

## 2015 Annual Report of Current Committees and Subcommittees

Name of Group: Supporting Friends.

2015 Chair: Margaret-Ann Ellis

Chair since 2011

2016 Chair: Margaret-Ann Ellis, with permission of KORA Council

1. Current mission statement: The mission of the Supporting Friends is to help residents in the Stephens Care Center and their families, under the direction of the Social Services and the The Director of Nursing.
2. Changes to mission statement? No
3. Summary of activities and accomplishments:

We assist residents who need help with the mail.

One year after the death of the residents, a letter is written to the family of the deceased to assure them that their loved one is remembered.

Frequent casual visits are made to residents in the Chair Center.

Bird feeders are provided and filled for those in the Care Center who desire them.

When requested by the Social Service Staff, we provide bedside companionship with a very ill or dying and assistance to the families of the residents. Eighteen of our members have been specially trained for this.

Some of our members act as "shepherds" to accompany residents in the Care Center who may wish to attend programs, but may become confused.

We have improved the signs to indicate reserved seats in the auditorium for programs.

Sixteen of our members attended a two-part workshop led by Kim Peters and Dr. Joan Webster on care at end-of-life. We found this very valuable.

During our meetings we discussed methods to make our services more useful and efficient. Several improvements have been made.

4. Problems: we had to discontinue our wheelchair brigade because of lack of personnel. We have been recruiting for new members, and a training will soon be held.

A continuing problem is that our members do not report the number of hours that they volunteer. In spite of reminders, this continues to be a problem..

5. When we have enough volunteers, we will revive the Wheelchair Brigade. we will continue all the other activities that we have done in the past.

6. A list of the committee members with their chosen responsibilities is attached.