

TheFriendShip

2016-2017 Annual Report

1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017



THE FRIENDSHIP'S MISSION IS TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS WHO CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THEIR OWN HOMES WHILE MAINTAINING HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT, ACTIVE AND ENGAGED LIFESTYLES.

Overview of The FriendShip

The FriendShip is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping older adults lead healthy, independent, and active lives in their own homes and communities. By joining The FriendShip, members have access to:

Personalized Assistance Provided by Trained Volunteers

Volunteer services include transportation, errands, home maintenance support, technology assistance, appointment support, home repair, and social engagement.

Activities & Programs

To support member interests and to facilitate friendship, social connection, and engagement in the community, The FriendShip offers an array of activities and programs including lunch gatherings, special events, cultural outings, expert guest speakers, and discussions of topics of interest.

Preferred Provider Referrals

Members can obtain referrals to member-recommended businesses that have been checked for licenses, insurance, bonding, and ongoing member feedback.

The FriendShip opened on October 1, 2015 and is now an ever-growing, vital part of the Columbia community serving the over-50 population. By bringing together members and volunteers, The FriendShip has built a strong network of support to empower older adults to age in place.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is so exciting for those of us who dreamed of a Village for Columbia to actually be a part of it becoming a reality. Almost every weekday one or more volunteers provide a service, such as transportation, a minor home repair or help with a computer. Programs, coffee hours, and lunches are scheduled monthly and the office is open weekdays from 9 AM to 1 PM.

We are happy and busy serving the members and thinking of new ways to engage members and volunteers in enriching and fun experiences. We are grateful to all whose financial contributions have made The FriendShip a reality. We are especially grateful to St. John's Episcopal Church for giving us a home. Finances are still a concern and working to achieve financial stability will be a goal for 2017-2018. The successes of the past year have left the Board energized and ready for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Jane Blair
President
2016-2017 Board of Directors



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The FriendShip is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, registered in the state of South Carolina, and is governed by a nine-member board. The Board acts as the executive director of the corporation and meets twice monthly (the second and fourth Tuesday) to attend to the business of The FriendShip.

Although the Board decides on policy and procedure, much of the work and discussion is done by the standing committees, which result in recommendations to the Board. These committees are: the Member Committee, the Volunteer Committee, the Program Committee, the Outreach Committee, the Preferred Provider Committee, the Finance Committee. Various ad hoc committees are formed as the need arises. As stipulated in the by-laws, each committee includes a Board member.

BOARD ROSTER

Jane Blair, President	July 2015 – June 2018
Patricia Rock, Vice President	July 2015 – June 2018
Barbara Mullen, Secretary	July 2014 – June 2017
Mary Kelly, Treasurer	July 2014 – June 2017
Daniela Friedman	May 2015 – June 2017
Mary Kessler	July 2016 – June 2019
Paul McCullough	July 2016 – June 2019
Shaun Owens	July 2016 – June 2019
Macie Smith	March 2016 – June 2018
Barbara Hirshorn, Honorary Board Member	July 2015 – June 2017

Dana Turner and Eileen Schell	Clerks to the Board
Roger Wilson	Historian and Photographer

FINANCIAL REPORT (unaudited)

Revenue

Contributions

Board	\$ 2,000.00
Individual	\$ 750.00
Business/Other	\$ 16,250.00
Sustainability Fund	-\$1,900.00
Total Contributions	\$ 17,100.00

Membership Fees

Full Member	\$ 7,200.00
Associate Member	\$ 1,440.00
Charter & Legacy deferrals	\$ 1,960.00
Renewals	\$ 2,340.00
Total Membership fees	\$ 12,940.00

Grants	\$ 5,000.00
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Total Revenue	\$ 35,040.00
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Expenses

Administration

Insurance	\$ 4,076.00
Other	\$ 1,565.00
Total Admin	\$ 5,641.00

Fund Raising	\$ 500.00
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Program Services

<i>Educational/Cultural/Social Services</i>	\$ 150.00
<i>Full Member Services</i>	
Salaries and Employee benefits	\$ 16,417.00
Other	\$ 1,100.00
<i>Newsletter</i>	\$ 150.00
<i>Volunteer Support</i>	
Salaries and Employee benefits	\$ 16,417.00
Other	\$ 1,590.00
Program Development	\$ -
Outreach	\$ 300.00
Total Program Expenses	\$ 36,124.00

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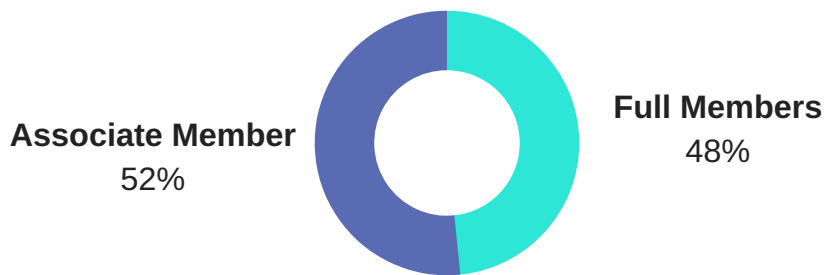
Revenue Under Expenses	-\$ 7,225.00
Operating cash carried forward from FY16	\$ 8,000.00
Operating cash at the end of FY17	\$ 775.00

"Joining The FriendShip was the best investment I've ever made!"

~ FriendShip Participant near Columbia College

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

MEMBERS - 31



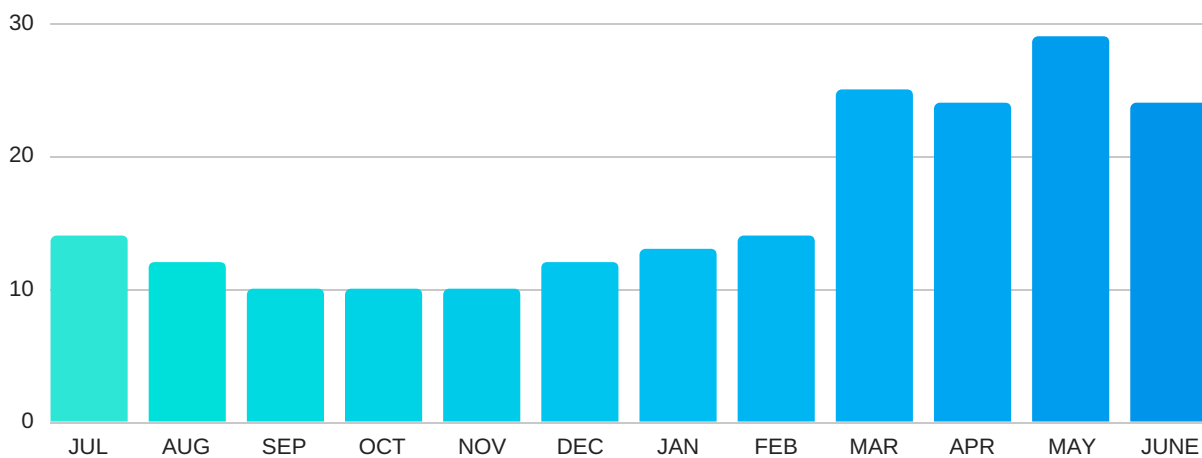
Some of The FriendShip's members are also volunteers and serve on committees to enhance members' experiences and services!

VOLUNTEERS - 32

Volunteers are background checked and trained prior to performing services for the members.

*"These volunteers have all become my friends. I have never met such nice people."
~ FriendShip Participant in Rosewood Neighborhood*

SERVICES PROVIDED



The majority of services provided are transportation to appointments and shopping. For example in the month of May 2017, 29 services were provided; 24 were transportation and 5 were non-transportation.

OUR PROGRAMS

Monthly programs include dutch treat lunches at local restaurants and coffee hours. Educational and entertaining programs such as “Marrying into a Southern Family” and “Lobstering in Maine”, and social events such as a luncheon and book reading at a member's country home were provided through out the year.



SHARING FOOD & STORIES!



GOLF FUN FUNDRAISING!



AWAY WE GO!

*"I really appreciate everything that has been done for me because it has kept me in my condo."
~ FriendShip Participant in Forest Acres*

SERVICES COORDINATOR

A Greeting from Eleanor Stein, Services Coordinator May 1, 2017 – Present

I feel so fortunate to be joining The FriendShip as the new Services Coordinator, where I will have the opportunity to get to know so many wonderful members and volunteers in our efforts to build a caring network that supports aging in place. My experiences working on issues affecting older adults range from providing direct assistance to working collaboratively with volunteers and other partners for policy change. Drawing on these experiences and my background in nonprofit/arts administration, I very much look forward to continuing to expand and improve our offerings in the coming year. The door of the Services Coordinator is always open--for sharing ideas or just for a nice chat!



THANKS TO OUR DONORS

Although members pay a fee to receive services and programs from The FriendShip, the fees do not cover the cost of finding, vetting and training volunteers, insurance, or the cost of membership in The Village to Village Network and Together SC. We are grateful to St. John's for providing a home and phone and computer and for Michelle Rabon and her staff for making it all happen. Please review the list of our donors and express thanks for their support.

2016-2017 Financial Contributors and Gifts*

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Jane and Steve Blair
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Jewel and Bob Hill
Linda Welch
Sidney Wait
Lollie Willis

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Spread the word.

The FriendShip is a "well-kept secret" and you can help us grow in many ways by telling others.



Become a volunteer.

The FriendShip has members that inspire and teach.



Join.

We are always looking for more members.



Donate.

Every little bit helps. Donations may easily be submitted on our web site.

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