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Hello friends,

When 2020 brought challenges, Highland Friendship Club brought solutions.

At the beginning of the year, none of us could imagine the profound changes that lay ahead. School, jobs, travel, and how we were able to interact with friends, family, coworkers changed.

HFC’s staff, members, board of directors, committee members, volunteers, community partners, and supporters knew we had to move quickly to make sure our members always had a place to go to connect with their friends and their favorite teachers. We had to overhaul how we provided programs, we shifted to virtual classes within two weeks. We kept doing what we’ve been doing for 19 years: stepping up to make sure teens and adults with disabilities had a place to go to make friends, learn and contribute to their communities.

As one Mom told us, “I don’t know what I would have done without HFC during this time.”

Throughout 2020, we were reminded that our members and our staff are resilient, our donors and partners are unwavering, and our mission can guide us through just about anything. We learned we can thrive and even grow during some incredibly unprecedented times.

Now, we stand strong and ready for what 2021 will bring. We will face what’s next knowing that we can handle change, as long as we stay focused on our mission, our members, supporters, partners and staff.

Thank you for being there with us every step of the way.

Patty Dunn
Executive Director
Learn more about Kayla’s snow globe collection, how Nikki manages being an HFC art student AND teacher, what Hanna is thankful for, and find out who HFC’s resident King of Rock and Roll is!

All of these fun facts and many more are posted on our new Member Blog, where our members tell their own stories.

Have an idea for a blog post or know a member who’d like to author a post? Let us know!

In 2020, HFC saw more registrations than it ever has in our fitness classes, art classes, book clubs, talent shows, and many other programs.

Winter/Spring reservations alone increased nearly 80 percent – from 2,023 to 3,617.

HFC’s volunteer roster grew to 39, the majority of whom are helping to run our eight social groups that allow members to simply hang out and get to know one another.

New classes were added, include virtual field trips, mixed-media art classes, and science experiments.
Thriving THROUGH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

When the global pandemic hit, HFC’s friends stepped up and made sure we could continue to not only operate, but to thrive. We missed seeing everyone in person, but we made sure to have some fun virtually!

The annual Be A Friend luncheon went virtual and raised about $52,000.

Lanes for Friendship event was filmed live on Facebook from Mauer Chevrolet and raised about $56,000.

Our year-end appeal surpassed its goal, and raised over $31,156.
HOW YOU CAN Help

Become a Member ➔
www.highlandfriendshipclub.org/get-involved/membership

Volunteer ➔
www.highlandfriendshipclub.org/get-involved/volunteer

Donate ➔
Online at www.givemn.org/organization/Highland-Friendship-Club
or by mail: HFC PO Box 16437 St. Paul, MN 55116

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www.facebook.com/HighlandFriendshipClub
www.linkedin.com/company/6597667

Become a corporate partner:
Reach out to Patty Dunn at pattyd@highlandfriendshipclub.org or 651-239-8906
Mission
To serve teens and adults with disabilities by providing programs that foster friendships, strengthen self-advocacy and explore lifelong learning.

Vision
Through their experiences at HFC members acquire skills that promote and enhance their unique abilities to enjoy a high quality of life. HFC offers programs that are developed and updated in response to the hopes and dreams of its members. HFC’s core beliefs include the importance of inclusion, integration and a sense of belonging in all activities of the communities in which we live.

Values
· We value all people regardless of disability.
· We value programs and services that remove barriers to achieving choice, independence and inclusion.
· We value self-advocacy, connections and friendship in an emotionally safe environment.
· We value lifelong learning whereby people recognize and cultivate their own personal strengths.
· We value families, caregivers, partners, collaborators and volunteers that support our members in achieving a high quality of life.
· We value our grantors and donors whose financial resources sustain our work.