

Circle of Friends Ministry, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to equip, empower, and provide inclusion to individuals with intellectual and developmental differences



Who We Are

- We are a nonprofit, located in Lake Wales, Florida, that serves intellectually and developmentally disabled adults (IDD).
- We recently moved to a 14,200 sq ft building to accommodate our day program which has tripled enrollment from 2020-2023
- We are the only organization in East Polk County that provides day program services for individuals with IDD
- Our goal is to meet the needs of our growing population by expanding residential and life skills programs and providing safe, permanent housing through our Friends Village

The Need

- The IDD community in Polk County has grown by 20.4% while available housing has only increased by 12.5%
- Most individuals with IDD live solely on Social Security Disability, which isn't conducive to affordable housing, putting them at risk of institutionalization and homelessness

Join us in bringing our vision to fruition

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Together, we can change lives...

Mail your tax deductible donation directly to Circle of Friends Ministry, 333 Lime Ave, Lake Wales, FL 33853 or give through our fund at **Givewell Community Foundation**

The Plan

Phase 1: Purchase existing building for day program, supported living staff & vocational training

- Cost \$1.1 Million
- Amount raised: \$300,000 (July 2023)

Phase 2: Friends Village – Giving Hope for the Future for Adults Living with IDD

- Construct 2 duplexes and 1 quadplex on 3 lots to house clients with IDD

What is Friends Village?

- Permanent housing for adults with IDD offering a safe, loving and inclusive environment so families rest easy knowing their loved ones continue to thrive once they are gone
- A supportive community to build peer relationships through group activities
- A day program teaching life skills, advocacy services, and vocation



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