



Friends, Inc.



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providing friends for those in need

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



ABOUT US



Jan Brewer
Executive Director

Friends, Inc. is a non-profit agency serving Huntsville and Madison County. Through caring volunteers, we provide support and assistance to the seriously ill and disabled in our community. Friends, Inc. was founded in 1998 by a small group of volunteers who recognized that many patients and families dealing with these issues have inadequate support and lack resources.



Debbie Davis
Program Coordinator

Over the years, we have grown to over 100 volunteers and two paid, part-time staff persons. We continue to find many who need the loving care of another person to help meet their needs. Our compassionate volunteers offer emotional, physical, and spiritual support to help patients and families.

What once started as a friendly visit from Mrs. Lancaster turned into a lasting, loving relationship between two extraordinary ladies. When asked about their abiding friendship, Mrs. Lancaster says, “Ms. Shipman is a joy and delight to be in her company. We have shared lunch and so many conversations together. It is so special each time I have the pleasure of visiting with her. She is truly an inspiration to me. I hope that when I reach the age of 100, I will be as spry and have the intelligence and can recall the past as she can. She is a dear friend, and I love her so much and am so thankful God placed her in my life. I look forward to sharing many more visits with Ms. Shipman. I pray for God’s richest blessings on her as she continues her walk with him.”

Mildred Lancaster
Friends, Inc. volunteer
(pictured on cover)



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to provide support to patients with serious illnesses or disabilities, enabling them to maintain their independence through caring volunteers.

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Giving back has always been part of Friends, Inc.'s DNA. It is a commitment that shapes our relationships with our patients and could not be done without the support of our community. I am humbled to be part of an organization that ministers to the needs of this often forgotten group of people. I am immensely grateful for the giving of community groups, faith-based and civic organizations, volunteers, donors, and other non-profit agencies that join hands with us daily. Friends, Inc. has the opportunity to meet the needs of two groups of people: those who want to volunteer to give back to our community and those who need our services. Thank you for your continued support.

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



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The term of office for the Board of Directors is a three-year term. Officers may serve consecutive terms as agreed upon by the Board and nominated officers. The Friends, Inc. Board of Directors is scheduled to meet bi-monthly. They met on the following dates: 1/5/2022, 3/9/2022, 5/4/2022, 7/6/2022, 9/7/2022, 11/4/2022.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

Support services were made possible in 2022 by



93 dedicated, trained, and caring volunteers

who donated

20,093 miles



and



1,810 hours

of their time to provide

- Transportation to medical appointments and cancer treatment centers
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Errand assistance
- Respite care for caregivers
- A wheelchair-accessible van
- Resource referrals
- "HappyMail"
- Porch visits
- Phone-a-Friend outreach
- Yard work
- A non-medical lending closet and food pantry

2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

MARY ANN MAHER

Mary Ann Maher, our 2022 Volunteer of the Year, is compassionate, caring, and truly has the heart of a servant. She always goes above and beyond with every client she assists and makes certain they feel valued and cared for to the fullest. When asked why she volunteers for Friends, Inc., she says, "I volunteer for Friends, Inc. because I see the great need to help these people; it is God's will for me."



VOLUNTEER SERVICES THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Service Project

Handsfree Workcamp to perform yardwork and pressure washing for several patients.



Service Project

Whitesburg Christian Academy provided 100 Universal Precaution Bags for our volunteers to use in their cars. Every bag included gloves, masks, trash bags, paper towels, bandages, alcohol swabs, and a note of encouragement for the volunteers.



Volunteer Appreciation

“Planting Seeds of Hope All Over Madison County”

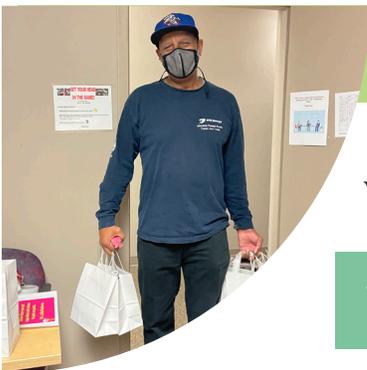
The event was held at Brookdale Farms. The volunteers reported 12,413 miles and 1,800 hours, enhancing the quality of life for patients of Friends, Inc.



We celebrated Mrs. Dale Griggs, cofounder of Friends, Inc. Each of us is part of a vision implemented 24 years ago in 1998. We appreciate our founders' ideas and vision and for allowing each of us the opportunity to fulfill that mission today.

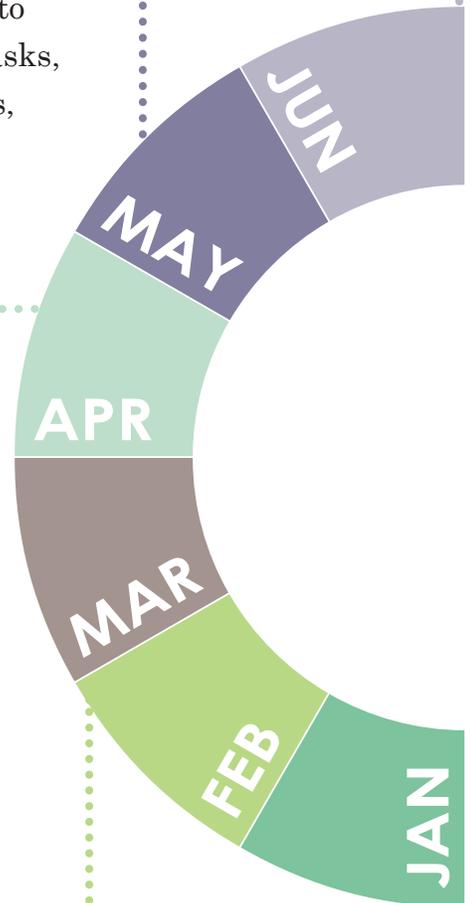
LoveUary

Over 100 LoveUary bags were delivered to our patients, and each volunteer received an appreciation treat bag.



100th Birthday Celebrations

We had the opportunity to celebrate two 100th birthdays this year: Mrs. Ida Mae Shipman and Mrs. Sidney Bailey.

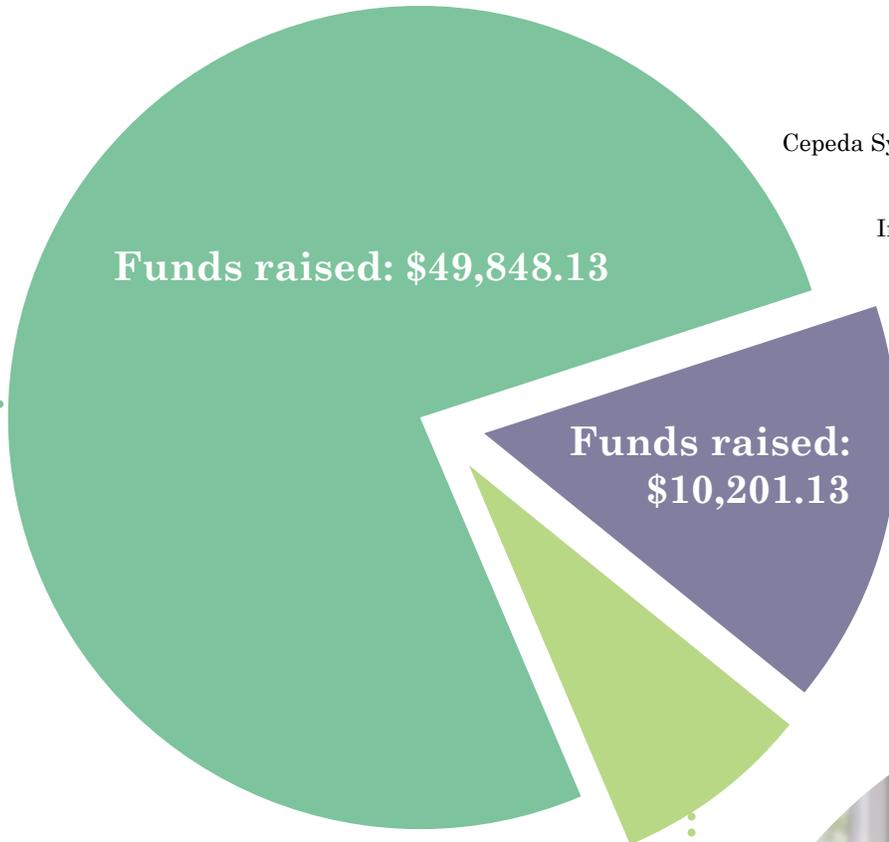


FUNDRAISING

AUTUMN EVENING CURBSIDE KEY ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT



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Funds raised: \$49,848.13

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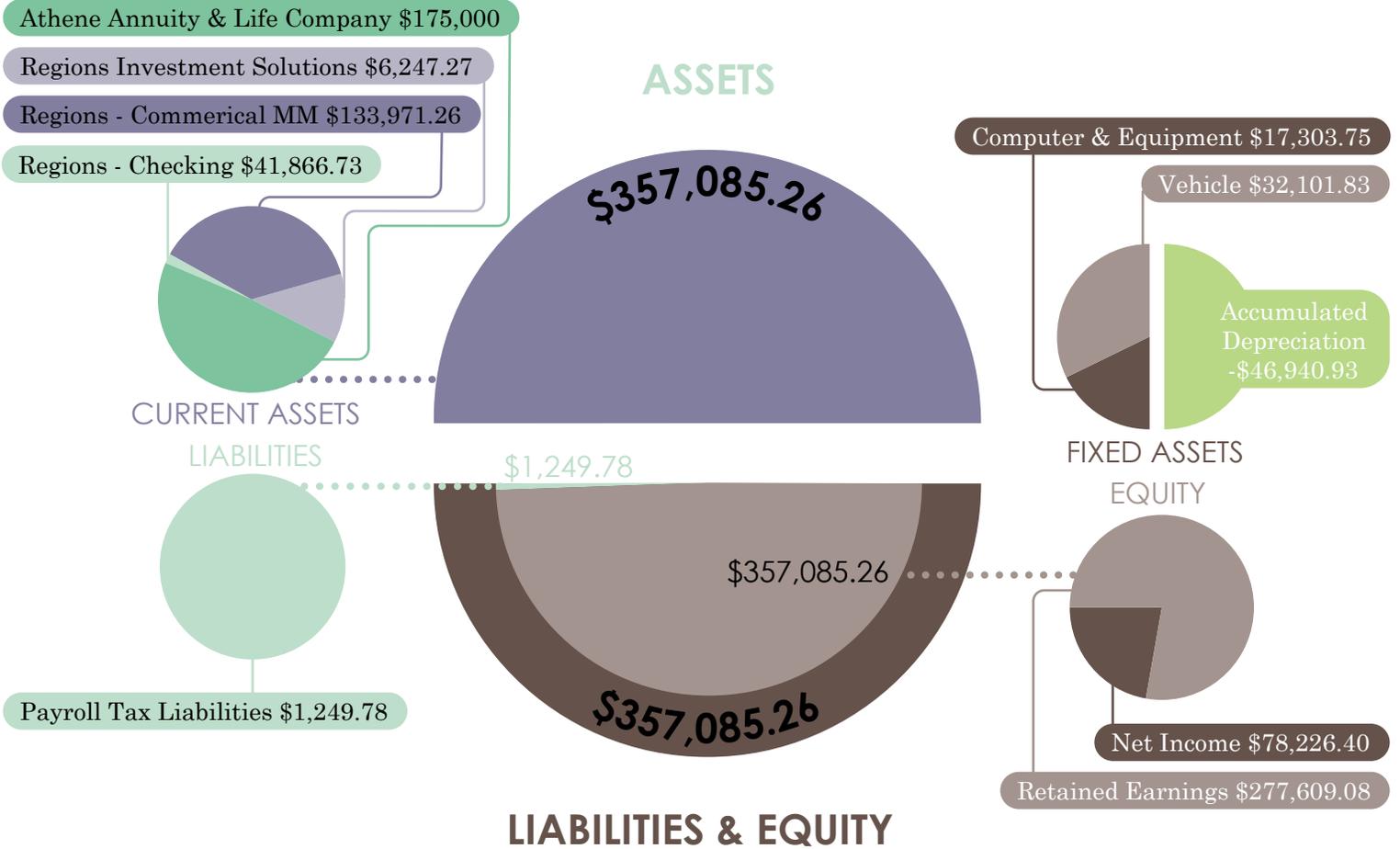
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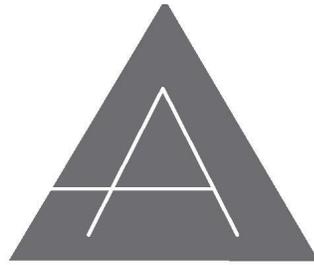


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