

December 2023



Friends News



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December Celebrations

Wed Dec 6	Sherry Hamilton entertains
Wed Dec 13	Don Gibson the one man band entertains
Thu Dec 14	Turning Point Christian Academy performs
Dec 7 – Dec 15	Friends Place celebrates Hannukah
Dec 11 – Dec 15	Staycation to the European Christmas Markets
Wed Dec 20	Ugly Christmas Sweater Competition
Wed Dec 20	Birthday Celebration with Sierra Leone
Every Wednesday	Book Club – Currently reading Good Omens

Closing in December!

We will be closed **December 23rd** – **January 2nd** for Christmas and New Years! We will re-open on **January 3rd, 2024**, as normal. Hope everyone has a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!



A Very Friends Place Holiday Greeting

As we prepare for the end of the year and all the celebrations that come with it, I wanted to take a moment and spotlight everyone here at Friends Place that make special. The fun spirit of Friends Place starts with our program assistants: Tree Weaver (who was recently promoted to floor manager), Kerrington Williams, Leanore Hadams (who also doubles as everyone's favorite morning driver), Hannah Tarver, Evelyn Tave, Yolanda Green, Annie Busby and DeJada Nelson (our newest program assistant! Welcome!). Joi Walker is everyone's favorite evening driver and assistant chef (who also plays a mean game of dominos). Roderick Caraway ensures that everyone gets something good to eat every day. Not only does he cook breakfast and lunch, he also plates everything and in his spare time makes the menu, keeps track of our food inventory and makes our weekly grocery list to all but guarantee we get a great meal. Our nurse, LaKeitha VanZandt, coordinates the care that we give here with all of you and the numerous primary care physicians that everyone attends. They are the ones that spend the most time with all of your loved ones (and they also are the ones that have the most fun).

Lisa Stinson, our office manager, keeps all of us organized. Without her, we would certainly be closed since I would have no idea where anything or how much anything costs. Jess Andrews came on a little more than a year ago and has been planning all of the activities we do every day, the entertainment that comes every month and the decorations for our events.

Of course, none of this would be at all possible without Marylynne (or as I call her, Mom). She has poured her blood, sweat and tears into making sure that Friends Place is the kind of place that she is happy that Dad attends.

With love and a very merry Christmas,

Signed,
Ryan Henry



Birthday Wishes to

Helen B – December 5
Lewis M – December 10
John C – December 11
Effie H – December 13
Paul D – December 15
Lillian G – December 21
Bill M – December 22
Bertha Wh – December 23
John E – December 28
Willie G – December 31

Employee Birthday

Hannah Tarver – December 29

Support Group at Friends Place **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

Tuesday, December 12

General Discussion

Time: 2:00-3:30 pm

Tuesday, December 26

Canceled due to Christmas

Care for your loved one provided at no cost during the support group meeting. Call to reserve a spot: 972-274-2484

Ugly Sweater Contest

Come dressed up in your ugliest holiday sweater on December 20! We will be posting pictures and giving prizes to the best, ugly holiday sweater. It doesn't have to be a Christmas sweater. We will marvel at ugly Hannukah, Kwanzaa or just winter sweaters!



MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

You can submit a reservation calendar online. Email rhenry@friendsplaceads.com to receive a link and be added to a monthly mailing list. Paper copies are still available. Get your reservation in to guarantee yourself a spot!

Also, you can make changes to your reservation by texting 469-553-0188