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**JEWELRY COOPERATIVE**

***Made with Love...***

**Peoria Friendship House  
of Christian Service**

**Peoria, Illinois**





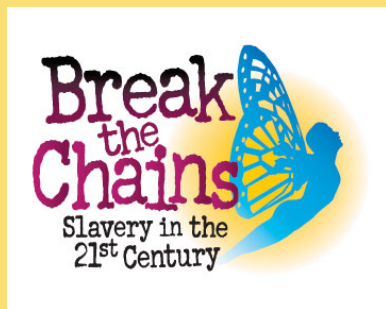
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The mission of Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service is to do the work of Jesus Christ, providing relief, respect, and renewal to Peoria's most vulnerable individuals and families.

Through the simple gesture of a free meal, a clean shirt, or a safe place to learn, Friendship House offers the hope of a new start to the least, the last, and the lost.



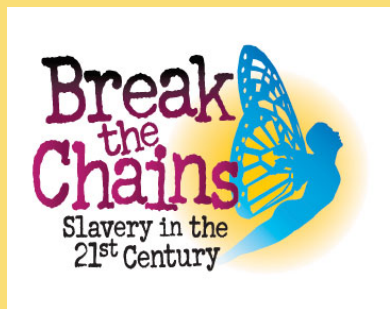


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The mission and programs of Friendship House are a reflection of the words spoken by St. Matthew...





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For I was hungry  
and you gave me something to eat.

I was thirsty  
and you gave me something to drink.

I was a stranger  
and you invited me in.

I needed clothes  
and you clothed me.

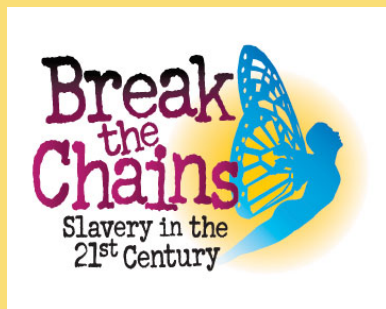
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Matthew 25: 34-36, 40

***Words to live by everyday...***



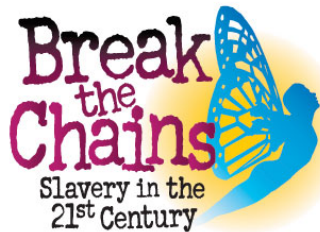


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Through the support of the American Baptist Women, the Matthew 25 Jewelry Cooperative was formed at Friendship House.





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Members of the cooperative design one of a kind bracelets using charms to symbolize the Matthew 25 message.

Each of the pewter charms represents a way in which we can reach out to help those in need. Together they are a daily reminder of our faith and hope in each other.

Every bracelet is individually ***Made With Love.***







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*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.*



*I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.*

- Weekly Food Pantry
- Soup Kitchen - "Sunday Blessings"
- Daily Bread Distribution – "Our Daily Bread"
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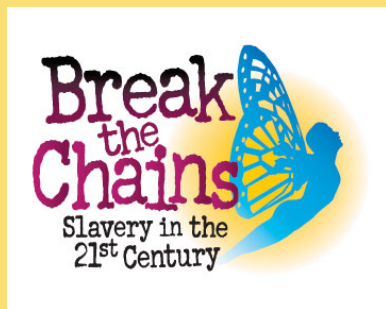
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*I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

- Emergency Services – “Shelter Through the Storm”
- After School Program
- Summer Camp
- Hispanic Outreach
- RSVP Volunteer Services
- Professional Women’s Group





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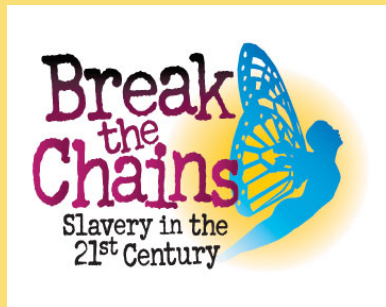
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*I needed clothes and you clothed me.*

- Weekly Thrift Closet – “Our Daily Threads”
- Emergency Clothing
- Infant Layettes and Diapers
- Dress for Success Peoria
  - provides clothes, coaching and ongoing support to transition women into the workplace.





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- Heath Issues Classes and Fairs
- ESL Classes
- Immigration and Citizenship Services
- Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program
- Senior Group
- Finance and Computer Literacy
- Community Celebrations







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Together in a bracelet, the charms and stones symbolize the work of Friendship House recognizing and meeting the needs of some the most vulnerable residents of our community.







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**By creating Matthew 25 charm bracelets women in the cooperative are provided with an opportunity to supplement their income to assist them and their families.**





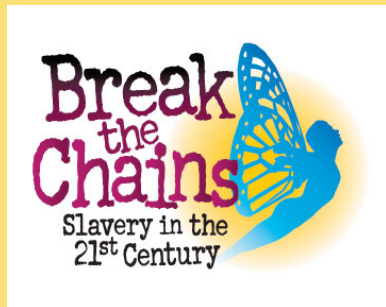
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The Jewelry Cooperative draws its artisans from vulnerable women in transition who have participated in Friendship House programs – Hispanic Outreach and Dress for Success Peoria.

For several of these women, this is their only source of income. The sale of their bracelets provides them a level of self-sufficiency while building their confidence and self-esteem.

The majority of the current members of the cooperative are also mothers - the positive impact also benefits their children and families.





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The charms, beads and findings - as well as the necessary tools, are supplied to the members through the Jewelry Cooperative.

Members work together, learning from each other while selecting their own combination of beads and bracelet style.





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In today's challenging environment it is easy to forget the message of St. Matthew - *to treat our fellow men with respect and kindness.*







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**Wearing a Matthew 25 bracelet is not only a demonstration of support of the women who produce them – it is a statement of the wearer's commitment to follow the words of Christ as told by St. Matthew to his followers.**







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Bracelets are sold for \$25.00 (plus \$3.95 for shipping and handling) with proceeds shared between the woman who made it and the program.

While each bracelet is individually designed, special orders by color, stone, clasp and style can be accommodated.



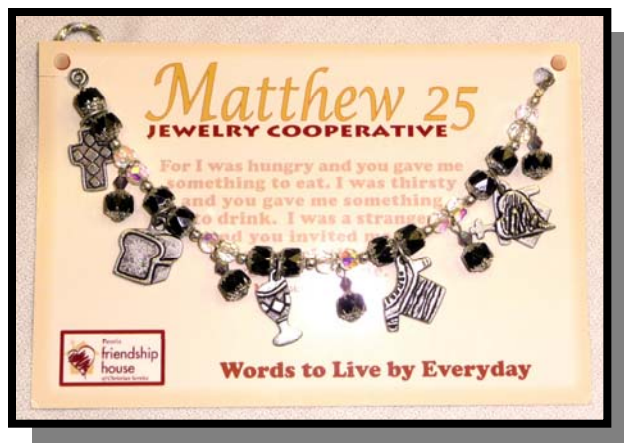


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Each completed bracelet is attached to a display card with Matthew 25: 34-36, 40 on the front.

On the back, there is a program description and the signature of the artisan together with the individual identification number of the bracelet.





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To order bracelets, go to  
[peoriafriendshiphouse.org](http://peoriafriendshiphouse.org)  
or call  
309-671-5200.

For more information on  
the Jewelry Cooperative  
and other Friendship  
House programs.





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**You can be part of this success story!**

**Help support this program by selling bracelets through your church, local organizations or women's group.**





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