

# Friendship Ark Capital Campaign

**“ARK-itects”: Building for the Future  
While Sustaining the Present**



*Friendship Ark - Building bridges to inclusiveness since 2000.*

Together, We Can Make an Impact—  
Today and for Years to Come



# Friendship Ark, Inc.

## Mission

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.

## Values

Faith, **R**espect, Individuality, **E**mpowerment, **N**urturing and **D**ignity

## Vision

Friendship Ark will be the provider of choice for adults with intellectual disabilities seeking community services.



# What makes us special?

At Friendship Ark, our past and future core members are the reason we continue to grow and be innovative and work to build bridges of inclusion. Why do we call our clients core members? Because they are the **CORE** of our organization. All of our decisions are made with their needs in mind. We're not just building walls—we're building a future filled with dignity, belonging, and opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities. Through our ARK-itects Capital Campaign, we invite you to help construct a new office and rec space that will sustain our mission today and expand our impact for tomorrow. Together, we're the ARK-itects of hope for building a future where everyone feels like they belong.



We currently have 9 homes, (seven- 24-hour homes and two intermediate homes). We also provide hourly services to those living in their own home or apartments in addition to a robust Day-Habilitation program. Our homes definitely have a family feel. Each core member has their own bedroom, which they personalize to their interests. There are also common living spaces where core members and staff gather to eat and enjoy life together, whether that be watching a movie, exercising, playing a board game, or trying out a new art project. Our homes are made with accessibility in mind. We want all to feel included here at Friendship Ark.



One thing that hasn't changed in the 25 years since we started to provide services is our quality of care and love for our core members. The one thing that has changed is the ever-growing demand for our services. We have a combined waiting list of around 100 people for all of our services. Parents and guardians are drawn to Friendship Ark for a variety of reasons.

- Faith based and family-like environment.
- Reputation for achieving success with each core member in reaching their desired goals.
- Compassionate and dedicated staff.
- Fully accredited by the Commission on Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). In our history we have **ALWAYS** received the highest 3-year accreditation, which is something we are very proud of. With our most recent survey, we received glowing feedback with exceptional praise for our innovation, family feel, and connection with the community.

# What is on the horizon?

## Not-for-Profit Center

### **Building Hope in Ames — Together**

When we thought about putting down roots in Ames, our vision was clear: this journey wasn't just for us—it was for our core members, our dedicated staff, and the community we proudly serve. Now, we're thrilled to invite you to be a part of something transformative—a new Not-for-Profit Center that will embody collaboration, accessibility, growth and inclusion.

### **A Collaborative Space**

Our new space will bring together several incredible organizations on one campus—The Arc of Story County, Overflow Thrift Store, The Well, and of course Friendship Ark—creating a powerful community hub where missions align and impact multiplies.

### **Accessibility for All**

Our current building poses challenges for those using wheelchairs. Our new center will be fully accessible, one level, and located directly on a Cy-Ride route—ensuring that every core member, especially those relying on us as their representative payee, can reach us safely and independently.

### **Nature-Inspired Refuge**

The building's design draws inspiration from the natural world, offering a sense of peace to everyone who walks through the doors. We envision a place of restoration, a sanctuary of belonging.

### **Room to Grow**

With expanded space come greater possibilities—more programming, more partnerships, more lives changed.

### **Celebrate with Us—On Our Donor Wall**

In the heart of our new facility, an Ark donor wall will honor the generous individuals and organizations that made this dream possible. Your support fuels every step we take. We cannot do this without you.

### **The Recreation Center**

We plan to build a dynamic rec center featuring a gym, a full kitchen, and public meeting spaces available to rent. This won't just be a venue—it will be a launchpad for skill-building, connection, and empowerment for our core members.



## 10th Home



There is such a need for our services that we have an ambitious goal of adding a new home at the same time as we create a beautiful new office space for our core members and staff. With a growing waiting list, we know we must keep adding homes and continue providing individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the life they deserve. We are blessed to have the 10<sup>th</sup> home nearly funded.

# Fundraising Goal

## ~4.5 Million Dollars~

### Phase I

- New Friendship Ark office building (~\$2.83 Million)
- 10<sup>th</sup> home already in process (nearly funded)

### Phase II

- Rec center with full kitchen (~\$1.6 Million)

## How can you help?

With our 10th home almost fully funded, we're setting our sights on the next chapter: building spaces that can welcome and uplift countless others.

Our ultimate goal is to raise 4.5 million dollars to construct a new Friendship Ark office building and rec center- spaces where our core members and staff can grow, thrive and feel valued. Your support as an ARK-itect will build not only bricks and mortar, but an Ark of hope and belonging for years to come. If we reach this fundraising goal, we can move forward with both phases at the same time.

Will you help us reach that goal and come aboard the Ark?



## Come learn more about how you can be part of building Friendship Ark's future:

- Explore giving levels and recognition opportunities, starting at just \$1,000.
- Discover naming opportunities for rooms and key spaces within our new facility.
- Get a sneak peek at our hopes for our Ark-shaped donor wall.
- View architectural blueprints and interior renderings of the new office and rec center.
- Opportunity to take a personalized tour of one of our homes to see our mission in action if you so choose.
- Ask the questions that matter most to you —we're here to listen and share!

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We're **BUILDING**  
for today & the **FUTURE!**



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Learn more and get involved at:

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Contact us **TODAY**  
to set up a meeting!

Email us at: [friendshipark@friendshipark.org](mailto:friendshipark@friendshipark.org)

Our CEO, Jennifer, and Marketing Manager, Beth, are excited to get a meeting set up with you to see how  
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