



The Friends Program strengthens communities by building relationships that empower people, encourage community service, and restore faith in the human spirit.



*“Building Relationships...
Restoring Hope”*



2008 Fiscal Year Annual Report

October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008

Dear Friends,

As a supporter of The Friends Program, you are the cornerstone of our present and future success. During the past year, we have witnessed significant growth in two of our core programs. In April, The Friends Foster Grandparent Program was awarded the Crotched Mountain service area and is now the state-wide sponsor of this Senior Corps Program. It has resulted in the addition of two new full time staff members and some part time office assistance, not to mention nearly doubling the number of Foster Grandparents in our program. In August, we were awarded the sponsorship of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program for Merrimack County. This means that our organization is now the Senior Corps RSVP sponsor in Merrimack, Rockingham, and Strafford Counties. In taking over the Merrimack County Program, we merged our Interfaith Caregivers Program into the Merrimack County RSVP allowing for enhanced administrative efficiency. As part of this merger, we hired a full time program coordinator for Merrimack County.

During the last year we held two major special fundraising events. The Annual Friends Finding Friends Charity Auction drew more than 300 people to the Grappone Conference Center and raised in excess of \$65,000. On May 29, 2009 this year's event will be held celebrating its 10th anniversary. In September, the Annual Junior Senior Friends Golf Tournament was held and more that \$11,000 was raised for our youth mentoring program.

In 2008, more than 1,400 volunteers have given some of the greatest gifts of all; friendship, time and support, in order to enrich the lives of so many who are need of our help. Volunteers remain the lifeblood of our organization and the past year was certainly no different. Our volunteers accounted for more than 280,000 hours of high quality community service.

Over the course of the last year, in excess of 14,000 individuals benefited from one or more of our programmatic services. They included children in need of a mentor, isolated elders who found assistance through caring volunteers, seniors who became actively engaged in their community thereby finding renewed fulfillment and purpose, and homeless families who found a safe haven and a new path to permanent housing.

Our need for new volunteers continues, especially in our Junior Senior Friends Program. We are pleased to report that we have made some progress in reducing the number of youth on our waiting list, however, there are still far too many children who wish to become part of our program and are in need of a mentor. Mentoring is an extremely rewarding endeavor for both the mentor and mentee.

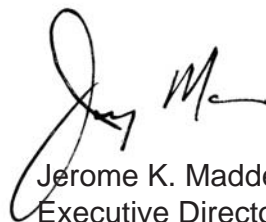
Our role in assisting homeless families has never been more in demand and there is little reason for optimism in seeing those demands being reduced anytime soon. However, we will continue to provide safe housing to those families that come into our Emergency Housing Program.

We recognize that our success should be considered your success as well. It is your belief and support in The Friends Program that enables us to continue our mission of "Building Relationships and Restoring Hope."

With Our Sincere Gratitude.



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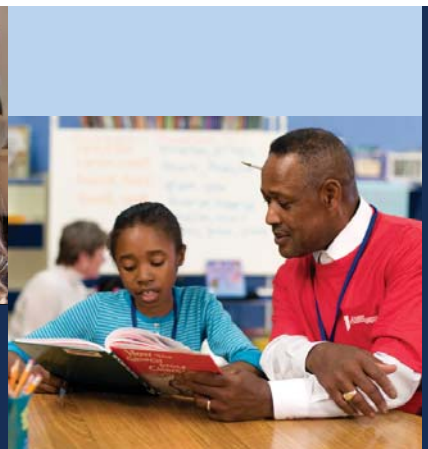
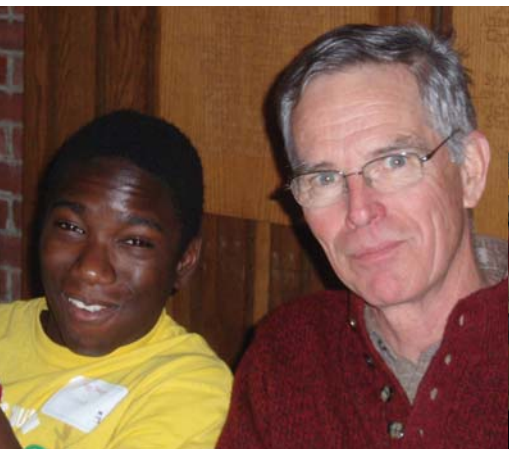
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Statement Revenues/Expenses

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Revenue and Support</u>		
Grants	\$949,361	\$942,896
Community Support	\$431,398	\$431,289
Contributions	\$365,545	\$528,972
Investment Income	\$(39,020)	\$27,841
Total Revenue and Support	<u>\$1,707,284</u>	<u>\$1,930,998</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries/Stipends	\$1,016,941	\$920,648
Benefits	\$174,218	\$155,759
Occupancy/Supplies	\$154,292	\$144,338
Program Expenses	\$314,558	\$302,452
Depreciation	\$43,263	\$39,864
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,703,272</u>	<u>\$1,563,061</u>
Agency Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$4,012</u>	<u>\$367,937</u>

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$445,017	\$451,984
Pre-Paid Expenses	\$2,720	\$316
Other Receivables	\$50,225	\$30,229
Total Current Assets	<u>\$497,962</u>	<u>\$482,529</u>
Property & Equipment	\$390,906	\$410,672
Investments (Board Designated)	\$258,970	\$264,643
Total Assets	<u>\$1,147,838</u>	<u>\$1,157,844</u>
<u>Liabilities & Net Assets</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:	\$13,026	\$17,000
Accrued Payroll and related taxes	\$40,504	\$31,827
Other accrued liabilities	\$9,878	\$4,575
Deferred revenue	\$47,484	\$63,607
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	\$5,667	\$5,667
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$116,559</u>	<u>\$122,676</u>
Long Term Debt	<u>\$282,510</u>	<u>\$290,411</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$399,069</u>	<u>\$413,087</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Board designated	\$258,970	\$264,643
Undesignated	\$489,799	\$480,114
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$748,769</u>	<u>\$744,757</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$1,147,838</u>	<u>\$1,157,844</u>

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Junior Senior Friends Program

Is a youth mentoring program matching volunteers (Senior Friends) with youth (Junior Friends) in a one-to-one relationship that creates positive opportunities for youth.

Friends Emergency Housing Program

Provides short-term housing, intensive community-based case management, financial literacy and other essential services, aftercare/outreach, and transitional services to homeless families enabling them to gain self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Friends Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Provides opportunities for individuals 55 and older to use their experiences and skills in meaningful service to strengthen the lives of people in Rockingham, Merrimack and Strafford Counties.

RSVP-Interfaith Caregiver Program

Interfaith Caregiver volunteers provide older adults and people living with disabilities companionship and caring assistance with transportation, grocery shopping, errands, and household tasks.

Friends Foster Grandparents Program (FGP)

Moderate income seniors earn a tax-free stipend to work with children in schools and day cares to improve their cognitive, behavioral and academic potential.

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