News from Sharon's place

Fall 2024

Christmas Cards by Our Friends

Our Friends hand-colored Christmas cards in a variety of designs, showcasing their creativity and abilities, and we sold them as a fundraiser for the season.

Rachael, a Down Syndrome artist from Mineola, taught our Friends the techniques for hand coloring, and we had cards and envelopes printed. They are a great way to spread the word about Sharon's Place,. On the back of each card is a photo of the Friend who colored it.

We offered cards through the Sharon's Place website, on Facebook, and at our fall events.

Prayer, Food, & Fun

We gathered a group of Friends and their families for the See You at the Pole prayer event in September, praying for local special education teachers and others. After the prayer time, our group dined on a hearty breakfast at Down Home restaurant in Canton.

We also got together with our Friends from the Andrews Centers in Canton and Athens. They joined us at Pizza Hut for a great lunch, then we all went back to the Canton center and played games.

Our Friends love our recreation classes, and this fall's classes included a field trip to Film Alley for a day of bowling (thank you First Baptist Canton for the bus and driver!) and a morning of pickleball. We have plans for more special sessions and field trips in 2025.

Reaching Our Friends

The big story for Sharon's Place is growth and our ability to have an impact on our Friends. More and more of them are looking forward to the fun, the love, and the friendship they get at every one of our activities.

We now average more than 20 Friends at each of our sessions, and word continues to spread about us. Once someone visits us, they quickly become regulars. They immediately feel like they belong, because they do. That's why we continue to spread the word so we can reach more Friends in the area.

We have great regular volunteers who love what they do, but we always need more. if you know anyone who might be interested in a rewarding volunteer experience, please have them reach out to us.

Students from the Wills Point High School Interact club assist our Friends once a month.

More Info

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The Lord will fulfill
His purpose for me.
Psalm 138:8

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Wild West Carnival a Big Hit!

Our first family carnival was a huge success, thanks to generous donors and an amazing crew of volunteers.

The Western Carnival at Gabriel Ranch was attended by some 45 Friends and about 60 of their family members. They loved it! Our Friends enjoyed great food and a huge variety of games, some of them unusual and very memorable.

Cedar Top Chuck Wagon Ministry served up a delicious meal of brisket and pulled pork, with Snowie Shaved Ice as a special sweet treat. Friends took home fresh baked cakes and cookies they won in an old-fashioned cakewalk.

Games included snuff can shuffleboard, a chick-tac-toe game played with rubber chickens and metal buckets, a rubber snake toss, cork air gun shooting, and a range of other games and crafts. We also had raffle prize drawings that turned out to be one of our Friends' favorite things about the carnival.

All of this was at no cost to any of the families. None of it would have been possible without generous donations from the community and the nearly 40 volunteers who served that day.

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2025 Plans

We will keep our Friends busy in 2025, with weekly activities. In addition to our regular art and recreation classes (thank you, Lakeside Baptist!), we have field trips planned for fun places in North and East Texas. We also plan to introduce a scripture memorization program to help our Friends focus on Jesus.

You Make it Possible

The financial support that donors have provided has been the lifeblood of this ministry. In addition to the generosity of our growing group of donors, we received a $3,000 grant from Trinity Valley Electric Corp. That grant is for recreational activities and will allow us to offer a fitness challenge next year to help our Friends improve their well-being. Walmart has also blessed us with a continuing monthly donation.

We ask you to continue to pray for Sharon's Place. We know that your prayers are blessing our Friends and will be vital as we move forward with our longer-range plans.