

Heart to Heart

A publication of the Friendship Home Foundation



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Tom & Candy Chambers Harvest Their Blessings to Help Others

When Tom and Candy Chambers considered the places where they wanted to make a charitable gift this past year, the couple looked to causes tied to their faith, as well as the Friendship Home. Tom was just finishing up 10 years on the Friendship Home Association Board of Directors and two years on the Friendship Home Foundation Board. "Candy and I have a goal each year, and we felt it was important to support the community and the Friendship Home Foundation," says Tom.

As a farmer, Tom learned from his CPA a way to give that allowed the Chambers to give more—a method good for the Foundation and for them—a gift of grain. The gift was relatively simple and very tax-efficient to make. "Our CPA is always stressing this is the best way for us to make gifts," Tom says. *(See inside for more information on making gifts of commodities.)*

The Chambers' gift to the Foundation, though, goes far beyond a monetary donation. While on the Board of the Directors, Tom served as Board Chair for four years. "Being a part of this community, I felt the need to give back," Tom explains. Originally, he joined the Board

to fill a vacancy and was curious to learn more about the facility and the industry. "I learned far more than I could have ever given back," he says. Discovering how the reimbursement system works and the business side of the nursing home piqued his interest. Beyond that, it allowed him to help the entire community.

"The residents who live at the Home have given to the community all of their lives and this is an opportunity to pay them back," he says. "On the practical side, I also look at how many employees the Friendship Home has. The wages we pay these individuals, who mostly live in Audubon, turn over to our Main Street businesses, local churches and more. It felt like the right thing to do to be involved and benefit our community."

When the Friendship Home Foundation was formed, Tom stepped on board again, feeling it was a great way to secure the Home's future. Candy, always supportive as well, served as

one of the main organizers of the Friendship Home Foundation's Murder Mystery Party/Fundraiser this past February. The fund-raiser was a big success, a lot of fun and helped to raise money to finish paying off the new handicap-accessible minivan for the Home.

"We will miss Tom's compassionate and dedicated leadership," says Mary Gross, Friendship Home Administrator. "We are grateful for all that Tom and Candy have done—and continue doing—for the Home."



Gifts of Commodities



“Our CPA encourages us to make charitable gifts of grain. Because of the tax advantages, we find that we can give more that way.”
—Tom Chambers

Charitable gifts can come in many different forms. If you’re a farmer, you may want to consider the benefits of giving grain or livestock. It’s a tax-wise way to benefit the

charity of your choice—a win-win situation.

Tax Savings

Donating commodities outright results in greater tax savings than a direct gift of cash.

- Because the grain or livestock is transferred prior to sale, the farmer does not have to include the

sale in income and thereby minimizes taxes. Tax savings may be realized on federal income tax, state income tax and self-employment tax, depending on the farmer’s specific circumstances.

- The farmer still has the ability to claim all production costs as deductible expenses for income tax purposes.

Special Guidelines

- For a commodity donation, all control and ownership must be transferred to the charity prior to sale. The warehouse or sale barn receipt must list the charity as the owner and the charity must order the sale of the commodity.

- All burdens and benefits of owning the commodity belong to the charity. As owner, the charity is responsible for arranging the hauling of the commodity to market (if the commodity is in home storage). The charity must also pay for any storage fees (if in home storage, this would be to the donor). The charity may also desire to insure the commodity
- Prior to any gift, always consult with tax or legal advisors to ensure the gift is appropriate to your tax situation. Then notify the charity in advance of making a gift of grain, as there are specific procedures that need to be followed to obtain the desired tax treatment.

Friendship Home Wish List

When you make a gift to the Friendship Home Foundation, you can make it unrestricted, allowing the Board to direct the funds to the Home’s greatest needs. You also have the option of directing your gift to a specific item, department or program. If you would like ideas for how your donation could be spent, following are items on the Friendship Home’s current “wish list.”

- ◇ Waterproof recliners for resident rooms (\$700/each)
- ◇ Automated External Defibrillator (\$2,000)
- ◇ White tables and chairs for outdoor activities (\$150/set)

If making a gift for a specific item, it is best to give us the funds to buy the item rather than purchase it for us.

Help Your Neighbor Fund

You can designate a charitable gift to allow those residents with limited financial means to do extras—go out to eat on a “Dutch treat,” buy a family member a Christmas present, send flowers to a relative’s funeral, etc.

Even small donations can make a big difference for these residents. Let Genelle know if you want your donation to be used in this special way.



Your Contributions Are Deeply Appreciated!

Each quarter, all donations are recognized in the "Friendship Forum," the newsletter of the Friendship Home Association. For space limitations, in this publication we will recognize those who give \$100 or more (in cumulative giving) since our last mailing.

Please go to friendshiphome.com and click on "Friendship Forum" under the "About Us" link to look at each quarter's newsletter for an entire listing of donations.

Thank you to all who give of their time, talent or treasure to make the Home great!

"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven."

—Johannes A. Gaertner

Gifts of \$100-\$299

- Herb & Marcia Anciaux
- Arch & Violet Andersen
- Tim & Janice Andersen
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- Audubon Lions Club
- Audubon State Bank
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- Robert Olsen

- Juanita Reynard
- Dave & Vicky Robinson
- Ron Ross
- Bill Roth
- Donald Satterberg

Gifts of \$600-\$999

- Ron & Barb Christensen
- Rich & Lela Gleason
- Family of Earl & Isabelle
Olsen

Gifts of \$1,000+

- Tom & Candy Chambers
- Wyman & Laurie Nelson
- Pamida Foundation
- Gladys I. Moore

Your Dollars at Work... and Driving Around

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Foundation's first project! Our new handicap-accessible minivan is now fully funded because of your generosity!

Best of all, the minivan is making a difference in resident lives every day. The Friendship Home has been using the van for individual doctor appointments every day, as well as for special activities and one-on-one time.



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The Friendship Home Foundation is a private nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to securing and stewarding gifts and grants that benefit the Friendship Home.

Our vision is “to support the mission of the Friendship Home as it meets the needs of the community as it grows into the future.”

About “Heart to Heart”

This newsletter is a product of the Friendship Home Foundation. Our occasional newsletters, brochures and seminars will be designed to offer our friends and supporters helpful information. If you ever have questions or would like to discuss specific ways to make a difference, please call Genelle Deist, Foundation Director, at 712.563.2651. If you choose not to receive Foundation mailings, call Genelle or send her an email at marketing@friendshiphome.com.



A special thanks to Clint Hansen and his daughter, Rachel, for designing our new Foundation logo!

Mark Your Calendars!

Operation T-Bone Fun Walk/5k/10k

Saturday, August 4

The Friendship Home Foundation is excited to host the Operation T-Bone Fun Walk/5K/10K! The race will begin at the City Square in Audubon.

Race Schedule

Registration: 7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m.
Fun Walk/5K/10K: 8 a.m.
Award Ceremony: 9:30 a.m.



Awards & Age Divisions

For the 5K & 10K races, awards will be given to the top two male and female finishers in each age group.

19 & under	40-49
20-29	50-59
30-39	60 & up

Go to www.friendshiphome.com to download a brochure or registration form. Entry fees for Fun Walk: \$20; 5K & 10K: \$30. All proceeds will go to the Friendship Home Foundation.

Run for a Resident!

If you would like to run in honor or in memory of a resident, let us know! We'll get you a pledge form, and you can form a "team" in the individual's name. Call Genelle Deist at 712-563-2651 or email marketing@friendshiphome.com to get a personalized pledge form!

Interested in Volunteering or Sponsoring?

Our goal is to raise funds for our residents! We're looking for volunteers for the day of the race, as well as for sponsors to help cover costs associated with the race. Let Genelle know if you're interested in helping us out!