

## Friends Foundation for the Aging New Grant Proposal Form

**Date:** 5/6/2024

**Organization:** Friends Life Care

**TIN & Formal organization name:** 23-2378625; Friends Life Care

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**Amount requested:** \$1,699.00

**Project title:** Implementing Home for Life Design® Software for Enhanced Aging in Place Support

**Summary Description (maximum 25 words):** Friends Life Care seeks funding for Home for Life Design® software enabling occupational therapists to assess home barriers, provide recommendations, and connect members with aging in place resources.

**1. What is the problem you have identified?** The problem we have identified is decreased efficiency in providing occupational therapy home safety assessments to Friends Life Care members.

**2. What is the solution you propose to address the problem?** The solution we propose to address the problem is purchasing the Home for Life Design © software platform. We'd implement the Home for Life Design® software platform for our occupational therapy team. This innovative software will allow our therapists to comprehensively assess potential barriers to independent living in members' homes, annotate specific areas of concern, communicate recommendations directly to members and caregivers, and connect them with relevant resources and services to promote safe aging in place.

By adopting Home for Life Design®, Friends Life Care will be able to elevate our service quality, improve health outcomes for our members, and uphold our commitment to pioneering long-term care solutions that are guided by the principles of integrity, equality, community, and stewardship. The software aligns with our mission of advancing wellness and anticipating lifelong healthcare needs through forward-thinking approaches.

**3. What actions will you take?** Careful planning, staff involvement, robust training and change management will be critical for a smooth transition to using the new Home for Life Design® software. Some key actions that will likely need to be taken to successfully implement the Home for Life Design® software at Friends Life Care include: software procurement and licensing, staff training, workflow integration, change management, and monitoring and optimizing.

**4. Describe the population to be served.** Our services reach over 2,400 members annually. Members are predominantly community based older adults. Central to our care model is empowering independence, dignity and quality of life as our members navigate the transitions of aging. We are committed to pioneering creative long-term care solutions to meet the evolving needs of our community.

**5. Are there partners/collaborators for implementation or funding-who? No Has the solution been tried by other organizations?** Yes, poster attached.

**6. How will you know your actions are having an impact?** The Director of Care Coordination will track performance metrics related to assessment efficiency. **How will you measure outputs and outcomes?** The

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Director of Care Coordination will compare date of referral, date of assessment, and date of completion from 2023 to data that will begin at software implementation.