

Purpose

Friendship Community is a faith-based, non-profit organization offering residential services, training in daily living skills, and social services to people with developmental disabilities.

Mission Statement

A Christian ministry serving persons with developmental disabilities.

Vision Statement

To be a community which:

- Affirms the worth of all people.
- Responds to families and individuals seeking a Christian program.
- Supports personal growth and wholeness.
- Advocates community and church inclusion.
- Provides opportunities for spiritual growth and service.



Funding Sources

- Gifts from private donors, churches, businesses and foundations
- Federal and state funds
- Contracts with the Lancaster County and Lebanon County Office of Mental Health/Mental Retardation Programs
- Private pay fees
- Rent and small business sales

Affiliations/Memberships

- Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADnet)
- Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA
- Lancaster Christian Council on Disabilities (LCCD)
- Lancaster County MH/MR Providers
- Lancaster Conference of Mennonite Church USA
- The ARC of Lancaster County
- Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
- Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Pennsylvania Association of Resources – Autism & Intellectual Disabilities
- Mennonite Health Services
- American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)
- Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania

Friendship Community is an equal opportunity employer (EOE). Admissions, the provision of services, and referrals of clients shall be made without regard to race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, or sex.



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Programs

Friendship Community offers faith-based programs to persons with developmental disabilities involving intellectual disabilities.

Community Home Living

Our residences serve 3-8 people in homelike settings where individuals improve their social and independent living skills. An individualized plan is developed to nurture the needs and dreams of each individual. Several homes accommodate people who use wheelchairs.



Apartment Living

Individuals rent apartments and become independent and self-supporting members of the community. Supervision tailored to fit the needs of each person is provided by

Friendship Community staff.



Life Sharing Services

Friendship Community matches individuals with families interested in sharing their homes and daily lives. Friendship staff provides support to the individual and family.

Respite Services

Friendship Community has a respite home and a pool of people available to provide temporary care for children and adults with developmental disabilities, giving primary caregivers relief.

Home Based Services

A Friendship staff member provides in-home assistance and support to families.

History

In 1972 Friendship Community opened Lancaster County's first community home for people with developmental disabilities. Founded as a ministry of the Mennonite churches, Friendship maintains its commitment to Christian faith-based services.

Friendship currently provides residential and other support services to more than 130 individuals and families in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties (south-central Pennsylvania).

Other Programs

- **heART of Friendship**—An art program designed to produce and market art created by people with disabilities
- **Soda Vending Route**—A beverage and snack business which employs Friendship individuals
- **WORDD**—Activities and worship opportunities
- **Worship Team**—Friendship team that presents programs in church settings
- **Family Support Fellowship**—Educational and social opportunities for families
- **Activity Nights**—Opportunities for social interaction
- **Volunteer Programs**—Opportunities for community involvement

