PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE!
Will You Help Us Keep Children Safe?

Great News! Work has already begun on the parking lot expansion. The Billings City Council has approved Friendship House to move forward. Volunteers and staff have chopped down 4 large trees from the property. A number of local businesses and contractors have generously donated all or a portion of their fees toward the project. Even better, several major contributors have stepped up to support the parking lot—making this expansion within reach! Will you help us?

Our community is very generous! Projects like this, in which businesses and individuals donate their services for the benefit of others, are a blessing.

We plan to begin the demolition of the house in mid-summer. Site preparation, paving, and landscaping will continue throughout the late summer. With your continued support, a new parking lot will be ready to keep kids and vehicles safe beginning with the new 2018 school year!

Will you help keep kids safe? We ask you to be a part of this extraordinary community of givers. We are 75% of our $175,000 goal! Will you help us finish our fundraising with your donation?

BECAUSE OF YOU
More Growth, More Changes!

I am continually amazed at the work you allow us to do on your behalf. Because of your amazing support and investment, Friendship House and the kids and families we serve continue to grow and thrive. With the expansion of our Preschool and Counseling Programs, the addition of the Orchard School Program and the “ever popular” Youth, Teen and Adult Education programming, we are in constant motion. This is a good thing! Our busyness means we are serving. Our results mean we are serving well. Our growth means you care about the needs of our south side kids and families.

As a direct result of this growth, and our desire to serve more kids and families, we have run out of space. To meet this need we have begun renting office space for our Administrative staff team in the Montana Rescue Mission Administrative Building. Since they are a sister organization, this is a good fit. Our amazing program delivery will not change, but my Administrative staff will be more productive and have a little more peace and quiet – 6 blocks removed from the hustle and bustle of our 5 growing programs.

Thanks for your continued generosity and support. Because of you, we are truly making a difference by “loving our neighbors.”

God be with you till we meet again,

Rev. Matt Lundgren, Executive Director

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**MAKE YOUR LEGACY ONE TO REMEMBER... Forever**

You love your spouse, your kids, and your family. Beyond your family, do you desire to create a lasting impact on the community? Do you want to take care of the needy, those who struggle, “the least of these brothers and sisters of mine”? (Matthew 25:40) What a great desire! One of the best ways you can provide is to designate Friendship House a portion of your Estate in your Will.

Please designate Friendship House’s Endowment, an invested fund that lives in perpetuity and provides for the at-risk kids and impoverished families we serve - forever. We would consider ourselves blessed to be worthy of your legacy to care for the children and families of Billings south side neighborhood!

Should you decide to take this bold step in faith, we ask you to please let us know! We’d love nothing more than receiving a phone call or email to know your legacy of care will last forever.

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**AS AFTER SCHOOL ENDS... Summer Program Begins!**

**Every New Beginning is Another Beginnings End.**

Soon, Bobby will be saying goodbye to Cameron, Dylan, and Emory, his friends of Friendship House. Our After School Program 2017/18 is coming to an end. Bobby and his friends this year played, laughed, jumped, built, created, and most importantly, learned. Their highlights include trips to the Audubon Nature Center, visits from First Responders, growing and selling produce, building pinewood derby cars, laughing everyday with friends, talking with teachers, and working on their homework and tutoring books. **We’ve seen such tremendous growth from all four kids.**

Luckily, Bobby, Cameron, Dylan, and Emory won’t have to say goodbye for long. They are all enrolled in Friendship House’s Summer Enrichment Program! **They can look forward to trips to the Museum of the Rockies, Riverfront Park, and Red Lodge. They’ll be riding horses through the Beartooth Mountains, laying under the stars at Bible camp, swimming at South Park pool, building rockets, gardening, fishing, hiking, tutoring, and mentoring. This will be a summer to remember!**

We don’t make these life changing memories alone. **It’s only because of you and your support of the kids we serve can we offer these amazing opportunities! Thank you!**