



Friendship Ark, Inc.

IMPACT 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

Friendship Ark Homes and Community Services celebrates the uniqueness of adults with intellectual disabilities by providing homes and community services. We help our core members reach their fullest potential through faith, family and friendship!

THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION THRU NUMBERS

21-78 ages currently being served

55 # of core members served

17 # of core members in Hourly SCL*

9 # of core members in intermediate homes

29 # of core members in 24-Hour SCL*

51 # of core members in Day Habilitation program

26 # of core members we are representative payee for

**SCL- Supported Community Living*



Key Accomplishments

- We opened our 9th home, which is the first one of its kind, to help serve more complex needs individuals.
- Moved 6 core members to homes that allowed for more independence.
- Celebrated 20th anniversary of the Bill Bergan 5k on the 4th run.
- Our core members' volunteer work in the community shot up by 90% this past year.
- Our business partners grew by 6 this year and have more than doubled in the last 2 years.
- Both of our major fundraisers, gala and race, had largest attendance to date.
- Worked on strengthening our relationship with our community partners such as the Ames Regional Economic Alliance and made sure we have an active presence to ensure people are aware of us.

80

Staff Members

1,189

Community Volunteer
Hours by Core Members

872

of Hours FAI
Volunteers contributed
this year

**"THEY MAKE ME
FEEL LIKE I AM
FAMILY"**

Quote from core member when
asked what they like about living
at Friendship Ark.



GROWING IN COMMUNITY

This year was the year of growing in our community. Last year our impact report showed our core members volunteering for 136 hours and this year we clocked in with an AMAZING 1,189 hours. We spent time helping plant flowers, greeting kids at Trunk or Treat, assisting with VBS, delivering flyers for Rummage Rampage, collecting food for local food pantries, running water tables at races and so much more! Not only did our core members grow in community, but we spent the last year getting to know and grow our local business connections. From having our first person go through Leadership Ames to attending legislative breakfasts to various speaking engagements, we were on a mission to spread awareness about who Friendship Ark is and how amazing our staff and core members are.

97%

of staff are either satisfied or very satisfied with their overall experience with FAI

100%

of parents and guardians either strongly agreed or agreed that we deliver services in a respectful way

100%

of core members report that their quality of life is better because of services they receive from FAI

FISCAL YEAR

2024

REVENUE SUMMARY
\$5,175,972.38 TOTAL

Where revenue came from

91%- Program Service Revenue

4%- Rent

4%- Donations

1%- Grants, Representative
Payee Fees, Interest, Work Study
and Misc.



Your Support Matters!
DONOR IMPACT

Thank you for

\$205,154

Fundraised in
Fiscal Year 2024

403
Donors

23
Business
Partners

WHY YOU MATTER....

Did you ever wonder why we fundraise? We fundraise because, while we are given money through Medicaid, it does NOT cover everything. Some of the things we fundraise for are: cost to build a new home, vehicles, home and vehicle repairs, technology equipment, staff development trainings, events and marketing costs. Things such as marketing costs are crucial to telling our story and obtaining funds to help serve more people. Many people are unaware that most administrative positions are not fully funded either, but as we all know, positions such as in HR, are crucial to being able to hire qualified staff and develop ways to retain them and accountants are crucial to making sure our amazing staff get paid.

TOP 10 WAYS YOU HAVE HELPED....

- 1 Volunteered (in homes with core members or home projects, at our events, making baked goods & helping with mailings).
- 2 Donated to our annual appeal.
- 3 Joined our board or gala committee.
- 4 Became a Business Partner.
- 5 Attended our Tropical Sangria Escape.
- 6 Donated or purchased something from our auction.
- 7 Attended our Bootique or hot cocoa bar at the Beautiful Land Market or donated costumes or baked goods.
- 8 Shared about who we are with others.
- 9 Came to our Bill Bergan 5k on the 4th race.
- 10 Liked our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn posts, better yet left a nice comment 🍷.

Number on our
waiting List

121

and growing...



Scan to visit our website
and learn more about FAI!
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SAVE THE DATE

Tropical Sangria
Escape
4.18.26

Come escape to our oasis!

Thank YOU donors, business partners, board members, volunteers, gala committee,