

## The Friends Foundation ♥ Information About Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Program ♥

Many seniors live alone, or under circumstances in which they may not be able to get to a phone to summon help in case of a fall or medical emergency. A medical alert device provides a method for reaching help simply by pushing a button on the device, which is worn at all times as a necklace or bracelet. This provides peace of mind for the seniors as well as for family members.

The equipment includes a communicator device that must be plugged in and placed in a central location in your house, and either a necklace or bracelet with the pushbutton. The equipment only works in and near your house; it will not work if you are away from home. However, if you need to stay at another location temporarily, the service can be transferred for that period.

To sign up for the Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Program, please complete the application and send it to the address at the bottom of the page. (This is not an income or age-based program; financial statements are not required.) Upon receipt of a complete application, a Friends Foundation Board member will contact you about opening your account with Philips Lifeline, and order the equipment; he or she will then arrange with you and your primary contact to install the equipment, at your convenience.

The Friends Foundation agrees to pay the monthly cost to lease the equipment from Philips Lifeline, beginning on the date the equipment is installed, for as long as the recipient/client remains in the greater Dripping Springs area. The monthly lease will automatically renew itself unless either party gives written notice of its intent to cancel.

Philips Lifeline clients (or their designee) must call The Friends Foundation as soon as the equipment is no longer needed, so that the lease can be cancelled and pick-up of the equipment can be arranged. Failure to return the equipment in a timely manner will result in a charge to the recipient of \$400 (\$500 if for wireless equipment, required if connected via a mobile phone).

It's important to understand that while the Medical Alert system increases protection, it doesn't guarantee it. The recipient should whenever practical use all other safety and medical devices and techniques available for additional protection; including (but not limited to) basic health precautions, and adherence to physicians' directions and recommendations.

The Friends Foundation provides support to the elderly in the greater Dripping Springs area; including the Our Daily Bread Program, Financial Assistance, Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Program, Smoke Alarm Installation & Maintenance, 911 Address Signs, and the Butterflies are Free Program (for more information see <u>www.thefriendsfoundation.org</u>). Contributions to The Friends Foundation are greatly appreciated, and are tax deductible. The Friends Foundation's governance and services are provided by an all-volunteer workforce; donations directly underwrite the cost of services.



## The Friends Foundation ♥ Application for Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Service ♥

Name			DOB	//
Physical Address				
Mailing Address				
City	Zip	Phone # _		
Type of Phone: Land Line? () Cell Phone?	() Date of A	pplication		
Physician		_Phone # _		
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION				
Contact Name				
Relationship				
Address				
City	_Zip			
Phone 1:	Phone 2:			
I certify that the information above is true and that I am applying to The Friends Foundation f leased by The Friends Foundation on my behal Foundation when the equipment is no longer charged by Philips Lifeline (\$500 if wireless), if	or Philips Lifeline If. I also understa needed, and that	Medical Alo nd that I mu I will be bill	ert equipn Ist notify T led for the	nent, to be The Friends \$400 fee

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Installer notes: