

House of Friends is looking for
volunteers & participants!

Volunteer Opportunities

- Program leadership
- Program staff (admin., food prep.)
- Companions (those who work one on one with participants)
- Specialty (music, crafts, hospitality)
- Fundraising



Participant Application Process

Call to Director, caregiver and potential participant visit program, home visit by Director or representative, invitation to join program.

Participant Criteria

- Living at home
- Able to communicate in group setting
- Continent
- Ambulatory with minimal assistance (walker or cane)
- Early to mid-stage Dementia

In the program, a companion volunteer is buddied with a dementia participant.

For information about
volunteering or participating in
House of Friends
visit our website

www.bethanyHOF.org

or contact us to visit a session:

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2015 - 2016 Grant Partners

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HOUSE OF FRIENDS

A Respite Program for
Caregivers
and their
Loved Ones with
Early to Mid-Stage
Dementia



Outreach Program of
Bethany United Methodist Church

Serving the greater Austin area

When does the HOF meet?

The House of Friends (HOF) meets every Thursday from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm. The HOF does not meet on national holidays or during Vacation Bible School.

Where do we meet?

HOF meets at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX. It meets in the Disciple Building on the third floor in room 306 (accessible by an elevator and two stairways).

What are the costs?

How is the program funded?

There are no costs or fees to attend.

Program funding: tax-deductible contributions, foundations, grants, local churches, sponsorships, community organizations and annual fundraisers. Bethany provides the program space, some professional leadership, and facilities support. HOF receives no monetary funding from Bethany.

Strong volunteer support and in-kind contributions are key to this self-sustaining community program.



What does a session include?

A typical day includes fellowship, refreshments, music and art therapy, group activities, games, devotional, exercise, reminiscing circles and hot lunch.

The House of Friends is a social program. There usually is a nurse present at each session, but the nurse is in attendance to provide safety supervision and emergency first aid if required.

Individuals and organizations are invited to become involved with the program by providing volunteers, participants and resources.

Mission Statement

The **House of Friends**, a ministry of Bethany United Methodist Church and supported by several churches in northwest Austin, provides respite to caregivers and enriches the quality of life of their loved ones with dementia through a loving, stimulating, and safe community environment. Membership is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation, ethnicity or gender.

Goals of HOF Program

- Provide activities that engage participants physically, socially, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually in a safe environment.
- Provide respite for caregivers of people with dementia.
- Provide a meaningful experience to the volunteers so they may offer support to those with dementia and offer love and companionship to older adults.



HOF has touched over 6600 individuals in 2015, enlarging hope, understanding and love among people!