

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, Respect, Individuality, Empowerment, Nurturing and Dignity

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 are excited to announce we just opened our 10th home. We have eight- 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 over 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.



Fundraising Goal

~4 Million Dollars~

Phase I

- New Friendship Ark
Programming hub/Office
(~\$2.2 Million)

Phase II

- Rec center with full kitchen
(~\$1.8 Million)

How can you help?

Our ultimate goal is to raise 4 million dollars to construct a Not for Profit Center that will include an administrative office and recreation space 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.

Phase I of the building project has begun. Renovations are expected to be completed in Fall of 2026. We currently have ~ 1.4 Million dollars in donations and pledges. With only \$800,00 more to raise we are eyeing Phase II, to complete the rec space.

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



Giving Levels

Friendship Ark Donor Recognition

Level Name	Gift Range	Recognition
Legacy ARK-itects	\$250,000- \$500,000 and above	Name on Ark wall, plus Rec Center or future home naming rights. Listed in campaign materials (print and digital), at all events, and in a newsletter.
Master ARK-itects	\$100,000-\$250,000	Name on Ark wall plus large room naming opportunity. Listed in campaign materials (print and digital), at all events and in a newsletter.
Blueprint ARK-itects	\$50,000 – \$99,999	Name on Ark wall plus small room naming opportunity. Listed in campaign materials (print and digital), at all events and in a newsletter.
Foundation ARK-itects	\$25,000 – \$49,999	Name on Ark wall. Listed in campaign materials (print and digital) and in a newsletter.
Framework ARK-itects	\$10,000 – \$24,999	Name on Ark wall. Listed in campaign materials (print) and in a newsletter.
Builder ARK-itects	\$5,000 – \$9,999	Name on Ark wall. Listed in campaign materials (print).
Friend of the Ark	\$1,000 – \$4,999	Name on plaque. Listed in campaign materials (print).

**Recognition in marketing materials will run in 2026.*



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One-time \$5000 gifts and above for Capital Campaign.
Will be located in the Welcome Center.

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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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Building Blueprint



Rec Center Rendering



Spaces with Naming Right Opportunities

- Rec Center Outside
- Gym Floor
- Kitchen in Gym
- Staff Lounge
- Indoor Garden Space
- Outdoor Garden Space
- Large Conference Room
- Small Conference Rooms
- Welcome Center
- Call Room
- Supervisor Conference Room
- Lactation Room



"ARK"-itects Capital Campaign Pledge Form

Come aboard the Ark and make an impact for today and years to come!

I/We are pleased to join Friendship Ark in securing a strong future.

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Total amount of my/our gift \$ _____

Investment Level

- ☐ Legacy ARK-itect (\$250,000- \$500,000 and above)
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Pledge

- ☐ One time gift on or before _____(date)
- ☐ Pledge to be contributed over _____ years (up to five)

Pledge payments will be made in (please check frequency and fill in dollar amount):

____ Monthly ____ Quarterly ____ Semi Annual or ____ Annual

installments of \$ _____ per payment.

If you plan to transfer marketable securities, please contact Friendship Ark before you initiate the transfer at 515-292-9556.

My/our gift should be invoiced to the following email address: _____

We accept check, credit, and ACH
(Checks can be made payable to Friendship Ark, Inc.)

Please list my/our name(s) or business as follows in campaign publicity: _____

____ I/We ask our gift to be anonymous.