News from Sharon's place

Summer 2024

You Made It Possible!

The support that you have provided has been an important part of our success in launching Sharon's Place and addressing the needs of our Friends.

We have grown quickly since we held our first recreation class and art class earlier this year. We started with 7 Friends at the first rec class and we have now grown to 20. Our first art classes have averaged about 15 Friends.

We have been spreading the word about Sharon's Place in person and via social media. Kristine has spoken to local civic groups and Kristine and Kevin have taken the Sharon's Place story to local churches.

We have also connected with other programs vital to helping our Friends enrich their lives. What we have learned from them has helped shape our plans, both for the immediate future and the long term.

Our efforts have yielded fruit in our outreach to our Friends and their families, as well as securing donations, both in-kind and financial. It has also connected us with a number of resources that we know we will be calling on in the future as we continue to grow and increase what we can offer to our Friends. We could not have done any of this without the support that you have provided, both in prayer and financially.

Reaching Our Friends

Too many adults with special needs end up isolated, lacking the chance to socialize. Sharon's Place's mission is to reach those Friends, get them involved in activities, and give them a purpose.

One of our Friends was reluctant to come to our first recreation class, but her family pushed her into coming. She loved it! She has been at every recreation and art class and special event that we have had so far.

She now goes to church, gets out more, and has a better attitude. To see changes like this is truly rewarding, and lets us know that the Lord is guiding us to those in need.

Whether you are a prayer partner or financial donor, we thank you for your role in helping our Friends fulfill their God-given purpose!

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

Where Everyone Has a Purpose.

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Our Friends in Group Homes

Your support of Sharon's Place is helping us show the love of Christ to our Friends that live at the Andrews Center group homes in Canton and Athens.

We've been able to build relationships with our Friends in these homes by providing the same love and care as we do our Friends who live at home with their families.

We've hosted an outdoor cookout, evening of games, and an art class for our Friends at the Canton home. And this month we are bringing our Friends from both the Canton and Athens homes together for a special art project and pizza party.

Our Friends in these homes have a desire to connect with others outside of their home. In fact, one of our Friends from the Canton home was adamant that we go to Special People Camp with them and went out of his way to connect us with the camp director. His persistence convinced us that we needed to be at camp. So in October we will be counselors at the Special People camp. We will join several other Friends in their first camp experience. This is a small example of how God is using Sharon's Place to care for His people.

Busy Fall for Sharon's Place

We just posted our calendar of events for September through December, and we will be keeping our Friends busy! This is all because of you.

We have six recreation classes and three art classes scheduled. While most of our recreation classes will continue to be held at Lakeside Baptist in Canton, two of them will be in new venues – a bowling alley for group recreation and lunch and a nearby pickleball facility.

Kristine and Kevin will join a number of our Friends at the Special People Camp near Palestine in October.

Also in October we will host our first Sharon's Place carnival for our Friends and their families, and before that we will have a booth at the Canton Fall Festival and at the Canton community health fair to raise awareness about Sharon's Place.

We also plan a special "See You at the Pole" prayer event with our Friends in late September and a Cooking Class in December. Details about all these events are on the Sharon's Place website and on Facebook.