

If you would like to volunteer at the Friends Emergency Housing shelter, please contact us anytime.



“The compassion and support of the staff has given me a place to ‘land’ while I regain my strength of spirit, which continues to grow more each day.”

Jessica (former shelter resident)

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The Friends Program, established in 1975, is a non-profit organization that recruits volunteers to meet community needs.

Our mission is to strengthen communities by building relationships that empower people, encourage volunteer service, and restore faith in the human spirit. We accomplish this by mentoring local youth, sheltering homeless families, and fulfilling the need of seniors to actively contribute to the community.

Programs and Services:

- ▶ Supporting children’s academic and emotional growth in the classroom
- ▶ Sheltering homeless families
- ▶ Promoting senior wellness through exercise programs for older adults
- ▶ Matching local youth with volunteer mentors
- ▶ Recruiting older volunteers to match with nonprofits, schools, and public agencies
- ▶ Transporting seniors to medical appointments

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Offering SUPPORT and HOPE to Families

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The Friends Emergency Housing Program operates Merrimack County's only family shelter and regularly takes in homeless families from across the state. The program's objective is to help clients find and keep safe, stable housing of their own.

The shelter houses up to 8 families at a time and is almost always at 100 percent of capacity. Lengths of stay are not pre-determined, but it is not unusual for a family to stay at the shelter for as long as four to six months.

Friends Emergency Housing provides structure, security, and safety for homeless families in an environment that preserves their dignity and promotes self-sufficiency. Residents work collaboratively with staff to create an action plan that meets their individual family needs. We work to identify community resources that offer essential support services, such as:

- Transitional housing opportunities for qualifying clients
- Credit and financial counseling
- Assistance with finding employment and housing
- Family support
- Substance misuse referrals

Friends Emergency Housing collaborates with other organizations to offer workshops that help clients develop skills that can benefit them in the workplace and at home. Class topics can include:

- Cooking and nutrition
- Parenting & healthy relationships
- Children's literacy
- Resume development
- Ongoing adult education

The shelter gladly accepts donations. Please contact us for a list of needed items and to schedule a drop off.

