



Children's Programs
Adult Recreation and Education
Services for Seniors and Homeless Families

Celebrating 80 years
of building community,
one friend at a time.

January 4, 2012

Dear Friend,

In 1930, during the height of the Great Depression, Friendly House was created. Eighty years later, our core purpose remains the same: provide opportunities for personal development through effective programs. Friendly House is able to make a difference in the lives of people in our community because of the generous support of donors like you. Because of you, children, families and older adults, no matter their financial, social or other life circumstances can come to Friendly House to get what they need, whether it is transitional housing, affordable childcare or preschool.

Our major fundraising auction is scheduled for March 9, 2012. It's a gala dinner with a large silent auction of 200 packages contributed by merchants, companies and individuals. Last year we netted \$172,000 to support Friendly House programs and we hope to raise even more this year. By donating an item or gift certificate for the auction, you can help us continue to meet the needs of children, families and the elderly in the Greater Portland area.

How to donate...

By fax (503)228-0085

By mail 2617 NW Savier St., Portland, OR 97210

Electronically at www.friendlyhouseinc.org/donations

So you can get a better picture of Friendly House let me tell you about Lucy, a Senior Program client.

When Alberta Palmer, Friendly House case manager, first met Lucy in October of 2008, she was suffering from multiple debilitating illnesses that caused limited mobility and chronic pain. Complications after a botched surgery left her with incontinence so severe she confined herself to her apartment for more than 10 years out of fear of being humiliated.

Lucy and Alberta began their work together by finding a doctor who was able to address Lucy's physical issues. Lucy was referred to specialists who helped manage her pain, treat her depression, and minimize her incontinence. Friendly House also found her a housekeeper who still provides services each week. Working as a team, they keep up on the chores that once felt too exhausting for Lucy alone to manage. Lucy's life is now better in all ways, she even got to see the beach again on a 2011 Friendly House field trip, something she longed to do but thought impossible.

Lucy says *"I'd resigned myself to never see the ocean again, but I did. I just can't believe it!"*

Together we can make a real difference by raising money at our Spring Auction for all Friendly House programs. For additional information, or to arrange for item pick-up please call Megan Jolly at 503-935-5287 or mjolly@friendlyhouseinc.org. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

