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Even 1% makes a difference!

One of Friendship Home's Board Members recently told us they had named us as a beneficiary and we were very grateful. They had seen first-hand what a big impact even a small percentage of a person's retirement plan could make for those we serve and they wanted to support Friendship Home in that way too!

Making a gift through your retirement plan or IRA is one of the easiest ways to give into the future. With your advisor's assistance, you can include language designating Friendship Home as a beneficiary for those accounts. What a strategic way to leave a meaningful legacy into the future!

For more information or to let us know about your future gift contact Sande at sanded@friendshiphome.org.

Empowering freedom from domestic violence

On a crisp day late last November, six-year-old Nina sought out Mary, her Children's Advocate at Friendship Home. She was a little girl who dreamed of a day when she would have a pink bedroom with unicorns on the wall. But today she had other things on her mind.

She earnestly confided to Mary that her mother, Michelle, did not have a warm winter coat. They'd left everything behind. Nina's stepfather had grown more and more abusive to Michelle. They turned to Friendship Home for shelter when he broke Michelle's arm.

Nina wanted to surprise her mother with a pretty coat for Christmas, but she didn't quite know how to go about it. Mary understood that to Nina, "pretty" translated to "pink."

Children's Advocates are many things: they are listeners, counselors, tutors and playmates. They are protectors, committed to keeping these children, who are so often silent witnesses to the violence, safe. Sometimes Children's Advocates can even help create a little magic.

Mary spread the word to our donors that she needed a pink coat to make Nina's wish come true. Our donors have big hearts — within days, a pink parka, in Michelle's size, arrived at the shelter for Nina's inspection. She giggled with delight!

Of course, our donors' bigger gift to Nina and Michelle was freedom from domestic violence. Through our emergency shelter, transitional housing, and crisis services, Michelle and Nina had the resources they needed over the months to come. Thanks to you, they found the physical and emotional safety they needed to rebuild their lives.

**You gave them the gift of hope they could feel! And so much more!
Thank you!**

From the Executive Director

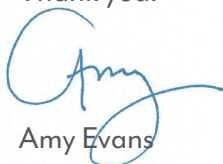
We have a new logo! And a new look! We've chosen the clear blue and warm yellow of a sunlit morning — to symbolize new beginnings and freedom from violence.

This is our 41st year of helping victims of domestic violence find physical and emotional safety. Through emergency shelter, transitional housing, and crisis services, Friendship Home helps victims gain insight into their trauma and guides them to use their strengths to rebuild their lives.

We couldn't do it without you!

On this winter day, 122 women and children are safe and warm at Friendship Home. It's your generosity that shelters them.

Thank you!



Amy Evans
Executive Director

P.S. Please visit our refreshed website at FriendshipHome.org to learn more about how you can join us in empowering freedom from domestic violence.

Are you an online donor?

If yes, we encourage you to use Friendship Home's secure website, www.friendshiphome.org. Donations come directly to Friendship Home and we all benefit from lower processing fees. Thank You!

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Safe Quarters 2019

Our 17th annual Safe Quarters event was a huge success thanks to the dedication of our many volunteers and sponsors! Here are a few highlights from the event:

- On October 6th, 112 teams of volunteers walked throughout our community, knocking on doors and helped to raise **\$110,284** to support victims of domestic violence.
- Over 1,400 volunteers participated by helping to promote the event, walking for the event, working at event headquarters and others that helped clean after the event.

Safe Quarters is truly a community-wide effort and the results show how generous our community is in supporting the Friendship Home and the domestic violence victims we serve.

Thank you Lincoln and surrounding areas!

A special thank you to our 2019 event sponsors:



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We are so grateful to you for giving your time, energy, and resources ... and, above all, your compassion to support those who we are serving.

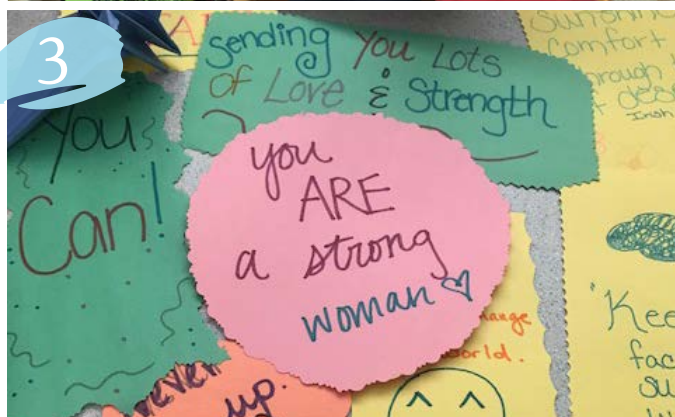
1 Thank you to **ABATE of Nebraska** for purchasing and installing an additional basketball hoop; this one at our Communal Shelter. Our families and Children's Advocates enjoy spending time outdoors and a basketball hoop is the perfect activity for all ages.

2 10 iPads and 10 iPhones were donated by **Black Hills Energy** to support the needs of Friendship Home staff as well as the families we are serving. iPads can be used by Friendship Home staff to offer the Gallup Clifton Strengths survey to those in shelter and smart phones are a great resource for our clients to access Wi-Fi to use various apps that help provide community resources throughout Lincoln.

3 We are so appreciative of the time and talent that **Capital One** employees are investing into the inspirational cards and encouraging notes for those entering Friendship Home shelter.

Thank you to **Alpha Chi Omega** sorority and alumnae for their support and awareness of Friendship Home through their "Eyes of Alpha Chi" and "Raise the Roof" fundraisers that raised \$8,500 for Friendship Home.

We are truly grateful for all of our friends!



Be the Match!

The purpose of Friendship Home's Match Program is for children of families experiencing domestic violence, that have been relocated to the Friendship Home, to have the chance to spend meaningful, one on one time with an adult that they can trust. As a match, you are in a unique position. You have the opportunity to build a very trusting relationship with a child in crisis.

Interested in being a "Match Volunteer"?

Please contact Rainey Korte at raineyk@friendshiphome.org or apply via our website at www.friendshiphome.org and click "Give Help."

Note: Application process will include a background check



Lives You Have Touched

January – September 2019



32,199

Bed nights



48,084

Meals were provided



417

Families requested
safe shelter



957

Victims received
pre-shelter crisis services
while waiting for shelter,
540 were children



512

Victims of domestic
violence were sheltered,
325 were children

A sincere thank you to our recent contributors for your generosity.

To maintain a level of commitment to being cost-effective, the donor lists are now published online at www.friendshiphome.org.

Community Partner Spotlight



Our Safe Quarters event would not be nearly as successful without the generosity of local businesses who help sponsor this event. In 2011 Nelnet started supporting Friendship Home's mission by being a sponsor for Safe Quarters and they continue to be a key sponsor for this event each year.



"Nelnet believes in giving back to where our employees live and work," said Kelly McKeever, Exec. Director, People Services at Nelnet Inc. "We recognize that access to safe shelter is critical for victims of domestic violence and we are grateful Friendship Home is here to fill that need. We have many employees who have expressed their desire to give back to our Lincoln community by supporting Friendship Home and the Safe Quarters event. We are proud to be involved with this grassroots campaign."

A special thank you Nelnet and all our sponsors for your generous support. We are grateful for your partnership!



Friendship Home

Our Mission

Friendship Home exists to support, shelter and advocate for victims of domestic violence and their children.

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