



The Inner Circle

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Message from the President



Photo: Chris Crawford, President

Whenever fall rolls around, I am reminded of how much I enjoyed school! Each year meant a new book bag, new outfits, new friends and a fresh start! So...maybe not so much has changed, after all (except the prices)? We are off to a brand new start this Fall with the Circle for Children. Take a close look at the Circle opportunities in this Newsletter and find a place where you can join in the fun.

With all the Committee activity going on, there is bound to be some place where they could use your help! You can contact the Committee Chairs by phone, email or plan to speak with them at the Circle Luncheons. Your involvement this year will make this "Circle of Friends" even stronger! ●

Sincerely,

Chris

Chris Crawford

New Member Party

The New Member Party was held at the home of Bill and Martha Bechtel. Thank you Bill and Martha for hosting this evening in such a beautiful setting which created a fun evening! VP of Membership and Creative Chair, Mary Ann Hiatt, along with Nona Lacy, Creative Co-chair, produced a sports theme "Come Join our Team" party to welcome our new members. Pennants were on

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Carnavale - A Night in Venice



Photo: (L-R) Chantal Bagwell, Co-Chair and Shirley Whitmire 2009 Ball Chair

Get ready for the most spectacular event of the season. Coming March 21, 2009, The Circle for Children will present "Carnavale - a night in Venice" at The Retreat of Dunwoody (Crawford Building), located at Perimeter Summit in Atlanta. Guests will be escorted into the beautifully decorated ballroom by ushers fully dressed in Venetian Carnival attire. You will feel as if you have escaped into the mystery of Italy as you stroll among colors of purple, yellow, and green symbolizing the festive Carnival of Venice.

Ladies will feel right in tune wearing a colorful long or cocktail length dress, with gents donning a carnival colored tie to go with their tux. All of this to raise funds for our designated charity, The Center for Children and Young Adults.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the ball committee and making This Event the most talked about fund raiser to date.

On a more personal note - please, please make your reservation early. Tickets are already

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Volunteer Opportunities for Circle Members

OPEN GATE

9 bed facility for boys and girls ages birth to 12

ANOTHER CHANCE

24 bed facility for boys and girls ages 13 to 17

TURNING POINT

10 bed transitional living program for young adults ages 17 to 21

Services, Provisions and Supplies Needed:

- Meals to be served and interaction with the children
- Host instructional arts and craft activities
- Organize and participate in games activities
- Decorating, furniture replacement
- Cleaning and organizing kitchen and pantry
- Supply and arrange toiletry, school supplies and clothing closets

Specific Facility Needs:

ANOTHER CHANCE

- New Bedroom Furniture (twin bed, chest of drawers, mattress, boxed springs)
- New Bathroom Furnishings (shower curtain liner, shower rod, bath linens, waste basket, clothes hamper, laundry basket)

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- Mentor and Instruct Life Skills courses including:
 - How to prepare a grocery list
 - How to shop smart using sales and coupons
 - How to manage money wisely
 - How to dress for success
 - How to interview for a job

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to team up with other Circle members, your friends and family to share your knowledge and resources so that we can make life more meaningful for these deserving children. Please email the circle@bellsouth.net with your areas of interest and expertise.

Thank you,

Chris Crawford
2008-9 President, The Circle for Children

2008 - 2009 Chairty



Photo: Carol Carr, Charity Liaison

The Circle is pleased to again be partnering with **The Center for Children and Young Adults** as this year's chosen charity. It's mission is to provide a temporary emergency shelter for abused and neglected children and youth in Cobb County. However, in 2006 The Center served children and youth in 22 counties in the state of Georgia. Please go to www.umbrellaweb.org for more information regarding it's programs.

Merrill Autry is the Development Manager for the Center and our liason with the charity.

The address of The Center is: **The Center for Children and Young Adults**, 2221 Austell Road, Suite A, Marietta, Georgia 30008.

The Charity Liaison for The Circle for Children this year is **Carol Carr**. As chair, I will be scheduling a tour of the Center for new members and anyone else interested in seeing the facility. We will be organizing meals to serve as a treat to the children and staff.

There are lot's of service opportunities: host instructional arts and craft activities, organize and participate in game activities, decorating and furniture replacement, cleaning and organizing kitchen and pantry, supply and arrange toiletry, school supplies and clothing closets

If interested contact carolcarr@bellsouth.net. Sign-up at the October lucheon meeting.

2008 - 2009 Board

Meet the Officers for the 2008 - 2009 year:

President: **Chris Crawford**

1st VP: **Sally Davis**

VP Ball: **Shirley Whitmire**

VP Membership: **Mary Ann Heitt**

VP Auction: **Jo-Ann Zbytniewski**

Recording Sec: **Donna Brown**

Corresponding Sec: **Trish Chapman**

Project Treasure: **Sharon Swinehammer-Amini**

Swinehammer-Amini

General Treasurer: **Terry Simone**

Please logon to our website:

www.thecircleforchildren.org for a list of our Board of Directors and Committee Chairwomen.

Big News: We now have a PAYMENTS page on our website: www.thecircleforchildren.org/payments where members can pay dues, luncheon fees, purchase Ball tickets, Raffle tickets, etc.!!



Photo: (Front row, L-R) Sally Davis, Chris Crawford, Shirley Whitmire, (Back row, L-R) Jo-Ann Zbytniewski, Donna Brown, Sharon Swinehammer-Amini, Mary Ann Hielt and Terry Simone, not pictured, Trish Chapman

Member News

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| Marth Bechtel | husband Bill, had heart surgery & received a pacemaker, and doing well |
| Chris Crawford | new baby granddaughter, Baby Cate |
| Anna Holt | husband, Lew, passed away |
| Lynn Hoffman | new granddaughter, Kaitlyn James Kipp who is redheaded like mom |
| Linda Keogler | surgery for an aneuysm on her spleen |
| Janie Kissing | father pass away in September |

Please send news about our members to the corresponding secretary, Trish Chapman so that she can send cards to our friends. Trish's email address: pbc8000@bellsouth.net.



Photo: Peggy Cannon, 2007 - 2008 President



Come Join Our Team!

We would like to invite you for an evening of fun, festivities and friendly competition. In honor of The Circle for Children's New Members on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 6:00pm Hosted at the home of Martha and Bill Bechtel 291 Thunderbird Trace Marietta, Georgia 30067 Casual Dress

Ticket includes 2 spins at the Wheel of Fortune



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the floral arrangements and real cheerleaders with pom poms cheered new and old members.

A Varsity concession could be heard yelling "What'll yah Have"! Dogs, Burgers, Fries and onion rings were served from a Varsity truck!

"A Big thank You to the New member's from Last Year . . . The Class of 2008" that did a wonderful job in helping usher in the new members . . . The Class of 2009!! Thanks to Sue Baer, Laura Berman. Marsha Brenner and Allison Haldeman.

A special thanks to Leslie Himot and Danielle Houret-Lam who helped at the check-in table meeting and greeting all the new members making them feel welcomed!

Also a special "Thank You" to one of our New members from the Class of 2009 who jumped in and let us put her to work on "The Wheel of Fortune". Thank you Meg Adams . . . What a way to start! The Wheel of Fortune was donated by Class of 2008 member Marsha Brenner!

A special thanks to our sponsors for making this event a fun night of friendly competition!!

- Anthony's
Avalanche Entertainment
Baldinos Giant Subs
Beauty and the Beat DJ Services - Ricky Disenza
Buckhead Restaurant Group
C&S Oyster and Seafood Bar
Crown Upholstery - Thanks to Mr. & Mrs Chang Haun
Goldberg Deli
Home Depot Merchants Walk
Horseradish Grill
JFL Corporation - Thanks to Jerry Lacy
Paper Mill Grill
Photographic Art by Marsha Brenner
Platinum Car Wash Johnson Ferry
Prestige Valet Services
Seals & Stamps Unlimited
Southern Design
Spaghetti Warehouse
TGI Friday's
That Special Touch
The Varsity
The Wine Shop at Parkaire - Thanks to Mark Brown



Photo: Maria Achecar



Photo: (L-R) Alan Rachels, Keith Waddell and Paul Jordan



Photo: Mary Ann Hiatt, New Member Chair



Photo: (L-R) Elizabeth Waddell, Peggy Cannon, Donna & Moe Shafer, Shirley Whitmire and Chris Crawford

CLASS OF 2009

New Members

- Meg Adams
Deborah Atkins
Lynn Babcock
Cathy Browning
Bridgett Connor
Christy Davoudpour
Suzi Goodman
Joann Gross
Catherine Hansell
Mary Lucy Holliday
Vicki Hugeley
Kathi Jordan
Gail Kumph
Susie LeGates
Sue Lekas
Maureen Lok
Fran Massey
Dorit Mordell
Dolly Norton Fehd
Lucie Rivera O'Ferrall
Judy Ott
Gail Rannou
Brittany Reed
Jean Riley
Kim Sherk
Melissa Stewart
Rosanne Rosenthal
Ginny Wegener

Sponsor

- Marsha Brenner
Carol Greenbaum
Allison Borden
Laura Berman
Shirley Whitmire
Shirley Whitmire
Danielle Houret Lam
Shirley Whitmire
Konni Minter
Rita Robb Furness
Laura Berman
Martha Bechtel
Martha Bechtel
Danielle Houret Lam
Jo-Ann Zbytniewski
Sally Davis
Nona Lacy
Marsha Brenner
Chris Kids
Annie York-Trujillo
Dottie Rachels
Jo-Ann Zbytniewski
Allison Haldeman
Andrea Morie
Sue Baer
Martha Bechtel
Sue Baer
Mary Ann Hiatt

Thank you for joining our team!



Photo: (L-R) Bob and Judy Ott, Kim and Paul Sherk



Photo: (L-R) J. Rea Crawley and Mary Lucy Holliday, Helen and Chuck Heyd



Photo: (L-R) Jim Sacha, Kathi Jordan, Pam Jordan and Sally Sacha



Calenda of Events

OCTOBER

Friday, October 17, Fall General Meeting and Luncheon

NOVEMBER

New Member Orientation
Past President's Luncheon

DECEMBER

Friday, December 5 - President's Brunch

JANUARY

Friday, January 23 - Winter Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 6 - Winter General Meeting & Luncheon

MARCH

Saturday, March 21 - "CARNAVALE" Circle Ball
The Retreat of Dunwoody

APRIL

Friday, April 17 - Spring Board Meeting

MAY

Friday, May 1 - Spring Board Meeting and Luncheon
Installation of Officers for 2009-2010

**Dates are subject to change; please mark your calendars now so that you will be available to attend. Invitations will be sent to all Circle events indicating time, location and other pertinent information*



Photo: (L-R) Sue Baer and Dottie Rachels



Photo: (L-R) Shellee Spagnoletto and Sharon Swinehammer-Amini



Photo: (L-R) Danielle Houret Lam and Cindy Samples

Fall Luncheon at Villa Christina

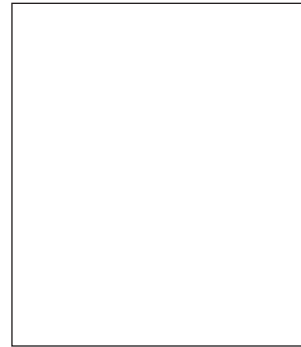


Photo: Carol Greenbaum
General Meetings &
Luncheons Chair

The Circle For Children is proud to announce that our fall meeting and luncheon to support the Children of Tallulah Falls School will be held on Friday, October 17th at 10:30 a.m. The venue is Villa Christina. Tallulah Falls representatives Larry Peavy and Mark Rasmussen will be our guest speakers.

A catered lunch consisting of Grilled Pesto Chicken with Pappardelle Pasta, an Italian Farm Green Salad followed by Key Lime Pie will be served.

Send your check for \$35 made payable to "The Circle" to Carol Greenbaum, 4727 Maple Brook SE, Marietta, GA 30067 or pay via our website at www.thecircleforchildren.org/payments.

Thank you for your help and support. See you at the Luncheon. Carol Greenbaum ●

Raffle Tickets Available



Photo: Donna Shafer, 2009
Raffle Chair

Donna Shafer is selling raffle tickets for the Circle Ball to be held on March 21, 2009. Raffle tickets are \$100.00 each which can be written off as a charitable donation. Only 200 tickets will be sold so get your girlfriends together, book club, tennis team, neighbors, etc. and buy a ticket. The odds are great. \$10,000 of the money collected goes to our Scholarship Program and \$10,000 is all yours. Tickets will be available at all general meetings and luncheons, board meetings and other events. All members are asked to please help out in the selling of these tickets. If you will be responsible for selling 5 or 10 tickets to your friends and neighbors, that would be great.

Contact Donna at 770-952-2416 or 770-363-3987 or email Donna at donnashafer@mindspring.com. You can mail your checks made out to **The Circle for Children** to Donna Shaffer, 4379 Chattahoochee Plantation Drive, Marietta, GA 30067. Credit cards are accepted and will be available at all events as well as www.thecircleforchildren.org.

The winner at the 2008 Ball was **Leslie Himot**. Congratulations Leslie!

Good luck and we will be glad to see that you get **"the winning ticket"**. ●

\$10,000 Raffle

to be drawn on
Saturday, March 21, 2009
proceeds to benefit the
"Circle For Children Scholarship Fund"

Donation \$100.00



Photo: Leslie Himot, 2008
Raffle Winner!



Photo: (L-R) Leslie Brown, Dottie Rachels, Sherri Roberson, Peggy Cannon and Cindy Samples



Photo: (L-R) Bob Meier, Tom Crawford, Tom Cannon, Roy Mallady and Bill Gross, 2008 Ball Sponsors



Photo: Roy Mallady, showing his appreciation for the art at 103 West during our Spring Luncheon



Photo: (Front, L-R) Bridgett Connor, Chantal Bagwell, Karen Marsh, (Back, L-R) Sharon Swinehammer-Amini, Elizabeth Waddell and Shirley Whitmire



A Shout-Out for the Silent Auction!



*Photo: Jo-Ann Zbytniewski
Auction Chair*

We just can't keep quiet about the **2009 Carnavale Silent Auction.**

And with your help and support, this upcoming Circle Ball event will once again help us to significantly contribute to our designated charity, The Center for Children.

It's not too early to start looking to your favorite shops and businesses, friends, family and associates for donation ideas and auction items.

We're trying to get a head start on this worthwhile endeavor so we can ensure

a highly rewarding outcome and build on last year's success.

An auction **Wish List** will be circulated shortly to your e-mail. Hopefully it will inspire you with donation ideas that will help make the March 21, 2009 Circle Ball Silent Auction the best ever for the support of The Center and the many local area children it serves. ●

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available online. This will help keep my stress level to a minimum. I love all of you.

Shirley
Shirley Whitmire, Ball Chair

"I am looking forward to seeing how our vision of the Venetian Ball will become 'Carnavale' and I already feel it will be the talk of the town! This is going to be so exciting and so much fun! I already sense many will not want to miss it. The 'party' atmosphere we are creating will motivate people to raise a record amount for the Center for Children and Young Adults. Looking forward to the beautiful array of masks and colorful evening wear."

Chantal
Chantal Bagwell, Ball Co-Chair ●

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