

Independent Living Personal Care Skilled Nursing Care

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Friends Foundation for the Aging Attn: Susan W. Hoskins, Executive Director P.O. Box 1081 Langhorne, PA 19047

Dear Friends,

We are very grateful for your grants to Friends Home in Kennett over the years. They have made possible some remarkable changes and improvements in how we help our residents see themselves, and how they see the world with new eyes – a world filled with opportunities for *meaningful activity* which is at the core of the Montessori Lifestyle for aging adults.

I am offering a brief report on the use of the 2024 grant of \$10,000. By category, here is how we used the funds:

Contract Entertainers, including art instruction	\$3,620
Outings-YMCA memberships	3,235
Virtual Reality	2,800
Supplies-Montessori	345
Total	\$10,000

Art classes turned out to be the most useful in giving our residents the opportunity for some meaningful activity. So, for 2025 we plan to increase the number and types of classes. We ask the Friends Foundation for the Aging for a \$15,000 grant to help with our Montessori Lifestyle activities, and especially with this expanded initiative.

We have increased the number of our grant applications, and we will be reaching out to other funders for help going forward, including grant opportunities with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Regards,

Christine McDonald, NHA, MHA Executive Director

Where friends become family

Friends Home in Kennett requests a \$15,000 grant from Friends Foundation for the Aging to help fund our Montessori Lifestyle activities for 2025 and especially help with an expansion of our art instruction/art therapy for 2025.

I attach a brief report on the use of the FFA grant of 2024, for which we are very grateful.

Please let me know if I can send additional information about our use of funds for the 2024 grant, or any additional budget materials. Wright Horne