



# August 2020 Newsletter

*To give aid and encouragement in promoting the education and welfare of children in the state of Georgia.*

Here are my wishes, gentle requests and hopes for the Circle membership ...

1. Please take the time to read through the information in the Presidents Package sent to you via mail this past week ... THEN ...
2. Complete the annual membership form to renew your membership – it's so important as it jumpstarts our year ... AND ...
3. Mark the events in your calendar! It has been surreal crossing out event after event, meeting after meeting, trip after trip in our calendars for much of this year. We hope that many of you will be able to participate in the scheduled activities, and to those unable or not quite ready to, we totally understand. We'll do our best to keep a realistic momentum going, and every individual can jump back in when truly ready.
4. Feel comfort in knowing that the staff at Devereux are dedicated to taking care of the youth in their care on a beautiful, protected campus.
5. No matter what, stay optimistic! Our organization's name features a CIRCLE – showcasing unity, connectivity and continuity.



On a different note, we have expanded our media sponsorship family as 680 The Fan Radio Station has joined our team this year – it's a natural fit with our theme of "Make Giving a Sport"! More exciting details to come regarding this relationship, but we are thrilled to have them onboard.

Lastly, there's a special "Poster" project in the works. I'll be sharing more at the August General Meeting and the next newsletter – stay tuned!

Mwah,  
Elaine, Co-President

Dear Circle Members,

Is it really already August?? This summer is flying by, but I guess that happens when you are busy planning and plotting for the new Circle year. First up on our agenda was getting your Circle application in the mail to you. I hope that you received yours and maybe even filled it out already!

Please don't delay in sending in your application, do it now!! And as I mentioned in my letter with the application (what, you didn't read it??) please consider adding a little extra to the donation line items. I'm afraid this year will prove to be a bit challenging in the fund-raising arena, so if you can, please help us out. Every dollar counts.

Also, in this newsletter, please find the results for the survey we sent out last month. We know these are difficult times and everyone's situation is different. My

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Executive Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 19

**Summer General Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 26

**GOGA Goat Yoga**  
Atlantis Dream Farm, Milton  
Tuesday, September 22

**Executive Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 23

**Fall General Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 7

goal is to try to make any get-together we have feel safe to the most cautious of us, so more will feel at ease joining in. If you are not still not ready to join us in person, no worries. We will find a way to make you feel plugged in.

Now send in that application!!

Circle love,  
Danielle, Co-President

**New Member Orientation**  
Sunday, October 18

**Golf Tournament**  
Country Club of Roswell  
Monday, October 26

**Devereux Harvest Festival**  
Friday, October 30  
1:00 - 4:00 pm



*Be aware that we have a rain date of  
August 27th, 6:30 PM*

## Summer General Meeting

The first General Meeting of the new Circle year is scheduled for **August 26th, 6:30 PM, at the home of Co-President Elaine LaMontagne**. A box meal and wine will be served.

It has been challenging to plan our first meeting due to the pandemic. The survey results (see below) were overwhelmingly in favor of a meeting in a backyard with social distancing. We are fortunate that Elaine has a backyard big enough to accommodate setting our chairs 6 feet apart. So dress for the warm weather and be prepared to give your Circle friends "air hugs"

**Please save the date and watch your inbox for the invitation with more details soon.**

Denise Pont and Nancy Van Gorp  
Co-Chairs General Meetings

We will once again be collecting items for the students at Devereux at our general meetings. These collections are much appreciated by both the staff and students.

First up will be composition notebooks (**no spirals**) and word search books (**no staples**). The composition books come in many different colors, black & white, green & white, red & white, purple & white and other various colorful combinations. Please bring your donations to the Summer general meeting on August 26th.

Please contact BJ Wooldridge with any questions: Cell/Text 678-571-1459 or [bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net)

## Annual Fundraising Event

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would love for you to join the Annual Fundraising Team. If you would like to be a part of the event committee please email [Heather Rees](#).

If you would like to be a part of the Auction Committee please email [Kristin Harbison](#). We have the heavy lifting done already so it's just the fun stuff now. We value everyone's ideas and input. This event will be a grand slam event - with your help!

### PATRON PARTY

We have also planned an exciting Patron Party for our sponsors and will have more details in the September newsletter!





## SAVE THE DATE

GET **READY** TO SHAKE YOUR  
TAIL FEATHERS **AT THE**  
**CIRCLE'S** CHIC TAILGATE!

**MARCH 20, 2020**  
**AT 6:30 PM**



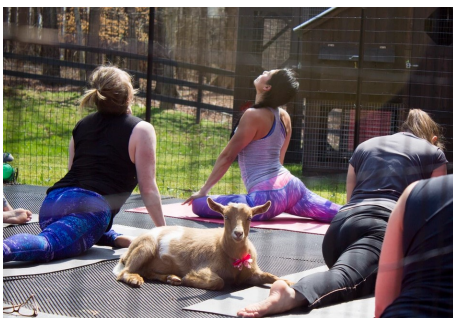
**ALL ACCESS VIP PASS**

We are delighted to announce that **680 The Fan** radio station will serve as our exclusive radio sponsor for the upcoming year! It's a perfectly natural fit for our theme of "Make Giving a Sport".



More details to come on this relationship – but we're excited they have joined our media sponsorship team, along with long-term magazine sponsor of Modern Luxury/The Atlantan.

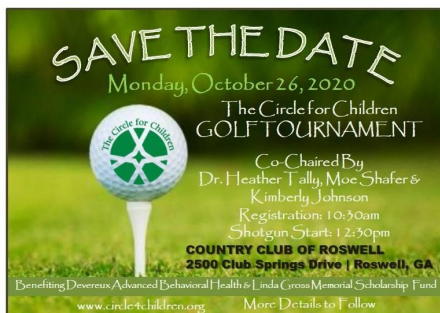
## UPCOMING EVENTS



### GOGA Session (Goat Yoga)

Join us on **September 22, 2020** for our first social outing of the new year! Whether you are a first timer or have been practicing yoga for years, you will walk away from your GOGA session feeling relaxed, refreshed and happy.

The yoga instructors at **Atlantis Dream Farm** (in Milton, GA) will take you through a zen-ful yoga session at **10:45 am**. (Rain Date Friday September 25)



### Golf Tournament

Save the Date for the Circle for Children's annual Golf Tournament! The event will be held at the **Country Club of Roswell** on **Monday, October 26, 2020**.

[Learn More and Reserve Your Spot!](#)

Look for an email coming soon with all the precautions being taken to make the golf tournament a safe experience for all. Please note we will need commitments from all golfers by **August 31!**





**Ladies Lunch and Shopping Day**  
**November 4, 2020**  
**America's Mart, Atlanta**  
*More Details Coming Soon!*



**Virtual Reality Experience -**  
**Jr. Social Outing**  
**November 11, 2020**  
**The Void at Battery Atlanta**  
*More Details Coming Soon!*

**Visit Our Website for More Information About Upcoming Events**

## DEVEREUX UPDATE

### Looking for Creative Circle Volunteers!

Thanks to the generous donation the Circle made to Devereux in the spring, they are able to redecorate their parent center on campus. They are using a portion of the funds we donated to complete this long overdue project.

They are asking if a group of Circle members would help brainstorm ideas on a furnishings layout, color scheme and decorating plan. The first meeting will take place onsite at Devereux, **Thursday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m.** with Gwen Skinner (Devereux Operational VP) and Rita Furness.



Please call or text Rita Furness at 770-355-3696 or email her at [ritafrobb@aol.com](mailto:ritafrobb@aol.com) by August 1. This will be a great way to enhance the Devereux experience for its youth, and connect with fellow Circle members!

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health is located at 1291 Stanley Road NW, Kennesaw

To The Circle members a big **Thank You** for your generous donations of stationery, greeting cards and playing card games that you dropped off at Heather Rees' home to help the needs of the youth at Devereux. A special thanks for Heather offering her house to be the drop off location, since our May 6 General Meeting had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. The amount of the items collected above and given to Devereux Total \$525.40.



## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

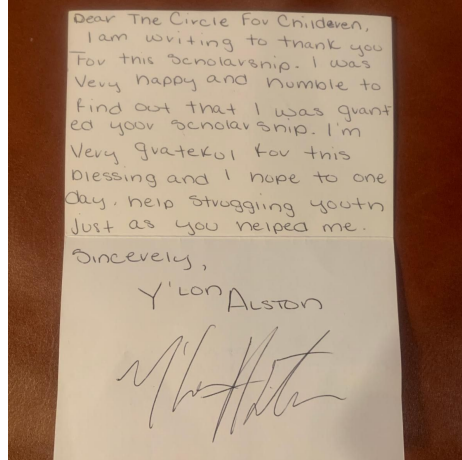
The Scholarship Committee is gearing up for our new year and will soon be contacting our scholarship recipients and encouraging them as they enter this new "crazy" school year! We hope and pray school "opens" and "stays open" as students have struggled with on-line learning.

We are happy to report that all of our previous students



qualified to receive the scholarship again for this coming year and will be returning to their same school! We also have two in-coming freshmen that we are very excited about. I received a very special thank you note from our new freshmen recipient from CCYA. I hope you will enjoy reading the attached note. If anyone would like to join our committee and be a mentor to one of these students we would love to have you join us!

Doris Van Wagenen  
Belinda Vogel  
Scholarship Committee co-chair



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Hello everyone,  
The Membership Committee would like to encourage all members to fill out their 2020-21 application and send to:

Lynn Thompson  
541 Rivercliff Trace  
Marietta, Ga 30067



**We would like to encourage all members to bring in at least 1 new member this year.** We will have New Member Packets available soon. Please reach out to us for your new member. Looking forward to serving The Circle for Children this coming year.

Membership Committee  
Lynn Thompson  
Pat Iaffaldano

## Survey Results

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the survey we sent out concerning how comfortable you were with different scenarios for meeting as a group.

We had a good response, with 61 Circle members letting us know their thoughts. We really appreciate all who participated and helped us plan how to move forward with our first general meeting planned for August 26<sup>th</sup>.

- **57.6%** of the respondents were not comfortable at this time with a traditional meeting held in a restaurant.
- **43.1%** of you were comfortable meeting on either a screened in porch or outside patio, **16.7%** would only consider an outside patio, while **6.7%** only felt comfortable on a screened in porch, and **33.3%** of you were not comfortable with either.
- On the hot issue of masks: **43%** preferred wearing masks inside and outside, **31 %** no masks at all and **25%** said inside only.
- And finally a whopping **67%** of you preferred a general meeting in a backyard with social distancing and a boxed meal.

As we move forward during these trying times, please know that your health, safety and comfort are our top priority.



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*

August 2 Donna Aycock  
August 17 Kim Sherk  
August 22 Lucy Bartlett Dorris  
August 25 Kristin Harbison

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

## SAVE YOUR PURSES

Several of our members have asked if we are ever going to have a purse fundraiser again. WELL, we are going to try to have one in the 2021-2022 Circle year.

SO please save your purses and ask all your friends and relatives to save theirs as well. That gives us over a year to collect and we know you have had PLENTY of time to clean out your closets. Thanks for your generosity.

Cindy Andrew Formica



### 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

### Circle Correspondence

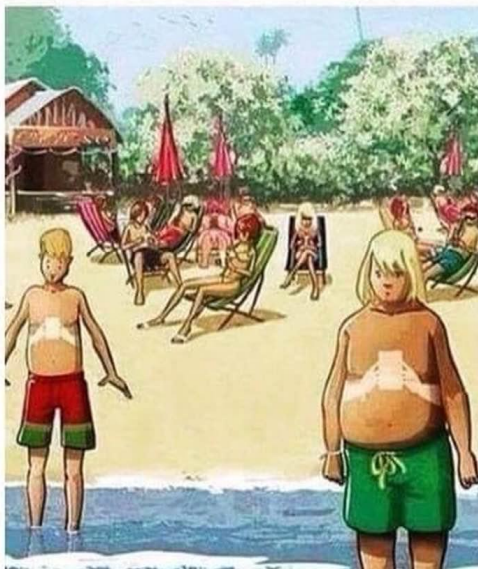
Please send any Circle Correspondence to the Corresponding Secretary, triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com for announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so Tricia can send the appropriate correspondence. Also, indicate if the information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



*Circle member Jan Giles keeps us all laughing on her social media ... we can all use more humor in our lives, so thank you Jan for sharing!*



### The tan-lines of the next generation..



leaving the house in 2019: keys,  
phone, purse, water

leaving the house in 2020: keys,  
phone, purse, water, face mask, hand  
sanitiser, latex gloves, holy water,  
wooden stake, full medieval body  
armour



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#### 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.

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