

Jeaneane Williams

Leaving a Legacy of Generosity



Friends Homes is honored to announce that former resident, Jeaneane Williams, has left an estate gift exceeding \$22,000 to Friends Homes. This gift bolstered the Resident Financial Assistance Endowment as part of the Bridges to the Future Capital Campaign. Jeaneane also demonstrated consistent support for the Resident Financial Assistance Campaign at Friends Homes during her lifetime.

Jeaneane was born in Ossipee, NC to Harley and Mary Flynn Williams. She graduated from Altamahaw-Ossipee High School before receiving a degree in English and American Literature from UNC-Greensboro. Shortly after receiving her degree, she began teaching with Alamance County Schools before moving to New York City, where she became the Promotion and Advertising Supervisor at McGraw-Hill Book Company's International Division. She later held prominent roles at Garrett Press, rising to a corporate officer position and serving as Director of Advertising and Promotion.

After relocating to Denver, CO, Jeaneane transitioned into roles such as Office Manager at Texas Instruments, Director of Editorial Services at Colorado Magazine, and Technical Writer and Editor at the University of Colorado in Boulder. After returning to North Carolina, she served as Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Development and Public Service at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before joining Guilford College in Greensboro, NC, as Director of Public Relations and Publications.

Throughout her career, Jeaneane authored, ghostwrote, and edited numerous books covering a wide range of topics including fear of flying, college history, North Carolina plants and flowers, early Quaker asylums, chaplaincy, poetry, southern cooking, recipes, and family genealogy. She designed and edited brochures on subjects from architecture to occupational health to rare books and organ music archives. She

also contributed a chapter on public relations in *Successful Sport Management* and entries to the 2006 *Encyclopedia of North Carolina*.

A lifelong music enthusiast, Jeaneane began her musical journey as an organist at Fairview Methodist Church in Alamance County at age 13. She later sang in and directed church choirs and served as organist in various locations. Her volunteer activities included significant contributions to organizations such as the Paul Green Foundation, Triangle Hospice, and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Interfaith Council. She actively supported cultural institutions like the North Carolina Symphony, WUNC-FM, UNC-TV, North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra, New Garden Friends School, and Eastern Music Festival. Jeaneane was also actively involved in P.E.O. and the Public Relations Society of America.

In retirement, she continued her service on the Board of Directors of Guilford College's library and as a proofreader for the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal. At Friends Homes, she dedicated 15 years to various volunteer roles in the Milner Library, overseeing its relocation and contributing to institutional fundraising efforts through her writing and design skills. Jeaneane passed away in November of 2019, after living at Friends Homes for 19 years.

"This legacy gift will enable Friends Homes to offer additional resources and assistance to residents in need," shares Jordan Scardigno, Executive Director of Friends Homes. "We are grateful to Jeaneane for her generosity and commitment to the well-being of her neighbors at Friends Homes."

Have you thought about investing in the future of Friends Homes?

Current and future gifts to Friends Homes can be directed in a way that reflects your philanthropic goals and priorities. Please contact Carson Spering, Associate Director of Development, at 336.458.0353 or cspering@friendshomes.org for more information. Those who have made provisions to include Friends Homes in their estate plans are invited to join the Friends of Friends Homes Legacy Circle.

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