

# Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service



## Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service, Inc.

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## Mission

To do the work of Jesus Christ, providing hope, respect and guidance towards a path to prosperity.

## Upcoming Events

**Peoria Wingfest**  
 May 7, 2017  
 Peoria Riverfront

**Over the Edge Peoria**  
 June 10, 2017  
 Chase Bank Building

**Maka Maka**  
 August 17, 2017  
 Maui Jim Headquarters

## How to Help

We welcome volunteers—both individuals and large groups—for projects, or skilled services that support our programming. Friendship House always needs diapers, canned goods and non-perishables, new and like-new clothing, and shoes for men, women and children.

Our website offers opportunities for monetary donations and a link to [VolunteerMatch.org](http://VolunteerMatch.org) for ongoing volunteer needs. We encourage monthly giving to help support the costs of providing services, or major gifts through estate planned giving.



Since 1951, Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service has made a difference in the Near North side and East Bluff neighborhoods of Peoria and beyond. Our A.C.E.S. Program (*Advocacy, Coaching, Education and Support*) lies at the heart of our organization, providing wrap-around services for the Latino and English-speaking communities while encouraging lasting change. Anyone who walks through our doors for assistance can sit down for an assessment with an A.C.E.S. coach, who helps them create an achievement plan to navigate beyond the obstacles in their lives. This plan utilizes referrals to our education, employment and finance coaches. What we can't provide, community partners work with us to provide resources. Other services include:

### Friday Night Take-Out

Every Friday, hungry men, women and children receive a take-out meal (a partnership with South Side Mission) and a weekend of groceries. But more than food, a "resource-fair" environment offers services such as healthcare, legal assistance, nutritional education and cooking tips.

### Seniors Support Services

Weekly clubs host Latino and English-speaking seniors from 65 to 100 for volunteer opportunities, recreational activities and informative presentations.

### Rapid Rehousing

We work closely with community shelters to help homeless families and individuals find affordable housing and assistance to achieve stability in housing long term.

### Clothing Outreach

The "Closet on Madison Avenue" is set to provide on-the-job retail training, financial coaching, and a dignified shopping experience with high-quality, donated clothing.

### Friendship House Academy

Our afterschool programming for K-8 students involves one-on-one tutoring, enrichment activities and service learning opportunities through our S.T.E.A.M.S. curriculum. In the fall of 2015, PFHCS introduced programming through FIRST® LEGO® League, where participating youth work semester-long on a themed challenge and have the opportunity to compete in the local qualifiers. In 2015, PFHCS youth won Judge's Choice!

### Summer Camp

Summer Camp focuses on leadership development in a fun and safe environment so children can learn about the world around them, give back to their community through service learning, and achieve social and emotional well-being.

### Adult Education/Employment Preparation

Our employment preparation courses involve community partnerships, adult educational workshops and classes, including GED, ESL and U.S. citizenship classes.

### Service Work Hours Program

Volunteers who perform community service hours receive on-the-job training with real workplace expectations and supervision to improve their ability to be successful employees.

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