

YOU CAN HELP

We Need Your Help

Our ultimate goal is to become Williamson County's premiere service organization for children and families—to be an agency that would offer emergency, residential, and counseling services, as well as youth leadership and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to assist us in meeting our immediate financial needs as well as pursuing our future goals, please fill out the following information:

NAME

PHONE

ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION/BUSINESS

I would like to donate \$_____ and understand my donation is tax deductible under IRS 501(C)(3)

_____ Our organization would like a speaker.

_____ I'd like to receive more information.

*My Friend's House is supported
by The United Way of Williamson County.*

MyFriendsHouse

626 Eastview Drive
Franklin, Tennessee 37064
615-790-8919
615-790-8553
615-790-6377 *fax*



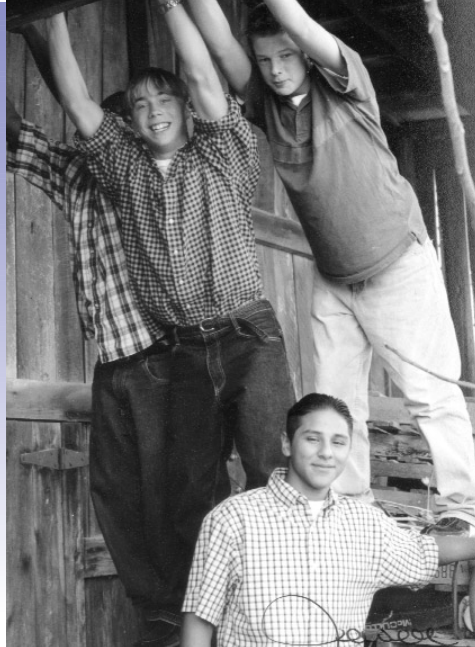
The mission of My Friend's House is to serve Middle Tennessee's many children in need by offering a structured, nurturing and loving home. Our primary focus is the safety and stability, both emotional and physical, of children from abusive, neglectful homes or other undesirable situations.



OBJECTIVES

My Friend's House works to accomplish this mission by following these objectives:

- Provide a safe and humane environment for the children we serve.
- Utilize the most innovative methods, procedures and technologies that are available in supporting our children.
- Create opportunities for children to maximize their potential for growth, improvement and independence.
- Encourage support in the community.
- Deliver services that emphasize self-determination and individuality, but also teamwork, flexibility and accessibility.
- Promote an approach that is structured, person-centered, empowering, culturally appropriate and confidential in nature.
- Focus on the strengths and assets of children to promote dignity.



My Friend's House was founded in 1988 as an emergency shelter for youth, and in 1998 became a residential group home. The facility is one of Tennessee's last stand-alone group homes (meaning it is not

funded by a larger corporation or organization) and has served more than 1,400 children in its 16-year history.

Located near downtown Franklin, My Friend's House currently serves up to eight young men at a time, ranging in age from 12 to 18, for an average stay of six to eight months. Most residents are in the custody of the Department of Children's Services or Juvenile services, while private placements from families are accepted on a case by case basis. The goal is to provide a structured and disciplined, yet nurturing and loving home to try to reverse the cycle of abuse and neglect these children have endured.



HISTORY



Services Provided By My Friend's House
Our children may have a long history of dependency and neglect, emotional issues, substance abuse issues, unruly and delinquent behavior, and physical and emotional abuse. My Friend's House has a reputation for "turning around" children who present challenging behaviors. Our program focuses on stabilization and healthy development, and includes the following services:

- Individual and group therapy
- Family counseling
- Psychiatric services
- Skills for Life training
- Teenpeace Group
- Conflict resolution/anger management
- Educational services/tutoring
- Recreational activities
- Mentorship program for special needs youth.
- Representation in matters of family, school, court and healthcare

In addition to these services, My Friend's House utilizes school and community resources and extracurricular activities to further engage and encourage its residents.

SERVICES