



SPRING 2018

Currently 92 Dedicated Volunteers

Executive Director, Jan Brewer

Volunteer Coordinator, Sherry Bryant

Board Members

President, Chris Allen

Vice-President, Debbie Chandler

Secretary, Shari Poteat

Treasurer, Greg Burgess

Robin Gilbert | Kavitha Hichkad

Reba Holdsambeck | Jan Howle

Jean Loux | Tiffany Noel | Rusty Stiles

Be The Friend That Leaves Footprints
*and leave your mark
on someone's life*

PROVIDING FRIENDS FOR THOSE IN NEED

In Huntsville and Madison County

You have probably heard the quote, "Some people come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same". Our patients often become more than friends of Friends, Inc.; they become more like family. Letting go of those patients leaves an emptiness that only one who has experienced loss can understand.

My buddy, Harry Spain, was a patient of Friends, Inc. for thirteen years. Harry had no family. He never married, and was a kind man who had very little, loved so very much, and gave away all he had. He touched the heart of every person who provided him with transportation and friendly visits, bringing him Nutra Grain bars, fish plates from Long John Silver's, Hardees sausage biscuits, and lastly, his much loved Copenhagen. You see, Harry was 93 years old and learned late in life that it wasn't so much about family by blood that mattered, but who you lived life with. When Harry passed he had a church family and his Friends, Inc. family, both who loved him like their own and left their mark on him, as he did us.

Martin Luther King said, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way". I would like to encourage you to continue doing small things in a great way. Some of you give weekly, monthly, or yearly by donating your time and volunteering with Friends, Inc. to assist friends like Harry. Others donate financially to sustain the programs that we provide to those who are seriously ill or disabled.

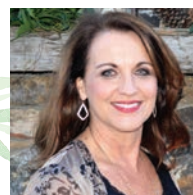
Those like Harry leave footprints on our hearts, but know that you too could be the one that leaves footprints on this community by giving of yourself. We are richly blessed to live in a community that truly cares about those who are hurting and in need of additional assistance. Last year Friends, Inc. provided over 3,891 support services by 393 dedicated, compassionate, and caring volunteers who left their footprints all over Madison County. It is my prayer that you will help us sustain this good work, so that you too can leave your mark on someone's life.

May you always have love to share, health to spare, and Friends that care.

Jan Brewer



*Friends leave memories
in your Heart and
footprints on your Soul.*

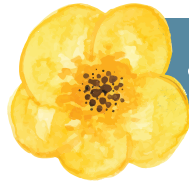


Jan Brewer, Executive Director

There is magic in connection. There is definitely something to be said about sharing a moment that makes another feel valued and supported. At Friends, Inc. our volunteers choose to connect with those in need because they know about that magic, and because they care. They care enough to provide transportation to those in need of countless chemotherapy and radiation treatments. They care enough to spend quality time with the lonely and send birthday greetings to those who have no one. They care enough to make certain that wheelchair bound patients get to their medical appointments, physical therapy, family funerals, and recently, even a basketball team reunion party to see cherished old friends. Our volunteers are quick to deliver groceries to the hungry and medical supplies to those who desperately need them. They sit with our patients before and after surgeries, making certain that our patients know that they are not facing life's difficulties and struggles alone. They read books to those whose eyesight is failing, and help sort mail for the blind. Our volunteers may not realize it, but they truly are life changers.

Every one of us can choose to make a positive difference in someone's life. We can all be a source of hope and encouragement to another. As a Friends, Inc. volunteer, you will be given the opportunity to witness firsthand the magic of connecting with someone who needs you. By joining hands with Friends, Inc., you too can make a powerful impact on our community, even with something as simple as a smile.

Grace and peace,
Sherry Bryant



Sherry Bryant, Volunteer Coordinator



Thank you
for making Friends, Inc. Shine!

“Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others
cannot keep it from themselves.”

J.M. Barrie



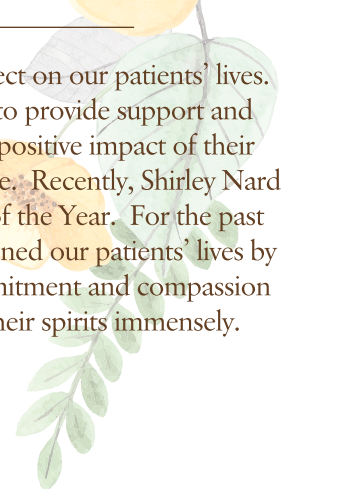
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Thank you for your service!

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
SHIRLEY NARD



Our volunteers have such a profound effect on our patients' lives. They give so generously of themselves to provide support and encouragement to those in need. The positive impact of their countless acts of kindness is immeasurable. Recently, Shirley Nard was recognized as our 2018 Volunteer of the Year. For the past nine years Shirley has consistently brightened our patients' lives by sending them birthday cards. Her commitment and compassion brings our patients great joy and lifts their spirits immensely.



Memorials, Honor Gifts, and Donations

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. Fred Applegate

In memory of Mr. George Bailey
Given By: Mrs. Sidney Bailey

In memory of Mrs. Laura Binger
Given By: Ms. Joan Bennett

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mrs. Marilyn Bethune

In honor of Mr. Jim Vann
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Botts

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ingalls
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bowen

In memory of Mrs. Betty Harris
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In memory of Mr. Bobby Ray Minor
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In memory of Mr. Thomas Minor
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In memory of Mr. Leroy Yokley
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Brewer

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Griggs
Given By: Ms. Robbie Burlison

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. Ron Carter

In honor of Mr. Walter Fletcher
Given By: Mrs. Rosie Carter

In memory of Mr. John D. Brown
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Duke

In memory of Mrs. Jane Daniels
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Duke

In memory of Mr. Lou Rau
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ezell

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Fortner

In honor of all First Responders and
US Armed Forces Band
Given By: Mr. Robert Gibbs

In memory of Mr. Marion Rhodes
Given By: Ms. Renee Graham

In memory of Mr. Ray Fuller
Given By: Ms. Renee Graham

In memory of Mrs. Carmen Gum
Given By: Dr. Greg Gum

In memory of Mrs. Mary Hackenfort
Given By: Mr. Robert Hackenfort

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison

In memory of Mrs. Laura Binger
Given By: Ms. Yvonne Hawkins

In memory of Mr. James Wallace
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howle

In memory of Mr. Christopher Griggs
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Jim McMurray

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bob McRoy

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Griggs
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Loch Neely

In memory of Mr. Louis Rau
Given By: Mrs. Laura Rau

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. Mike Ragoza

In memory of Mrs. Margaret Rieder
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rieder

In honor of Mrs. Jan Brewer & Sherry Bryant
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Mrs. Betty Jean Smith
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Ms. Lizzie Duncan
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Ms. Anna May Robinson
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Ms. Linda Lambert
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Mrs. Eleanor Maguire
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Mr. Fred Maguire
Given By: Mr. Thomas Robinson

In memory of Mr. Denmon Rushing
Given By: Mrs. Helen Rushing

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mrs. Lossie Small

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mrs. Sally Smith

In memory of Mr. Bobby Ray Minor
Given By: Mrs. Linda Smith

In memory of Mr. Thomas Minor
Given By: Mrs. Linda Smith

In memory of Mrs. Margaret Essner
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith

In memory of Mr. Randy Lacaze
Given By: Dr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith

In memory of Mr. Bill Malcolm
Given By: Ms. Edith Toney

In memory of Mr. Christopher Griggs
Given By: Ms. Janice Turner

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Ms. Linda Warren

In honor of Charles Jones Group
Given By: Mrs. Juanita West

In memory of Dr. Peter Wick
Given By: Mrs. Diane Wick

In memory of Mr. Harry Spain
Given By: Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson

In memory of Mr. Christopher Griggs
Given By: Ms. Wendy Wilson

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson
Given By: Ms. Beth Wise

In honor of Mrs. Thomas R. Robinson
Given By: Mrs. Beth Wise



Donations: Alacare, Ashburn Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird, Mr. Roger Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blankenship, Mrs. Cynthia Boyd, Mrs. Helen Brice, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess, Mr. Jim Caudle, Mr. and Mrs. Corey Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cook, Ms. Tricia Daly, Mr. Tom Dashner, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Davis, Mrs. Nancy Deep, Mr. Ralph Desantis, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Dinwiddie, Mrs. Sue Eckles, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elkins, Mr. David Ely, Mr. and Mrs. William Enlow, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Essner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ezell, Mrs. Carole Finch, First Christian Church, Mr. Gordon Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Fux, Mrs. Kelly Godwin, Dr. and Mrs. James Goldbach, Ms. Renee Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Harris, Mrs. Betty Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. David Hendrixson, Mr. and Mrs. William Herrin, Mr. and Mrs. Toney Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt, Mrs. Carolyn Holt, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Horn III, Ms. Peggy Huddleston, Mrs. Karen Israel, Mrs. Julie Jarratt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Mr. J. Michael Jones, Ms. Maya Kambeyanda, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Kimbrough, Dr. and Mrs. Claude Kinzer, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Knothe, Ms. Julie Lake, Mrs. Betty Lee, Mr. Curtis Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lewter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Mann, Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Maynard, Mr. Edgar Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mills, Ms. Tiffany Noel, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Norton, Ms. Charlotte Park, Ms. Paula Payton, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Philips, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Poteat, Mr. and Mrs. Dane Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rieder, Mrs. Nell Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mr. J. Michael Scarborough, Mrs. Peggy Schlemmer, Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Schreeder, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shannon, Ms. Mae Shipman, Mr. and Mrs. David Shrum, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Sissom, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Smith, Mrs. Camille Solley, Spectrum Solutions, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Steger, Ms. Sherry Stutts, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Taylor, Ms. Lisa Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thompson, Tinker Murdock Family Fund, United Methodist Women, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Whelchel, Mr. Michael Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Wortman, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Yokley

Please contact us with information regarding unintentional omissions or misspelled names on these list.



In Loving Memory

Mrs. Nellie Carlisle, Nadine Newhouse, Harry Spain and Mr. Richard Yarbrough

Thank you for allowing Friends, Inc. to be a part of their lives.



Friends, Inc.
P.O. Box 608
Huntsville, AL 35804
www.friendsinc.net



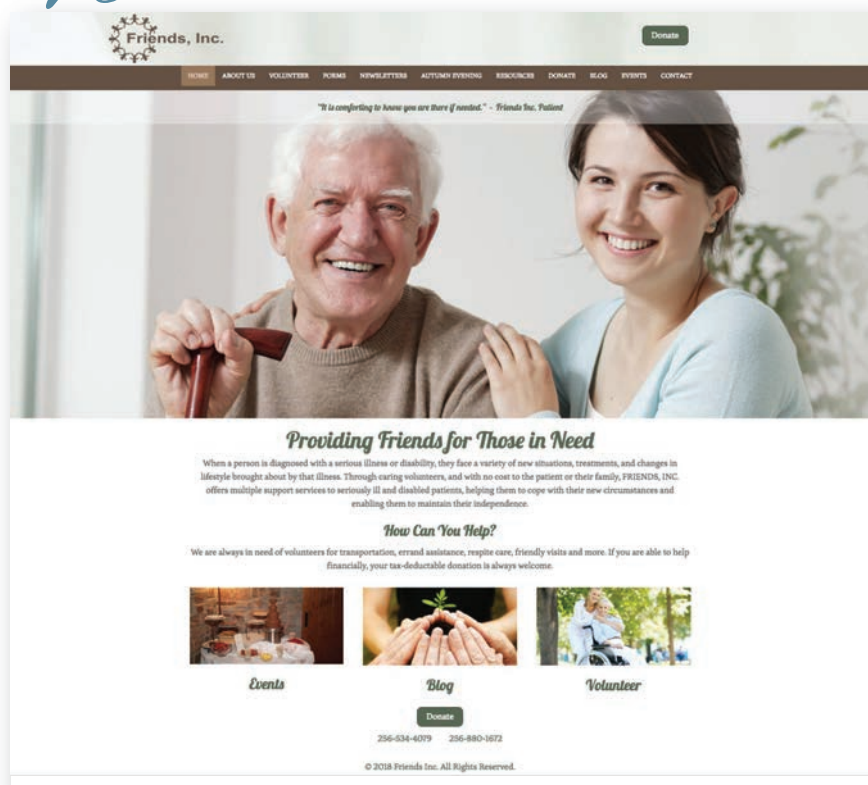
NON PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
HUNTSVILLE, AL
PERMIT #4

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



*It is our mission to provide support to
patients with serious illnesses or disabilities,
enabling them to maintain their
independence through caring volunteers.*

We have a new look!



Check out our new website!
www.friendsinc.net

Designed by
MY Designs
Graphic Design / Illustration
256-520-4134
Monica@MY-Designs.net

Visit her online:
MY-Designs.net

If you are looking for website
design, call Monica Yother, she is the BEST!