



## December 2020 Newsletter

*To give aid and encouragement in promoting the education and well-being of at-risk children in the state of Georgia.*

If you feel like me, you might need a bit of humor in life these days, so here's a few holiday jokes, corny enough to share with your family this season:

- What's every elf's favorite type of music? *Wrap*
- Why did Frosty ask for a divorce? *His wife was a total flake*
- What's Santa Claus's favorite track and field event? *North Pole-Vaulting*
- What does Simba celebrate on December 22? *Hanukkah Matata*
- Where do Santa and his elves go to vote? *The North Poll*
- Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? *He was picking his nose*
- How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? *Nothing – it was on the house*
- What do you call a yeti with a six-pack? *The Abdominal Snowman*
- What do cows and horses light when celebrating Hanukkah? *A 'manure'-ah*
- What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa? *A Christmas quacker*
- How does the snow globe feel this year? *A little shaken*
- What do you call a blind reindeer? *I have no eye dear*



Mwah,  
Elaine LaMontagne, Co-President

The holiday season is upon us and I want to wish each and every Circle member a wonderful and joyous filled season, no matter the holiday we each celebrate. This year the holidays will be different, no member holiday party and other get togethers, but that doesn't mean you can't jump in and be filled with the holiday spirit. So many of you generously donated gifts to the children at Devereux and now those gifts all need to be wrapped. Join in on the wrapping party at Devereux on December 17 from 1-4 PM. I promise, it will be fun and feel so good!! Details in this newsletter.

Last month I played a little game to see who reads the newsletter. I was overwhelmed with how many of you played along and responded! Thank you so much. Last months winners were Tricia Leuallen, Debbie Cohan, and Mary Beth Wegener. Play along again in January!

Love to all of you and your families!!

Xoxo,  
Danielle Houret-Lam, Co-President

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### Holiday Gift Wrapping Party

Devereux Advanced  
Behavioral Health  
Thursday, December 17  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

#### Executive Board Meeting

Location TBD  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

#### Winter General Meeting and Fashion Show

Atlanta Country Club  
Wednesday, February 10  
11:00 am

#### Zumba Junior Social

Dance it Off, Sandy Springs  
Wednesday, February 17  
7:00 - 7:30 pm

#### Patron Party for

#### Ultimate Tailgate Sponsors

Terrapin Taproom and Braves' Truist  
Park, The Battery  
Sunday, March 14, 2021  
4:00 pm

#### Ultimate Tailgate

College Football Hall of Fame  
Saturday, March 20  
6:30 - 11:00 pm

**INSPIRATIONAL SPORTS QUOTES POSTER - GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!**

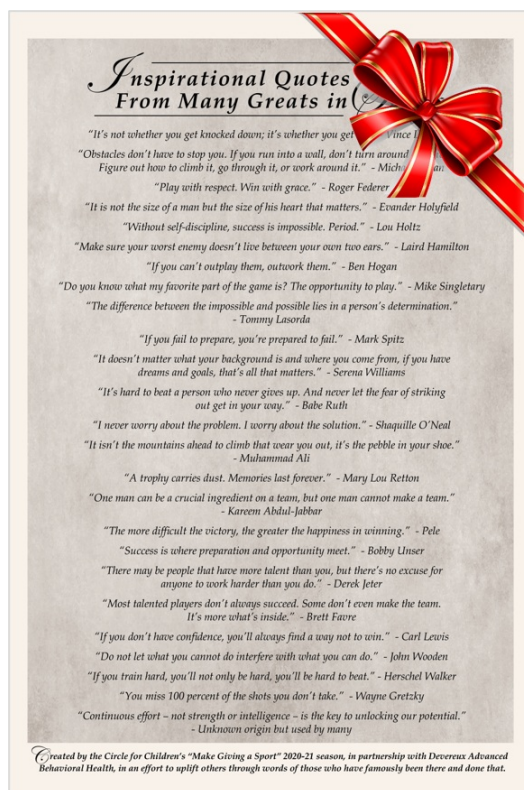


We added a unique fundraising element to the 2020-21 year, which perfectly aligns with our "Make Giving a Sport" theme. A poster with inspirational quotes by sports greats was researched, designed and printed to be sold for \$25 each. All proceeds will go to Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia, the Circle's charity beneficiary, plus a poster will be given to each of the approximately 150 youth receiving treatment at Devereux.

Hundreds of famous quotes by celebrity athletes were considered and whittled down to 50. Then the children in treatment at Devereux voted for their favorites. The top 25 are highlighted in the final product, including quotes from such power athletes as Muhammad Ali, Mary Lou Retton, Brett Favre and Derek Jeter. The high quality poster is 36" x 24" and has a vintage feel with bronze-like lettering and a creamy background. The simplicity and neutral tones make it an easy addition to most rooms, whether a family room, bedroom or office.

"Let's face it, most people love sports and respect the words and perspectives of those who make it big in their careers. I love the idea of sharing uplifting messages to others, especially at-risk youth who need all the support they can get. And honestly, it's a beautiful piece of art for anyone's home or office," notes Elaine LaMontagne, Circle for Children President.

**To purchase a poster, you can simply contact Elaine LaMontagne at 404-295-9510 or at [elainelamontagne123@gmail.com](mailto:elainelamontagne123@gmail.com), or on the Circle Website at [circle4children.org](http://circle4children.org) under the "Payment" category.**



## ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT - ULTIMATE TAILGATE EXPERIENCE

A toast to the wonderful Circle members who we are pleased to welcome and introduce as the Ultimate Tailgate Committee: Grace Becerra, Sue Butler, Sarah Davis, Lucy Dorris, Cindy Formica, Pat Iaffaldano, Kimblery Johnson, Anne Keane, Katherine Kernis, Tricia Leuallen, Terri McKendry, Katherine Mielcuszny, Nichole Miller, Kim Sherk, Doris VanWagenen, Brenda Vazquez and Gina Villnow.

We will be squeezing in a meeting safely outdoors before Christmas so if you want to join this fun and creative group of Circle members for the gala planning or the auction committee please email [heatherrees27@gmail.com](mailto:heatherrees27@gmail.com).

Be on the lookout in January for your Ultimate Tailgate Invitation. If you would like an invitation mailed to a friend, neighbor or acquaintance, please email [heatherrees27@gmail.com](mailto:heatherrees27@gmail.com).



## SUPPORT THE ULTIMATE TAILGATE

Make Giving a Sport by attending the Ultimate Tailgate, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the College Football Hall of Fame. And if you or someone you know can take it a step further as a sponsor, by all means DO IT! Peggy and Tom Cannon as well as Moore Colson CPAs and Advisors (Elaine and Steve LaMontagne) have each committed \$5,000 already! The Atlantan Modern Luxury, 680 the Fan and Chattahoochee Charm are also sponsors!



### Presenting Sponsor - \$10,000

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- Named as Presenting Sponsor on all Ultimate Tailgate related materials
- 8 tickets to Ultimate Tailgate, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at College Football Hall of Fame
- 6 tickets to Patron Party, Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Cocktail Party at Terrapin Taproom in the Battery, followed by a special behind-the-scenes tour of Braves' Truist Park
- Full page ad in Ultimate Tailgate program
- Opportunity for custom tie-ins to enhance company goals and event experience
- Company logo prominently featured on marketing materials including Ultimate Tailgate invitation, Patron Party invitation, Ultimate Tailgate program, event signage and noted in publicity materials
- Prominent logo inclusion in full page ad in Modern Luxury's Atlantan Magazine, January/February 2021
- Recognized in full page feature in Chattahoochee Charm Magazine
- Company logo on the Circle for Children website with hyperlink to company website through May 2021
- Feature article in Circle for Children newsletter during event season
- Social media postings during event season
- Verbal recognition at all Circle for Children events

### Gold Sponsor - \$5,000

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- 6 tickets to Ultimate Tailgate, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at College Football Hall of Fame
- 4 tickets to Patron Party, Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Cocktail Party at Terrapin Taproom in the Battery, followed by a special behind-the-scenes tour of Braves' Truist Park
- Full page ad in Ultimate Tailgate program
- Company logo highlighted on marketing materials including Ultimate Tailgate invitation, Patron Party invitation, Ultimate Tailgate program, event signage and noted in publicity materials
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### Silver Sponsor - \$2500

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- 4 tickets to Ultimate Tailgate, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at College Football Hall of Fame
- 2 tickets to Patron Party, Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Cocktail Party at Terrapin Taproom in the Battery, followed by a special behind-the-scenes tour of Braves' Truist Park
- ½ page ad in Ultimate Tailgate program
- Company name highlighted on marketing materials, including Ultimate Tailgate invitation, Patron Party invitation, Ultimate Tailgate program and event signage
- Name inclusion in full page ad in Modern Luxury's Atlantan Magazine, January/February 2021

### Patron Sponsor - \$1000

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- 2 tickets to Ultimate Tailgate, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at College Football Hall of Fame
- 2 tickets to Patron Party, Sunday, March 14, 2021 – Cocktail Party at Terrapin Taproom in the Battery, followed by a special behind-the-scenes tour of Braves' Truist Park
- Name recognition in Ultimate Tailgate program

## Make Giving a Sport - Auction SignUp

Make this year's auction fun and exciting, all while raising funds to support our beneficiaries, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health and the Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund. Collaborate with a friend and get inspired (two people can sign up for each basket), and sign up to procure items for an auction basket!



The holiday shopping season is the PERFECT time to be asking stores to donate items to help fill your basket!

**Don't see a basket you want to sign up for?** Contact Kristin Harbison at [kristinlgross@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlgross@gmail.com) so we can create a custom slot for you!

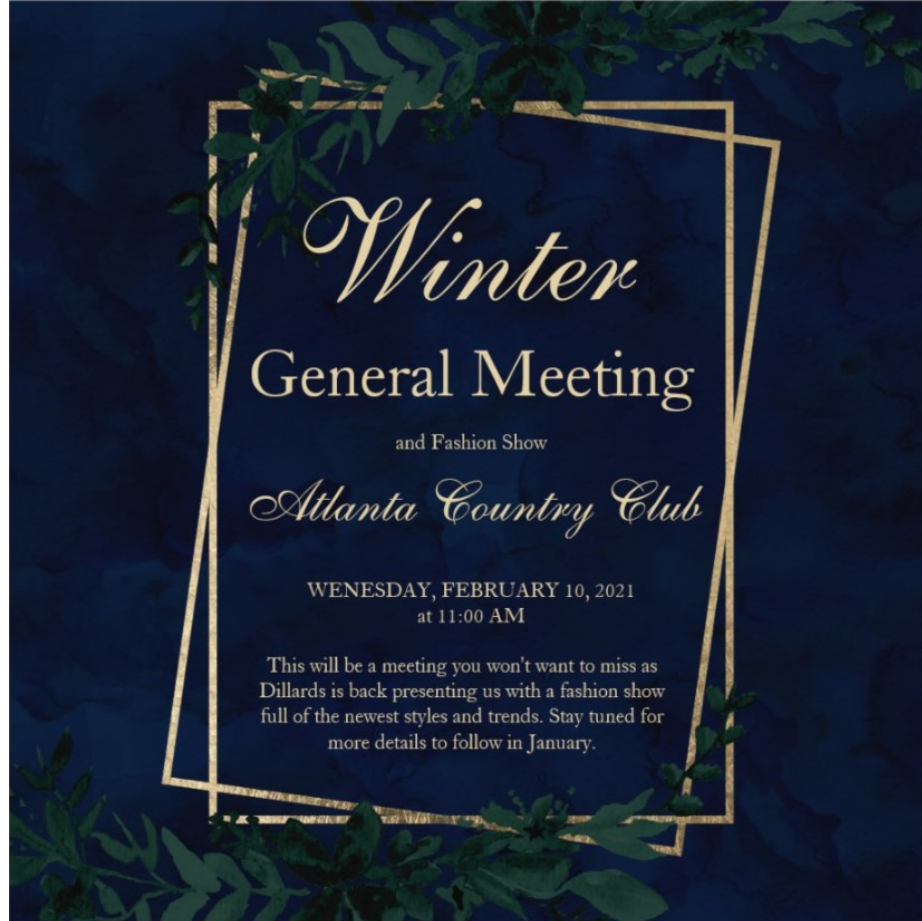
**Sign up Deadline:** January 1st

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

***Don't Forget: Members are required to sign up to help with creating an auction basket - those that don't sign up before deadline will be assigned to help a group with a basket!***

## UPCOMING EVENTS





## DEVEREUX UPDATE

### Holiday Volunteer Opportunity at Devereux



#### Holiday Wrapping Party

Thursday, December 17, 2020, 1-4 pm

1291 Stanley Road, NW, Kennesaw (In the Gym)

*We need 15 volunteers to help wrap the gifts for Devereux children, and afterwards, you are welcome to help decorate the Gymnasium.*

***We currently have 5 volunteers and need 10 more! Contact BJ at [BJWooldridge@bellsouth.net](mailto:BJWooldridge@bellsouth.net) or 678-571-1459 to sign up!***

### SPECIAL PROPS TO OUR BJ WOOLDRIDGE!

Sending out huge hugs and appreciation to our **Charity Liaison, BJ Wooldridge**, for the above and beyond time and effort she puts into her role for the Circle for Children!

She is so dedicated to making life better for the children at Devereux, from arranging fun yet healthy food and activities for a calendar full of events to arranging gifts for the kids' holidays, and special décor touches to brighten their environment.



**“** We appreciate BJ and the Circle more than can be imagined. BJ is so good to us and it makes a big difference here on our campus. Our children have never had the kind of attention that BJ and the Circle is giving them. Thank you BJ! **”**

*Gwen Skinner, Vice President of Operations, Devereux Georgia*





**A BIG big Thank You** to the Circle Members who signed up to provide Christmas gifts for the children at Devereux! The gifts were delivered November 23rd and will be ready for wrapping on December 17th. They'll ultimately put smiles on the children's faces on Christmas Day!

Thank you to Heather Rees who assisted as the drop off location for all the gifts - she did a fabulous job collecting and organizing the gifts!



On November 1st, BJ Woolridge helped decorate the cafeteria and provided table cloths and pumpkins for the staff to decorate for Thanksgiving Day.

Dolly Fehd got the students involved with helping with the table decorations by making three large leaves to go under each pumpkin. The cafeteria looks great with new tables and chairs, fresh paint and a TV!

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### Membership Spotlight: Terri McKendry

**How long have you lived in Atlanta?** We have lived in Atlanta for a year. We moved here from Jacksonville, FL with my husband's company, Ameris Bank. Before Florida, we lived in North Carolina for 13 years (Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro) . We are originally from the midwest.

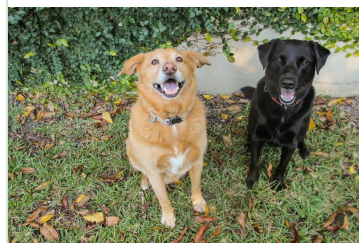
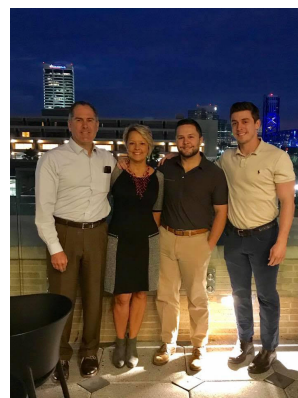
**How did you hear about the Circle for Children?** Pat Iaffaldano told me about the Circle when I told her I was looking for volunteer opportunities and wanting to meet people.

**What made you decide to join?** Initially, I went to the Circle website and was excited to see their community involvement and the social events they host. After attending a meeting, I knew it was a great fit for me. Everyone has been so welcoming and fun to be around.

**Tell us about some of your interests or hobbies** - I enjoy golf, spending a good amount of time playing and practicing. I also am a writer- journaling and blogging when I have time. I was in a writing group in JAX, and once Covid is over, I hope to join one here. I also have a peloton, do yoga, strength training and hiking. In fact, I just did an Appalachian Trail section hike in Shenandoah National Park with a high school girlfriend. We hiked for 6 days, sleeping in tents, filtering our own water and cooking by fire. I also enjoy sports, especially football and basketball. My favorite college team is Notre Dame. Go Irish!

**Tell us about your family** - I have been married to my husband Bill for 27 years now. We have two boys, Colin (26) and Kevin (24). Colin received his Master of Science in Data Analytics in May and is job hunting. Kevin is half way through law school at Villanova University. They both played D1 College Lacrosse so my husband and I travelled to the Northeast often to cheer them on for many years. We have two lab mixes we rescued 8 years ago, Marley is the black lab and Griffin is the yellow one.

**What are your favorite destination spots in the country and world that someday you will visit again?** Vegas is a fun long weekend for us since we both love to play blackjack and Texas Hold'em. We have also taken couples and family trips





to the Bahamas and Aruba over the years. Our most recent family vacation was to Italy- Venice, Florence and Rome. Although I have been to San Diego, I have Wine Country on my bucket list. France and Greece are also future destinations. That being said, I also enjoy a simple trip to the mountains or beach.



#### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

**Do you like your photo in the directory?** No? Well take a new one! Everyone looks great in the summer with sun kissed cheeks!

*Send your photo anytime to  
Circle4children@gmail.com*



December 2	Katherine Holland
December 3	Cindy Samples
December 5	Cathy Haire
December 8	Rita Robb Furness
December 13	Anne Smith
December 20	Sandra Daniels
December 29	BJ Wooldridge
December 31	Marybeth Wegener

If your birthday (month and day) is not in the new Circle directory, please email that information. We would love to acknowledge that special day.

triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com

#### Circle Celebration Fund

Can't think of a gift for a friend? Consider donating to the Circle Celebration Fund in their name. A lovely acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree informing them of the donation you made in their name. Please contact Tricia Leuallen if you would like to donate [triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com](mailto:triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com)

#### Circle Correspondence

Please send any Circle Correspondence to the Corresponding Secretary, [triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com](mailto:triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com) for announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so Tricia can send the appropriate correspondence. Also, indicate if the information should be posted in the newsletter.



#### What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Circle for Children every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selection as [amazon.com](https://amazon.com), with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Circle.

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) uses your current Amazon account.

#### How Do I Get Started?

Click the button below to get started or on your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you will be asked to select a charity. Type in The Circle for Children. Click the "select" box next to it. Click "agree" to confirm you have been informed that you must go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) every time you make a purchase in order for the Circle to receive the charitable donation from Amazon.

**Click Here to Sign Up for Amazon Smile**



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