458-0354, or cspering@friendshomes.org.

* Named endowments created during the Bridges to the Future Capital Campaign.

Meet

Carey & Judy Reece

Having lived in Fox Hall for the past four years, Carey & Judy Reece now reflect on how they hit the ground running since moving in by quickly making friends and involving themselves in the community.

Carey immediately started working in the woodshop and was instrumental in cleaning and reorganizing the space to make

it easier to navigate. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Resident Board and is the Board liaison for the Buildings committee. Outside of his campus involvement, Carey is a volunteer coach for the girls basketball team at Southwest Guilford High School and he thoroughly enjoys a day on the golf course!

Judy is the chair of the dining committee, 4th floor Fox hall representative to Resident Council and is a member of the handbell choir. She plays cards once a week, Mah Jong, participates in line dancing and Drums Alive and has participated with Carey in the Brightspire Olympics for cornhole and was on the inaugural team for puzzle making, coming in 2nd place in that event. She also finds time to walk daily and keep up her love of sewing.

Until recently, Carey and Judy owned a fifth wheel camper in Florida and would spend November in Florida, return home, and head back to Florida after Christmas through early April. They have great memories of their time in the campground having



built many close relationships with the community of which they were a part.

Married for 60 years, they are the proud parents of two daughters, their husbands, as well as 4 grandchildren and two granddogs. They have always been proud supporters of their grandchildren, attending their athletic endeavors and extracurricular activities. Now

three of those grandchildren are in college and one in high school. One of the granddogs is a frequent visitor you may see on the campus of Guilford. (He's the cute dog walking Carey!)

When asked if their family was supportive of their move here, they said everyone is happy with their decision. Judy relates that her parents did the same thing years ago when they decided to move into Kendall Center in Pennsylvania easing the burden for her as they grew older. She and Carey can't help but recognize they did their family a favor by moving in here.

Carey and Judy state they are so happy with their decision to move in and really appreciate how easy it is to find someone to talk to. They enjoy the movies, programs, speakers, friendships (especially on 4th floor Fox) and enjoyed the Friends Homes trip to the Outer Banks in April. The Reece's have more than embraced life at Friends Homes and we are so happy to have them as our family!

Resident Financial Assistance Campaign tops \$109,000

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the 2022 Resident Financial Assistance Campaign (formerly known as the Annual Giving Campaign) raised \$109,025. Thank you to our volunteer leaders for the effort they put into their service, including Guilford resident **Wyn Hrdlicka**, West residents **Bob** and **Laura Gobble**, Board
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What a difference a year makes









I was recently reflecting on my first-year anniversary at Friends Homes, and what an amazing year it has been!

While we could fill a book with all the exciting and fun-filled programs the team has introduced this year and follow it up with a sequel of all the new expansion and enhancements we have seen, I'd like to take a moment to appreciate some of the highlights.

This year, Friends Homes programing enjoyed the lessening restrictions around COVID-19 as we found ourselves able to travel more and enjoy fellowship like we used to. Our amazing Wellness and Life Enrichment team's programs continue to shine by providing new programs including a three-night trip to the N.C. Outer Banks, a Senior prom, Mardi Gras celebration, an abundance of day trips, and in-house visits from our furry friends at Wild Tails to name a few favorites.

Our Wellness team organized our first annual 3k/5k which took place on the Friends Homes campus with around 125 people in attendance, an excellent turnout despite some nasty weather. The event was made even more special by the fact that all proceeds from sponsorships and registrations supported the Resident Financial Assistance Campaign.

Our wonderful culinary team, settling into our new venues, impressed residents through several creative dining-centered events. Residents took a trip down memory lane with retro decorations and menus as part of our Diner Days program, and enjoyed entertainment with an all you can eat meal at our Italian Bistro Night and St. Patrick's Day buffet.

We continue to look for exciting ways to engage our community and embrace our Quaker roots. Friends Homes recently established its own chapter of the United Society of Friends Women (USFW), is developing a strong relationship with Quaker Lake Camp, and has made huge strides in re-connecting with Guilford College as COVID-19's impact on both organizations continues to decrease.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the contributions of hard working, engaged teammates. I am excited to share that we have recently rolled out several new teammate appreciation and recognition programs to celebrate the heroes that are serving our residents every day, often behind the scenes. The response has been great, and the residents are starting to get in on the action!

The future is very bright at Friends Homes, and we can't thank you enough for your continued support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Matt Beam
Director of Independent Living

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Celebrating a year of wellness

July 13, 2023 will mark one year since our grand opening of the Wellness Center at Friends Homes. So far we have had the opportunity to introduce over 140 residents to the state-of-the-art HUR SmartTouch technology equipment with more to come as the villa apartments quickly fill.

Our pool is a steady 89 degrees and the air in the room stays nice and warm so that folks feel like they are in a true-spa environment! It is truly lovely to see how much folks enjoy our facilities.

Did someone say pickleball? You bet! On any day and hour folks can be found playing or learning to play pickleball. Our "regulars" give the word "competitive" new meaning!

We have a couple of new classes. A mindfulness class focuses on doing things with purpose, whether it is eating or breathing or just enjoying a walk in nature. By request, we also added a self-defense class on Wednesday evenings where residents learn self-protection and self-esteem.

To focus on our recently adopted Encompass program, we have an Encompass Personal Wellness Survey for our residents to evaluate progress in their wellness journey. All dimensions of wellness from the Encompass brochure are included. We would love to assess you so that you can find programming and events to join. Please ask us about it!





