



Fifty years ago,
Jimmy Basinger delivered
the newspaper to the Browns.
Today, he brings them
nutritious meals.

The Browns,
Jimmy Basinger,
our other volunteers,
recipients,
staff and directors...

We are Friendship Trays,
thanking you
for your ongoing support
and wishing you
A Joyous Holiday Season



Friendship Trays

Our Mission is: To deliver, in a caring and friendly manner, balanced meals to individuals in this community who are unable, because of age or infirmity, to obtain or prepare their own meal.

- ◆ Friendship Trays began in 1976 by purchasing meals from Mercy Hospital for delivery to six shut-ins in the Elizabeth neighborhood.
- ◆ Bruce Parker donated warehouse space in 1996 which was upfitted with a commercial kitchen that has the capacity to prepare 1,000 meals each day.
- ◆ A recent report on the status of seniors in our area indicated that approximately 5,600 individuals are in need of help with their meals.
- ◆ Today Friendship Trays prepares approximately 750 meals each weekday, from 10 medically prescribed diets.
- ◆ It takes 85 FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS each weekday to prepare the trays and deliver the meals. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization.
- ◆ The national average cost for a meal is \$7.95, however, recipients who are able, pay only \$4.30.
- ◆ 80% of those we serve live below the poverty level and receive subsidized meals.
- ◆ \$1,118.00 will feed one person for a year.
- ◆ Friendship Trays is not a United Way or governmental agency.
- ◆ Friendship Trays is 100% privately funded.
- ◆ Friendship Trays is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gift is 100% tax deductible within the IRS charitable giving guidelines.
- ◆ Administrative costs, as audited by C. DeWitt Foard & Co., are 7%.