

Jessica and Friends Community establishes Endowment Fund

As a result of the outpouring of love in memory of Pastor Robert Teague, Jessica and Friends Community has established the Robert W. Teague Memorial Endowment Fund managed by the Ambassador Foundation in Lancaster. Over \$11,000 has been received to date in memory of Pastor Teague and placed in this newly established fund which will serve as an endowment to assist future growth of our organization. Additional memorial contributions may be made to Jessica and Friends Community, 207 Dew Drop Road, York PA 17402 or to Ambassador Foundation, P.O. Box 1201, Lancaster, PA 17608.

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Oh the places you'll go... Oh the things you can think... There is fun to be done...

*B*orrowing a few lines from Dr. Seuss actually helps describe what can be observed in every day life at Jessica and Friends Community. We approach our daily program with the view that we have much to learn—our residents, our respite recipients, our staff, and our community. We will go many places, experience and learn many things... and have fun, too. Jessica and Friends Community began providing respite services in the spring of 2004. In the ensuing 17 months, Jessica and Friends Community staff have embarked on a wide variety of assignments with a broad scope of goals. One of the most unique assignments has been working with the group of three young ladies planning on living together in our second home. These ladies have become known affectionately as the “Dew Drop ladies.” Two nights each month, these ladies meet with staff member



The Dew Drop ladies (Shannon, Jayme, and Sarah Keeney) are joined by Heidi Orr and Jessica and Friends Community staff person, Hope McCleaf, for one of their activities.

Hope McCleaf and “practice” living together and learning skills they will need when they live in their new home. Some nights they make dinner after taking a trip to a local supermarket to purchase ingredients for that evening’s meal. Later that evening they enjoy an activity together. All in all, these ladies are learning to know one another on a more personal level—something that will be important for house dynamics when the long awaited day comes for them to move into their home.

Another example of how we learn together is the time that Jessica and Friends Community staff person Liz Jones and Ben N. spent at camp this summer. Ben is a friendly 11-year-old boy that enjoys interacting with other children. Sometimes, however, other children need to be helped along in interacting with Ben. Liz accompanied Ben to camp—played alongside him—and encouraged and helped others to do the same. Along the way, Ben made several new friends—he learned to socialize and interact with them—and they learned to socialize and interact with him. All in all, everyone was well served as they learned to know and appreciate each other and the unique gifts and talents God has given them.

Jessica and Friends Community staff members continue to see and experience new things—and continue to have fun—with those we learn to know. We would enjoy experiencing life with you or your family member. Interested? Contact Darlene Kuhn, Director of Programs at 747-9000 to schedule a time to discuss your needs.



Shannon Graham and Jayme Janora work together to prepare their evening meal.



Liz Jones and Ben N. explored the countryside at camp this summer.

MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS

Jessica and Friends Community receives contributions given in memory or in honor of loved ones and friends. Each gift is gratefully acknowledged to further ministry in the disabled community.

In Memory of:
Jan Kevern
In Honor of:
Paulette Teague’s Birthday

Given by:
James Kevern
Given by:
Margery Wilt

DON'T FORGET...

September 17, 2005

Jessica and Friends Community Fest

John Rudy Park

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

food, fun and fellowship

see the enclosed flyer for details

As required by the PA Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, a copy of the official registration and financial information for Jessica and Friends Community may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Jessica and Friends Community is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Bureau of Charitable Organizations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania offering residential services, training in daily living skills, and social services to adults with developmental disabilities.

The mission of Jessica and Friends Community is to respond to the needs of those with developmental disabilities along with their families who desire a Christian program.

Jessica and Friends Community affirms the worth of each person who is developmentally disabled and strives to be a catalyst for their inclusion in the local community and local Body of Christ.

Jessica and Friends Community provides Christ-centered support and services to strengthen each and all persons while enabling them to attain their full potential.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 30th marked the end of our fiscal year, a year in which we saw this young ministry stretch its wings and venture out in to the community in ways we have not seen previously. Our in-home respite services grew dramatically in scope from its humble beginnings over 17 months ago. We originally expected to provide short-term respite care for a few hours for a family, and then move on to the next assignment. In actuality, many of these assignments evolved into long-term, continual care where Jessica and Friends Community staff members became deeply involved in the lives of the individuals served. Goals were established and together care giver and care receiver worked on accomplishing these goals and improving the quality of life of the individual receiving respite care. As funding is established for FY2006, Jessica and Friends Community is seeing the number and scope of respite assignments grow again. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to reach more and more families with the love of Christ and serve Him while we serve them. The close of our fiscal year is also an appropriate time to say thank you to each of you who have so generously and graciously contributed financially to Jessica and Friends Community. Your giving increased again this past year; undesignated giving increased by more than 6% to nearly \$59,000.00. We praise our Lord for your continual and faithful giving! We recognize that we are stewards of these funds and trust that we honor our Lord in our financial accountability to you and to Him.

What is in store for Jessica and Friends Community in the new fiscal year? As mentioned above, we anticipate in-home supports and services will continue to expand for Jessica and Friends Community as more and more opportunities continue to come our way. The Board of Directors of Jessica and Friends Community has also established a committee to research, develop, and plan for a faith-based vocational training center where individuals will receive job coaching and training and work skills in a Christian environment. We look forward to



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the day when we will offer this service to families in York and Adams counties.

Another area of growth and opportunity we are exploring is LIFESHARING. What is Lifesharing? The official definition from the PA Department of Public Welfare is, "living with and sharing life experiences with supportive persons who form a caring household." In practice, Lifesharing occurs when a family opens their home to a person or persons with developmental disabilities for at least a two-year commitment of living together. Lifesharing providers receive non-taxable income for the duration of their commitment to the individual with developmental disabilities. Jessica and Friends Community is interested in offering this service in addition to the other residential services we provide and will hold an informational meeting this fall for families who have an interest in learning more about Lifesharing opportunities and potentially becoming a host family. Please let us know if you would like to attend this upcoming meeting. You may call me at the office (747-9000) to learn more.

In Christ,

Executive Director

Lifesharing

What would a Lifesharing family provide?

- A caring, loving, stable home environment
- Transportation
- Training in daily living skills
- Family activities and participation

What would Jessica and Friends Community provide to the Lifesharing family?

- Training
- Weekly oversight and communication
- Program development and monitoring of State regulations
- 24X7 on-call and emergency assistance
- Respite care
- Tax-free compensation

What does a Lifesharing family receive?

- Immeasurable blessings and a new member of the family

Office Copier
 Multi-Media Projector
 DVD Player
 Christian / Family Videos & Computer Games
 Christian / Family Books & Magazines
 Educational Computer Software

JESSICA AND FRIENDS COMMUNITY WISH LIST

MATCHING GIFTS

Your company may match your contribution to Jessica & Friends Community. Check with your company's human resource office to find out how to double the money you give to Jessica & Friends Community.

UNITED WAY

Jessica & Friends Community is not a United Way agency, but is eligible to receive contributions through the United Way Donor Choice program.



INTRODUCING MATT AND NICOLE MAY...

Matt and Nicole May are the newest members of the staff of Sarah Kathryn's House and serve as our Live-In Staff. Matt and Nicole moved here in June from Leola, PA and reside in the apartment at Sarah Kathryn's House, providing house maintenance as well as being available to assist our residents in case of emergency. In addition, Nicole also serves as direct care staff person several days per week. Matt and Nicole both have previous experience in the human services field having served as residential life skills instructors. Matt majored in Practical Christian Training (Music minor) at Bob Jones University while Nicole attended Hyles-Anderson College and studied Elementary Education.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please see the schedule below for an update of events for the next three months. Because many of our regular worship attendees are involved with or are participating in these events, there will be no regular Jessica and Friends Community monthly worship service held during the months of September, October, and November. However, we ask that you please consider participating in one or all of these events—we believe you will find them to be a blessing...

Saturday September 17th—Jessica and Friends Community Fall Festival

Location: John Rudy Park
 Time: 11am–6pm
 (See enclosed flyer for details)

Saturday October 15th—Faith Based Conference (starting a disability ministry in your home church)

Location: Eagle Christian Ministries, 850 South Pine Street, York
 Time: 9am–3pm
 Sponsored by Typical Life Corporation
 No cost to attend • Lunch provided • Pre-registration required

Saturday November 12th—Disabilities Ministry (WINGS) Potluck Dinner

Location: Christian School of York, 907 Greenbriar Road, York
 Time: 6pm–8pm
 Sponsored by Church of the Open Door of Shiloh
 No cost to attend • Reservation requested

***Please call Darlene Kuhn 747-9000 with questions or to register for the October or November events.*

Would you like Jessica and Friends Community to make a presentation during Sunday School, Sunday Worship, Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, etc.? We would be pleased to present the ministry of Jessica and Friends Community and opportunities for local churches to minister to those with developmental disabilities and their families. Call 747-9000 to schedule a date and time.

