

Considering Friendship Village for your next home? Here's what these folks have to say!



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"I have a t-shirt that I bought in the store (YES, they have a store in the building) that says on the front 'It Takes A Village'. Believe me, I absolutely couldn't have picked a better 'Village' to move in to.

As I grew up and lived about an hour away from Kalamazoo, I moved to Friendship Village without knowing anyone in this town or this campus. The decision of this retirement community was made after a long, extensive search of available locations. I visited here on many occasions for meetings, lunch and an overnight stay and was so encouraged by the staff and residents. Everyone is extremely helpful, friendly, caring and greets you by name from the first day. I have already made many friendships and feel at home in the apartment I choose.

I also came into a retirement community at an early age based upon studies I had read. This type of living has so many extras that I hope to enjoy them for many years. Friendship Village has fitness classes, fitness room, pool, library, craft room, and for the outdoors enthusiasts there is the woods (paved pathways) to be enjoyed in all seasons. It is a relief every day to know that I don't have the pressure of being responsible for maintaining my own home - when the snow came, instead of shoveling I was outside walking and enjoying the winter beauty of the woods.

In addition, Friendship Village also offers a garden space to grow your own flowers or vegetables, an auditorium for musical events/movies/lectures, and numerous field trips to outside events (when we can enjoy those activities again). Evening meals are available in the dining room or for breakfast and a light lunch the café is an option. The security of knowing that I will be able to transition to other levels of care within the same community has made the future less stressful. Every day is a new experience to be enjoyed. The future is brighter from the choice I made to move to Friendship Village." -- Diane



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"Friendship Village became home for my mom in July of 2019.

In our search for a good place for her to live, we were repeatedly told by others about the compassionate staff at Friendship Village, the residents who genuinely care for each other and treat each other like family, and the beautiful surroundings, gardens and facilities at Friendship Village.

I personally talked to several people who worked there, and others who live there or who have family members living there. No one I talked to had a bad word to say about Friendship Village, and this is what we have found to be true.

When the staff is friendly and happy about their jobs, you know it is a good place to be. We could not be happier about the decision to make this my mom's new home, and appreciate all the personal touches the staff and administration puts forth to make it such a special place to live and to visit!" -- Carol



"The staff and the residents make this a welcoming and dynamic community." -- Nancy



"I have been warmly welcomed into this community!"

"From the first day when we were shown around, I knew that a Garden Home at Friendship Village was to be my new home and community.

The sales and other support staff are highly trained and professional.

Since I have been a resident, I have been warmly welcomed into this interesting and interested community." - Jay

"I started my journey with Friendship Village of Kalamazoo in February of 2018.

Since then my mother has been in the Rehabilitation Center, Independent Living and Assisted Living.

During this time the administration and support staff have listened to our needs, accommodated our individual differences, shared their professional opinion and supported our decisions.

Because of this I highly recommend Friendship Village to anyone who is looking for a caring, positive and kind atmosphere for their loved one." - Judy



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"As you have heard, it takes a village to raise a child.

But, it also takes a village to raise that same child in his or her senior years. Friendship Village is just such a place.

It has been known for raising seniors out of isolating situations and offering them a quality of life that is second to none, where socialization and mental stimulation are key.

Day after day, even through Covid-19, the exceptional staff has devoted their every working minute to raising the spirits and attending to the needs of their residents. If I had to describe Friendship Village in 5 words or less it would have to be, 'a cruise ship without Dramamine'." - Jo

"My strength and fitness have improved since moving to Friendship Village!"



"I moved to Friendship Village regretting my dependence on a walker. Having become a regular user of the fitness machines, attending classes and walking my dog around the campus, I have been able to ditch my walker and feel myself gaining additional strength. I couldn't ask for anything more!" - Kim

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