



The Friendly House

2007 Annual Report

Directing programs toward the strengthening of family life and character building by providing recreational, educational, health and fitness, crime prevention, pre-school and camping programs to our immediate neighborhood and our community as a whole, at a cost that everyone can afford.



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Message from the Director

Dear Friends,

As we mark the completion of the 109th year of Friendly House, we believe that we are in a good position to meet the challenges that lie ahead. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed so much to making Friendly House the outstanding organization it is today.

Some of our key accomplishments this year include:

- Starting a Junior Camp at our Hidden Hollow Resident Camp to give children (6-8 years old) an opportunity to have an overnight camping experience without spending a whole week away from home.
- Adding one more week to the existing eight-week Summer Fun Program and extending program hours from 8am – 5pm to accommodate working parents.
- Including the transportation of children from Sherman School with the children from four other schools in our nine-month After School Program. This move was the result of a reorganization in the Mansfield City School District.

• Updating our website to provide the most current information and to reach a larger audience of prospective campers and members.

• Increasing attendance at our Hidden Hollow Resident Camp and Happy Hollow Day Camp.

In conclusion, we continue to be committed to reaching out to all members of our community and to expanding our collaboration with community agencies. With your support, we will be able to continue the Friendly House mission and make Friendly House the best it can be in meeting the needs of our community. We have been treated most generously by the people of Mansfield, and we are grateful.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Conard
Executive Director

Joanne Blay
Board President



Friendly House Programs

There was a total attendance of 130,901 boys and girls and men and women who attended various Friendly House programs throughout 2007. A summary of our programs follows.

After-School Program

The After School Program is open for any child between Kindergarten to sixth grade. From 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm, children participate in a wide variety of activities that include, arts and crafts, computer room, games in the gym, tutoring and homework help, game room and outside playground.

During school vacations and closings, Friendly House is open for After-School members from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. They participate in activities and receive two meals. There is no transportation during these times.

In 2007, 236 different children participated in the After-School Program. This number does not include Summer Fun participants.

dropped-off by parents or other schools, or walk to The Friendly House daily to participate in the program. This walker number is high because The Friendly House does not provide transportation for the Summer Fun Program.

There were 9,756 children transported to Friendly House.

Nutrition

Upon their arrival at Friendly House, children are given a hot, nutritious meal and milk. No other after-school program in the area provides this service to their participants. Of our 358 After-School and Summer Fun members, 191 of them receive a free lunch at school, 44 receive a reduced fee and 124 pay full price for their lunch.

There were 16,805 meals served to After-School members.

Club 36

Club 36 is a program designed to give After-School members an opportunity to participate in the arts. In 2007, Club 36 activities included karate, dance classes from The Richland Academy of the Arts, theatre classes from The Mansfield Playhouse and art classes from The Mansfield Art Center. A tutoring program is also available to members that are struggling in a certain school subject.

There were 1,666 participants for Club 36 activities.

Summer Fun Program

The Friendly House Summer Fun Program is a continuation of the After-School Program, and ran for nine weeks in the summer of 2007. Members enjoy many of the same activities offered during the school year. In addition, members traveled to the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Mansfield-Richland County Public Library and The Mansfield Art Center. Through the Richland County Foundation Summertime Kids Grant, members also enjoyed field trips to Monsoon Lagoon and The Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

There were 122 new After-School participants that attended the Summer Fun Program.

Christmas Party

Every year, the Mansfield Kiwanis Club sponsors the Friendly House Christmas Party.



Transportation

Transportation is provided during the school year from selected elementary schools in the Mansfield City School District. Friendly House has one school bus and two 10-passenger vans that are used to pick up children from the schools. In the evening, children are then driven back to the schools so a parent can pick them up. There are 198 children who are



Families of our After-School members are welcome to attend. The evening is full of fun and entertainment provided by our members. Santa arrives at the end of the party for treats for all children in attendance.

There were 297 in attendance for the Christmas Party.

Evening Program and Adult Program

Youth in grades 7-12 are able to participate in the Friendly House Evening Program. The computer lab and game room are open for the teens to use. The gym proves to be the most popular activity, as the teens can play basketball in a safe environment.

There were 74 evening members.

Boxing

In the evening, adults and children can participate in the boxing program. Here they learn fundamental and advanced skills. Children must be over the age of 8.

32 members participated in the boxing program, for a total attendance of 3,774.

Weight Room/Fitness Center and Open Gym

Friendly House provides its adult members with a low-cost opportunity to use the weight room and fitness center.

151 adult members used the weight room/fitness center and open gym.

Golden Age Club

Formed in 1952, the Friendly House Golden Age Club is for any senior age 55 and older. Golden Age meets once a month and lunch is served. Health screenings are given free of charge and entertainment varies from month to month. There were 7 Golden Age meetings and 767 in attendance.

Pre-School

The Friendly House Pre-School is licensed by the State of Ohio. It is a year-round, weekday service for the children of working parents and single-parent homes. Children are given a wide opportunity for growth and development. This includes art programs and basic fundamentals for entrance into Kindergarten. Swimming

lessons taught by experienced instructors are included with enrollment in the Friendly House Pre-School.

The Friendly House Pre-School provided care to 45 different children.

Basketball

The Friendly House Basketball League is one of the most popular in Richland County. Leagues are organized for boys and girls in grades 4-6. Games are played during the week and on Saturdays at four locations throughout the city of Mansfield.

There were 1,309 participants for The Friendly House Basketball League. They played 560 games for 18,315 spectators.



Basketball Rentals

There were 21 facility rentals with over 750 in attendance. This number does not include pool rentals.



Friendly House Programs

Swimming

From mid-September through the beginning of August, the swimming pool is open for members, as well as pool rentals for birthday parties, family fun days and other events.

Water Exercise

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 55 different seniors participated in the Water Exercise program taught by an instructor. Water Exercise has been approved by the Arthritis Foundation as the perfect low-impact exercise to ease joint and muscle pain. The total water exercise attendance was 2,465.



Open Swim

Open Swim is held on Tuesday and Friday evening from 7:30 to 9pm. Members pay a small amount and get to use the pool for play and exercise. Open Swim total attendance was 1,497.

Lap Swim

Held Monday through Friday from noon to 1pm, Lap Swims are the perfect opportunity to exercise. 27 members participated in Lap Swims. The total attendance was 764.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are offered three times a year to participants age three months and older. Lessons are taught by American Red Cross certified instructors and each session lasts up to 8 weeks. 3,264 participated in Swim Lessons. Of that total number, Friendly House Pre-School lessons totaled 925 and outside elementary schools totaled 264.

Swim Team

Four area schools use the Friendly House for Swim Team practice between October and February. There was a total attendance of 5,403.

Swim Rentals

Friendly House had 8 pool rentals for a total attendance of 436.

Summer Camps

Camping is a very important part of a child's life. At camp the child learns to live in a group, developing self-reliance and responsibility in an informal and educational atmosphere. Both our camping programs, Happy Hollow Day Camp and Hidden Hollow Resident Camp, offer swimming instruction, horsemanship, arts and crafts, archery, tennis, woodshop, fishing, canoeing, cookouts, campfire programs and other varied activities.

Visualize, if you can, the high-strung and defensive child from the city streets, resisting all attempts to get beneath their bold exteriors. Slowly, they begin to unwind in the stillness of the woods and or around the campfire at night. Their eyes, instead of being hard and defiant, begin to soften and look for understanding. That one week at camp may be a turning point in that child's life. It has happened before and will happen again.

Happy Hollow Day Camp

Happy Hollow is the best place for a child to experience camp life without having to spend the evenings away from home.

Set on 25 acres of woods and streams, Happy Hollow Day Camp has all sorts of activities for children to enjoy. Some of these include: arts and crafts, swimming, basketball, archery and pony rides. Happy Hollow often has talent shows and special activities to make every child feel like they are part of a big family. The camp runs for 9 one-week sessions and holds 2 overnights a summer, one for boys and one for girls.

In 2007, Happy Hollow ran weekly from June 11 through August 6. Busing is available for campers to and from Friendly House. There were 72 different children who used this service.

160 different children attended Happy Hollow Day Camp. 70 children who attended went on camperships.

Hidden Hollow Resident Camp

Hidden Hollow Resident Camp provides every child in attendance a well-rounded camp experience. Many counselors on staff were previous participants and provide campers with a first-hand camp experience that they can relate to.

Daily activities at Hidden Hollow include: arts and crafts, archery, dramatics, woodshop, aquatic activities at the pond and pool, sports and games, horse trail rides, nature study, and tennis. Evening events range from campfires, all cabin skits, night swims, talent shows and the Hidden Hollow Hop on Friday night.

Every week there is a Special Day, and the camp can be turned into anything from a circus to a desert island run by pirates. During the last week of camp, an all-camp tournament is run to see who has the best cabin for the year!

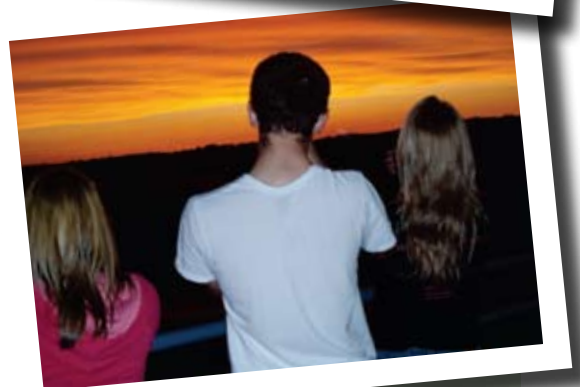
In 2007, camp began the week of July 8 and ended the week of August 5.

Hidden Hollow served 871 different campers in 2007. 99 campers who attended went on camperships.

Hidden Hollow Jr. Camp

In 2007, Friendly House began the Hidden Hollow Jr. Camp program. This camping program is for children ages 6-8 who are anxious to start camping at Hidden Hollow, without having to spend a whole week away from home. Jr. Camp is not open to children who have already attended a full week at camp.

Jr. Camp held one three-day, two-night session August 15-17. There were 37 children in attendance.





Finances

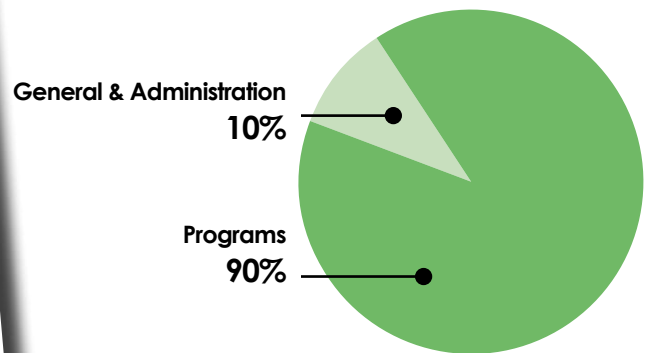
Our community support through United Way, grants, donations and program income, enabled us to meet our financial obligations during 2007.

Income	\$960,516
Expenses	\$846,786
Depreciation	\$79,632
Audited Net Increase (Decrease)	\$34,098

Not included in above expenses are payments during the current year for major fixed asset purchases \$(7,433)



**Friendly House Association
Allocation of Expenses**



The Friendly House

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