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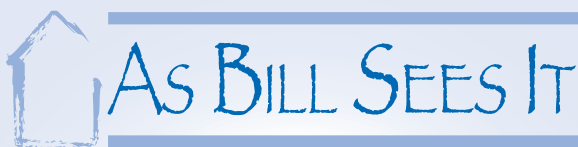
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### *INSIDE: The latest news and changes at Friendship House*

Friendship House began in 1985 when founder, Louise Montgomery, felt the Lord directing her to open a home for the homeless.

Friendship House, Inc. is a non-profit organization, governed by members of a volunteer Board of Directors who are committed to helping men in need by providing shelter and a warm family atmosphere for them in which to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually.



*“In self-appraisal, what comes to us alone  
may be garbled by our own rationalization  
and wishful thinking. The benefit of talking  
to another person is that we can get his direct  
comment and counsel on our situation”.*

## FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

### OUR MISSION

*To express the love of God through Christ to the poor and disadvantaged, by providing a safe home where hope and healing are extended to those who are broken spiritually, emotionally or physically.*

### Board of Directors

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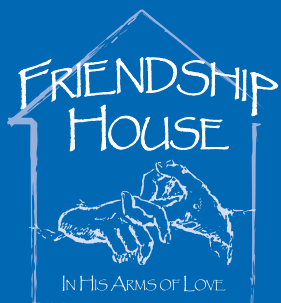
# Annual Golf Scramble

## *New Month, New Day*

**Our 11th Annual Friendship House Golf Scramble Fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th at the beautiful Toddy Brook Golf Course in North Yarmouth.** We are excited to move this event to August for the first time and hopefully enjoy a warm, sun filled day on the course. We are also moving to Thursday for the first time and anticipate that this fundraiser will continue to grow. We invite you to put a foursome together of family members, friends or associates to participate in all of the fun and make a bid to have your names engraved on our Montgomery Classic Champions Trophy! The cost to enter is \$100.00 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, luncheon meal, gift bag for each golfer and the chance to win a variety of awards and prizes, including \$10,000.00 for a hole in one! Our hole sponsors are integral in making this event a great success each year and we hope many will partner with us again this year as we raise funds to assist men in recovery in Maine. Circle the date on your calendar, put together a team and join us for a great summer day on the course.

# the house news

Winter 2022



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*Toddy Brook Golf Course 18th Hole and Fairway*



Dorothy Fletcher was in the midst of a difficult and even nightmarish day, but you could definitely say that she was also in

the right place at the right time. In 2003, she was headed to Florida on a flight to Orlando and unfortunately suffered a heart attack. In a situation that might possibly end in this passenger losing her life, a flight attendant asked over the cabin interphone if there were any doctors on board. To her surprise, fifteen cardiologists stood up to find out what was needed! They were on their way to a cardiology conference. Needless to say, Dorothy survived and lived to tell an amazing story about the day of her cardiac event. At Friendship House, our residents often find themselves in a difficult place in their lives upon arrival here. Their substance use disorder has often wreaked havoc in their personal

life and the lives of those that are closest to them. Physically, emotionally and spiritually worn out, despair and hopelessness are often close at hand. Relational, financial and vocational wreckage are often part of their story. In the middle of these nightmarish scenarios, we believe that they have landed in the right place at the right time! Friendship House has existed for the past 36 years to extend hope, healing, friendship and support to men seeking recovery and new life. We can probably all attest to how important it is to know that there is support available in our times of greatest need. Friendship House has been privileged to be in the right place at the right time for thousands of men over the years and has made a great impact in their lives. From the time that Louise and Claude Montgomery opened the doors on December 23, 1985, our supporters have risen to the occasion and provided tremendous support to enable this wonderful work and resource to Maine communities. I want to thank all of our supporters, who have contributed in many different ways over this past year. Your prayers, donations and many avenues of extending kindness and compassion to our residents is greatly appreciated and is making a lasting impression on many men, as well as



their loved ones! I encourage you to read through this newsletter for news on the happenings around Friendship House, both currently and in the months ahead. Our past year was full of God's blessing and we are looking forward to the year ahead and the progress that we will witness in many lives and in the ministry of Friendship House. It is our prayer that we continue to be the right place at the right time for men and their families as they seek recovery and rebuild their lives. Thank you to everyone who continues to help us thrive and remain a valuable resource in our community and state!

## From the Manager's Table

As I try to look back from my last words, I have to thank God for all of His continuous blessings that He bestows on this house of recovery. We are receiving abundant amounts of food and other staples. When there are things that we are not able to use, we are distributing to other churches and recovery organizations. In other words, Friendship House is also giving back from His blessings that we are graciously receiving. We, (I for the first time), witnessed His love and providing hands in the annual golf tournament and banquet/silent auction. Many thanks to all, who from their generous hearts, contribute to the success of Friendship House. In October, we again received

a grant from Town & Country FCU's Better Neighbor Contest, with the help of all who participated in the voting process! This grant is being used to replace a very much needed kitchen floor, a new oven replacing one that had seen its glory days a few years back, as well as new cookware for our residents. This fall we were blessed to have Seacoast Paving allow their equipment to be used by several of our residents to rebuild our rear parking lot. They also provided materials at a major savings for us. Andy at Seacoast has seen the changes in lives that Friendship House is a huge part of and has also helped in several other ways. After a trying period of trying to procure firewood for

this winter, we were finally able to get 18 cord of tree length delivered. Our 15 year-old wood splitter was in need of major repairs and after assessing the cost, the decision was made to purchase a new one. A day or two after it was purchased, an anonymous donation was made that more than covered the cost! His miracles and blessings are awesome! With our remaining wood from last year and some of the green wood just delivered, we have been able to save some heating costs and are in good shape for next winter. Thank you all for your continued support of Friendship House, It is my prayer that you and your families are blessed as much as you are a blessing to us! *Randy Dougherty*



## Our Winter Wish List

- Paper Towels
- Bath Tissue
- Laundry Detergent
- 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Disinfectant Cleaners
- Antibacterial Hand Soaps
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Pillows

*A special thanks to all of our supporters who make monthly/quarterly donations, the churches that continue to provide delicious monthly meals and donations of household items and supplies, individuals who make food/clothing/household supplies donations and all of you who support us with your prayers, time and thoughtfulness. You provide a strong foundation for this ministry and all of the great opportunities that are provided to many men in recovery!*

## Banquet/Silent Auction 2022

Our annual banquet/silent auction has been scheduled for Friday, October 28th at Seasons Event & Conference Center. We have already begun preliminary preparations for this great event. This is a night that is looked forward to all year by many of our supporters. There were 160 who joined us last year and we are anticipating more to attend this year. We hope that you will be one of them! Resident testimonials, delicious food, a fantastic silent auction with a wide variety of items, great fellowship and new to last year, a raffle with some terrific items, are on the agenda for this year. Our table sponsors have been a tremendous help in making this fundraiser so successful each year. A table sponsorship for

\$250.00 allows you to invite family and friends to sit at your table (10 seated per table) and enjoy all of the festivities! There are a few other ways that you can assist our banquet/silent auction: Plan on attending, donating an item for the silent auction or bidding on the fantastic items that will be colorfully displayed on our auction tables. If you have not yet joined us for this annual event, we extend a warm invitation to join us this year, we are sure that you will want to come back!

## Grant Awards

We are excited to share the news of the following grants awarded to Friendship House in the last six weeks of 2021:

- Town & Country FCU awarded Friendship House a \$5,000.00 grant through their Better Neighbor Fund contest which will be used to replace our kitchen flooring and make needed upgrades to this area (Thank you to all of our supporters who voted for us in the month of October and helped make this possible!). We look forward to sharing pictures in the Spring newsletter.
- Vanguard Charitable awarded Friendship House a \$5,000.00 donor advised grant, Michael and Nancy (Montgomery) Beebe in memory of Louise and Claude Montgomery
- The Christopher and Nancy Pierce Charitable Foundation awarded Friendship House a \$3,000.00 grant
- The Pond Family Foundation awarded Friendship House a \$1,000.00 grant
- Fidelity Charitable awarded Friendship House a \$1,000.00 grant through their Donor- Advised Fund (Recommended by Linda Campbell)

We want to express our sincere thanks to all of these organizations and foundations, as well as the individuals involved in these generous grants. We wish them all continued success in all of their endeavors.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

• **Thank you** to the following churches/individuals for your generosity through monthly support, donations of items, clothing, household items, meals for our residents: **Covenant Family Fellowship (Windham), Holy Martyrs Church (Falmouth), First Parish Congregational Church UCC (Yarmouth), St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (Yarmouth), Robin Goodwin, Bet Ha'am (South Portland), Tuttle Rd. UMC (Cumberland), Trinity Lutheran Church (Westbrook), Mountainside Community Church (Falmouth), Tom Gruber**

• **Thank you** to all of the individuals who donated clothing/household supplies and items from our wish list

• **Thank you** to all of our supporters who have made donations to provide for resident needs

• **Thank you** to all of our supporters who provide generous monthly or quarterly support

• **Thank you** to WCSH for donating tickets for the December 10th Mariners game and hosting our residents in the Storm Center Box

• **Thank you** to all of the churches and supporters who made generous year end donations that helped us close out a very successful year

• **Thank you** to Covenant Family Fellowship for preparing and delivering wonderful gift bags full of presents for all of our residents

• **Thank you** to the Dubuque Family for preparing and delivering personalized Christmas stockings stuffed with gifts for our residents

