IMPACTING THE WORLD WITH CAPABILITIES
GROWING
FLOURISHING
ACHIEVING

We are Friendship Community and these are our defining goals— for both Individuals and Team Members alike. Founded in 1972 through the efforts of concerned parents and a local church group, Friendship Community opened Lancaster County’s first group home for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. We focus on Individuals’ capabilities and help foster growth and independence by offering life-enriching experiences.

Friendship Community has evolved from serving 12 people to over 150 adults. Friendship Community provides residential and support services for Individuals and their families who desire a Christian program. Activities are planned to provide stimulation for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being for those we serve.

OUR VALUES

**Relationships**
Inspiring unity, respect and perspective

**Integrity**
Modeling authenticity, clarity and truth

**Spirituality**
Encouraging life in balance with God, self and others

**Excellence**
Creating the extraordinary with passion and purpose
ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE,
PROMOTING HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Various residential options are available for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families desiring services that value relationships, integrity, spirituality and excellence. Friendship Community cultivates the capabilities of over 150 individuals in various settings.

RESIDENTIAL HOMES

We strive to create home-like settings where individuals improve their social and independent living skills. Teams of caring professionals work with each individual to create customized plans nurturing their needs and cultivating their capabilities. Homes serve 1-6 individuals and provide 24-hour support.

OPENING DOORS, IMPROVING LIVES

Through Home Based Services, individuals are able to live with their parents or on their own, while Friendship Community Team Members provide in-home support tailored to the needs of each individual.

The result: Individuals are empowered to become independent, self-supporting community members.

RELIEF SERVICES

Ongoing care of a loved one with a disability can be overwhelming. That is why we offer Respite Care to the community, providing temporary relief to those caring for family members.

To learn more about residential options for a loved one, please call a Residential Service Associate Director at 717.656.2466.

“I enjoy working with and learning from the individuals we serve. Making a difference in someone’s life makes a difference in my own.”

– Friendship Community Team Member
“I believe God created us to share our lives with others—for me, that means sharing my home, my life with others. The Individuals who have entrusted their life to me have been a great blessing to my family.”

Irene Herman, Lifesharing Provider

OPEN HOUSE

Whether you want to serve others from home, simply have an extra room in your home, are called to open your heart, or want to enrich your family’s lives through relationships, the Lifesharing Program will forever impact your heart. Lifesharing closely matches Individuals with developmental disabilities with people who are willing to open their homes and lives for a long-term commitment.

RESPONSIBILITIES

• Provide a stable, enriched home life
• Offer well-balanced meals routinely
• Teach daily living skills
• Provide transportation
• Participate in program meetings
• Meet required regulations, including site-inspections

BENEFITS

• Life enrichment
• Training opportunities
• Emergency support
• Respite care
• Supportive monitoring
• Monthly stipend

ARE YOU READY?

Being a Lifesharing Provider is extremely rewarding. We ask that Providers be at least 21 years of age, have an extra bedroom available and have a willingness to share your life. While the minimum Lifesharing commitment is two years, the preference is longer for the well-being of the Individual.

To learn more about becoming a Lifesharing Provider, please call the Lifesharing Coordinator at 717.656.2466.
We invite you to visit our Studio and Gallery to witness Friendship Heart Gallery Artists expressing their God-given capabilities! Over forty-five unique Artists work with local professionals and generous volunteers to create and sell artistic masterpieces while developing a sense of purpose, value, freedom and joy. We offer daily and evening art classes covering many different mediums.

Even better: Stay a little longer and get involved by sharing your time and talent with our amazing Artists! Your financial support and gifts are always welcomed and appreciated.

The Friendship Heart Gallery is located at 118 North Water Street, Suite 101, on the first floor of the Steeple View Lofts building, near the Gallery Row area in Downtown Lancaster.

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