



# FRIENDS of the FAMILY

Take Back Tomorrow. Today.

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

*A Note from Ben Brustkern, Executive Director*

When I am out in the community people always ask what is new at Friends of the Family. I appreciate that you recognize we are always in a growth mindset. You know Friends of the Family is here to make progress towards ending homelessness and violence in our community. The challenge is real, but if you have ever met our staff you know they are up to that challenge.

So, here is what's new:

- **Coordinated Entry for homeless services:** This addition to the agency leads us closer to ending homelessness in NE Iowa. Making sure that we prioritize the most vulnerable people and get them housed quickly is the key to ending homelessness. Friends of the Family will lead this effort in partnership with other agencies locally.
- **Male Engagement in Prevention:** We have been shifting our violence prevention efforts towards engaging males. We have created a partnership with Allen Women's Health to provide the Wise Guys curriculum with middle and high school boys. This summer the curriculum is being completed at the Boys and Girls Club of the Cedar Valley. We look forward to bringing it into more school districts this fall.
- **Expansion of Turning Point Rural Housing Program:** Turning Point is a rapid rehousing program for homeless families and individuals and has always ranked as one of the top 5 homeless programs in the state. This year we were awarded funds to expand on this program and serve more people. This is great news for our community.
- **Human Trafficking programming expanded:** We are in the process of adding a part time individual to our human trafficking program which will allow us to expand the capacity of the program and ensure communities are becoming educated on this subject. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve more survivors.

Your belief and support in Friends of the Family allows us to continue expanding services for survivors of violence and homelessness. Without you we would not be who we are today. I promise that we will continue to make you proud to be a supporter of Friends of the Family.

*Together, we can take back tomorrow. Today!*



### TOP 5 DONATION NEEDS

- New pillows
- New adult underwear
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo, conditioner, bodywash

Donations can be dropped off at any of our locations by calling (319) 352-1108 in advance, or a check can be made payable to Friends of the Family with "Top 5 Needs" in the memo line.





# A NIGHT IN... IRELAND

## A NIGHT IN... IRELAND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018 | 6PM-9PM

A Night In is our largest fundraiser each year. This event is critical to helping raise funds and presents attendees with an opportunity to bid on unique items in a silent and live auction. Funds raised go directly towards client assistance.

- Prairie Links Golf & Event Center, Waverly
- \$40.00 per ticket
- Tickets available Sept. 1

All tickets are entered into the drawing for the trip for 2.  
Need not be present to win! Proceeds benefit Friends of the Family.

## THANK YOU WAVERLY AUXILIARY

*We appreciate all that you do.*

# Thanks!

A sturdy support system is important to success. And an important part of our support system is our Waverly Auxiliary. This group of ladies has been involved with Friends of the Family for over 10 years. They have helped on so many different levels by holding fundraisers, coordinating donations, facilitating produce and baked goods to our emergency shelter, to even purchasing furniture, appliances, beds, and TVs. They have gone above and beyond to provide support to our clients and staff more times than we could ever list here. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to this wonderful group. We appreciate all that you do for Friends of the Family!



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## YOU ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO GET INVOLVED

Donations are a crucial piece of the services we provide. We always have a need for items such as toilet paper, cleaning products, hygiene products, laundry supplies, pillows, etc. for our clients. This is an area where community members and organizations step in to help.

This past school year we were contacted by a teacher from Southdale Elementary School in Cedar Falls. She had a student who was interested in how she could get involved with Friends of the Family. We decided that a drive to bring in household products was a great project for the student to facilitate and a good opportunity to involve other students in giving back.

This was such a wonderful experience, thank you Kaylee and the entire Southdale family!



## FRIENDS SOCIAL

Thursday, September 20, 2018  
5pm-6:30pm

Bring a friend and come learn about the great work Friends of the Family is doing in your community.

- Tendrils Rooftop Garden @ Waverly Health Center
- Drinks and appetizers provided.
- Short program by the Executive Director at 5:30pm.

RSVP @ 319-352-1108 extension 205 or email [Michelle@fofia.org](mailto:Michelle@fofia.org)

SAVE  
THE  
DATES

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Thursday, September 20, 2018

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Friday, November 9, 2018

DETAILS INSIDE

1,081

CLIENT SERVICES TO 35  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING CLIENTS

5,522

NIGHTS OF SAFETY FOR  
ADULTS AND YOUTH

3,097

STUDENTS WITH  
PREVENTION EDUCATION

YEAR TO DATE, FOF HAS PROVIDED:



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