



Family MATTERS

The Friendly Home Family Newsletter

The Old Oak Tree Has New Life

What's old is new again! Recent visitors to The Friendly Home have seen the beautiful new round oak table in our front entrance area. This striking piece was crafted out of the mighty 150-year old pin oak tree that used to stand in the center of the south lawn of The Friendly Home. "We sincerely regretted that the large oak had to be taken down as part of the building project," explains James E. Dewhirst, President & CEO of The Friendly Home. "Back in June 2008 when construction started on the new addition that now houses Lindsay Place and Morgan Place, we retained the wood from the oak. We knew we wanted to create furniture from the tree's trunk that would be a lasting tribute to its beauty and strength."



(Above) The oak tree was located on the south side of The Friendly Home, between the "old" TCC and the school next door.

(Center) A worker trims the branches of the oak tree in preparation for taking it down.



(Far right) The beautiful new table located in the Home's entrance area was made out of the oak's trunk and stained in classic English Chestnut.



The process for cutting and curing the wood prior to crafting the table took two months. About 125 feet of lumber was used for the table.

A quarter sawing process was used to achieve the unique wood grain look.

Local craftsman Bob Robinson from Out of the Woods in Victor designed and built the table.

