

“Friendship Ark Homes has given us both independence. It has given Vicki more adult freedom, but still she is in good hands. The best part is the Christian aspect. Friendship Ark Homes provide a family environment where Vicki is learning to live with others.”

-Robin, Victoria’s Mom



## family environment

Core members and staff together create a family environment at each home. They pray together and share meals, household tasks and joys and concerns with each other every day. The core members feel that this is “their” home. The Spirit is present!



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“Our loved one is safe, loved and respected.”

## our mission

Friendship Ark Homes provides homes for persons with intellectual disabilities that celebrate their uniqueness and help them reach their fullest physical, emotional and spiritual potential through nurturing love and respect within a faith community.

The latin word *Cor* means heart. Friendship Ark Homes calls our residents core members because they are the heart of our organization.



## our goals

Our goal is to help our core members live as fully as they choose. Core members work, volunteer, participate in activities and attend church services. They go to the gym, library, concerts in the park, farmer's market, movies and more. We work together on daily living skill development such as: budgeting money, preparing meals, socialization and participating as part of a family/household. Our 24/7 staff appreciate their relationship with each core member and help them set goals that lead directly to accomplishing their dreams.

## we value

- The worth and dignity of each person
- Personal fulfillment
- Friendship and community
- Living as a family
- Sharing God's love

## gentle teaching

All staff are trained in the philosophy and practice of Gentle Teaching. Gentle Teaching is a way of relating to others that brings about feelings of trust, safety and love. Core members live enhanced lives because staff practice this daily.



“Friendship Ark Homes is helping us transition from being total care givers to our son living apart from us.”

-Core Member Parent