

Jackson Friendly Home

The Jackson Friendly Home is dedicated to providing quality healthcare to women over the age of 60, in a home-like atmosphere, which encourages independence. The Home has a rich history dating back to 1878 when the "Home of the Friendless" first opened its doors to orphans and widows of the Civil War. Our current building was designed by Clare Allen, and was erected in 1908. On August 12th of that year the ladies moved from the original home on Oak Hill Drive to our current address at 435 W. North Street, Jackson, Michigan. Thankfully, the name of the facility was eventually changed to "The Jackson Friendly Home."

The organization, from inception to the present, provides safe affordable assisted living for elderly women of the Jackson area. JFH provides a neatly furnished room, three meals a day, full laundry/housekeeping services and medication administration by trained certified staff. The services provided by the Friendly Home benefit the entire community by offering quality, affordable housing for disadvantaged, low-income women of the Jackson area.

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Annual operating budget is \$750,000, and JFH has 28 Employees.

The youngest resident at JFH is 61 years of age and our oldest is 97. Mean age for all residents is 79 years of age.

Of the women currently served at JFH our census includes:

63.6% are of Extremely Low Income (28 of 44)

31.8% are of Low Income (14 of 44)

04.5% are of Average Income (2 of 44)

Medical conditions of the ladies are:

41% of the residents have varying degrees of Dementia (18 of 44)

11% are Developmentally Delayed (5 of 44)

16% have vision problems such as Macular Degeneration (7 of 44)

18% are Diabetic (8 of 44) (with 4 of those 8 being insulin dependent)

07% have Schizophrenia (3 of 44)

89% use assistive devices such as canes or walkers (39 of 44)

The residents come to the Friendly Home for a variety of reasons. Often placement is recommended by the primary care physician because of a decline in the abilities of the resident to do self-care. Loneliness is another reason women choose JFH. Many times placement at Jackson Friendly Home is done by a family that has taken care of their loved one for some time and then finds need of a respite from that obligation due to declining health or stress. Whatever the reason, the ladies are afforded a safe nurturing environment to call "home".