



## Success and Safety Tips:

### Engage your volunteers.

- Recruit your team early! Recruit extra volunteers.
- Send teammates reminders about the event up until October 21 – hold them accountable.
- Make sure to pass along important event information to your volunteers so everyone is on the same page and knows what is going on.
- Make it fun – create a competition between team members. Who can collect the most?
- Snap a few photos of your team to share on social media.
- Get your volunteers excited about the day! You are making a huge difference in the lives of the families at Friendship Home.

### Know your neighborhood.

- Divide your map up into different routes for your walkers to sufficiently cover your area.
- Highlight each team member's route.
- Meet your team near or inside your assigned area.
- Make sure to stay within the orange boundaries of your precinct.

### Focus on fundraising.

- Spread the word about Safe Quarters to your friends, family, neighbors, etc. Share on social media. Encourage them to volunteer and to open their doors to volunteers on October 21!
- Make sure envelopes are left at households where no one is home.
- We accept more than just spare change. Cash and checks are not only appreciated, but encouraged.
- Jumpstart your buckets with your own donation!

### Your safety comes first!

We encourage volunteers to walk in pairs.

You may not be welcomed by everyone who opens their door.

- If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe at any door, thank the resident for their time and leave.
- Visit households only, no apartment complexes or businesses.
- Never enter a home.

Stay on sidewalks and out of streets.

Important phone numbers

- Police (non-emergency): 402-441-6000
- Friendship Home hotline: 402-437-9302
- Event help: 402-432-2571



## Did you know?

Domestic violence is the single greatest cause of injury to women.

1 in 4 women will have experienced domestic violence at some point in their lives.

Domestic violence affects the health of individuals, families and communities. It can happen to anyone regardless of socioeconomic background, race, gender, religion, etc.

Every day of the year, Friendship Home provides safe shelter for 85 victims of domestic violence.

Friendship Home shelters are always full and 38 individuals wait to come into shelter each day.

The funds raised during Safe Quarters contribute significantly to what Friendship Home needs to raise every year to support families in shelter, as well as those who wait for safety.

## About Friendship Home

- Friendship Home saves and changes lives for approximately 1,500 victims of domestic violence in Lincoln and Lancaster County each year. We provide safe shelter and crisis services, such as safety planning, crisis intervention, support groups and mental health counseling.
- Friendship Home helps families rebuild their lives, free from violence, with transitional shelter, case management and classes in economic empowerment. Specialized services offer emotional support to children, the youngest victims of domestic violence, and support their mothers as parents.
- The need for safe shelter is real and our community is underserved. Our shelters are full every day of the year and we have an average of 38 individuals waiting each day to come into shelter. Friendship Home provides crisis services and safety planning to families while they wait, but our goal is to be able to provide safe shelter immediately, at the moment they need it.