



Steel Magnolias

November 2018

President's Corner

Circle Members,

The weather is turning colder and the leaves are beginning to change to bright colors. It's the perfect season to get involved with the Circle for Children and the many exciting things we are doing to help Georgia's children in need.

Your November Checklist

- Sign up to participate in The Circle for Children Character 5K race taking place on Saturday, November 17th at Sweet Apple Elementary School. Get your family, neighbors and friends to join us. If you are not able to participate, we encourage you to sign up as a "Phantom" runner. Click [HERE](#) to sign up today! (Note: Link won't work from a mobile device).
- Order the Circle for Children "Steel Magnolia" Charm with or without a charm bracelet. Visit the "Commemorative Jewelry" tab on our website circle4children.org/. Order deadline November 15th.
- Participate in our December social – The Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Tour of Homes. Find more details in this newsletter and buy tickets at circle4children.org

The Circle for Children has so many exciting things happening between now and the end of the year. Please make sure you are a part of it.



Regards,

Sally Davis, Heather Rees and Julia Davis Barwick

Presidential Committee, The Circle for Children

Important Dates

**Tallulah Falls School
Pilgrimage**
Monday, November 12th

**Circle for Children Character
5K Race/Walk**
Sweet Apple Elementary
School, Roswell, GA
Sunday, November 17th

**Circle Social
Lunch and Marietta Christmas
Pilgrimage Tour of Homes**
11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 2nd

Circle Holiday Party
Hosted by Donna and Fred
Aycok
Sunday, December 9th

Executive Board Meeting
Hosted by Sally Davis
6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 16th

General Meeting
At Indian Hills Country Club
Wednesday, January 23rd

**Bourbon and Baubles
Kentucky Derby Viewing Party
Fundraiser**
Saturday, May 4th

Membership Update

Tallulah Falls “Back to Our Roots” Trip

Please join us Monday, November 12th for a day trip to Tallulah Falls School in the north Georgia mountains where the Circle got its start in 1927 as the Young Matrons Circle for Tallulah Falls School. You will see reminders of the generosity of our organization all over the campus and will realize how many young lives have been touched by the Circle.

We will meet at Parkaire Mall in front of Johnny’s Pizza at 8:30 a.m. and depart by 8:45 a.m. This will be a fun experience and an opportunity for you to meet other Circle members. We will tour the school and have lunch with the leadership of the school.

For members who live farther north than east Cobb, we can arrange additional pick-up spots along the route if needed, either on GA 400 at Exit 11 (Windward Parkway at the Marriott Hotel) or on I-985 at Exit 16 (Oakwood). Please let us know if you would like to meet at one of these places.

R.S.V.P. by November 8th to Janie Kissling at Janie.kissling@gmail.com.

New Member Orientation

The Circle welcomed five new members at the New Member Orientation hosted by Co-President Heather Rees in October. New members were joined by their sponsors and members of the Executive Board. Committee chairs gave brief presentations to familiarize new members with all the different ways they can share their time and talents to benefit the needy children of Georgia.

New Junior Members

Sarah Davis	Sponsor: Sally Davis (mother)
Katie Heermans	Sponsor: Shannon Price (mother)

New Members

Tina Kukanza	Sponsor: Heather Lindell Tally
Michele Palazzo	Sponsor: Kimberly Johnson
Carolyn Palakowski	Sponsor: Krista Cutcliff
Charlene Rowe	Sponsor: Tricia Leuallen
BJ Woolridge	Sponsor: Kimberly Johnson
Denise Pont	



Saturday, November 17, 2018

Start/Finish Location: Sweet Apple Elementary School, 12025 Etris Road, Roswell, GA

RACE DAY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 17

- 6:30 a.m.** RACE DAY REGISTRATION BEGINS AND PACKET PICKUP BEGINS AT SWEET APPLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 8:30 a.m.** 5K BEGINS
- 9:15 a.m.** AWARDS CEREMONY

Race services provided by Georgia Runner, Inc.

The Circle for Children is a 90-year-old 501(c)3 non-profit that helps needy and at-risk children in Georgia. This year your support will help Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia and Wellspring Living. Don't miss this race that will quench your running thirst AND help children in need and aid in the fight against sex trafficking in Georgia.



REGISTRATION

Online Registration: Active.com

Mailed Registration: Please detach and send this form to P.O. Box 682855, Marietta, GA 30068. Forms must be postmarked by Monday, November 12, 2018. Please make checks payable to The Circle for Children.

Donations: All donations can be made at circle4children.org or mailed to The Circle for Children, P.O. Box 682855, Marietta, GA 30068.



Name: _____ Age: _____ Check #: _____

Email: _____ Shirt Size: _____



Join us for one of the most popular holiday traditions in Atlanta

Sunday, December 2nd

THE MARIETTA PILGRIMAGE — A CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR —

Let's meet for brunch at 11:00 a.m. at Vineyard Café – 2100 West Park Square, Marietta. After brunch we will head off to the 32nd Annual Tour. We will likely be divided into mini groups of fourish to tour the six lovely decorated homes.

TOUR TICKETS - cost \$20.80 (normally \$30) if you purchase online at www.circle4children.org or mail a \$20 check to Elaine LaMontagne at 5421 Beau Reve Park, Marietta, GA 30068. Brunch cost depends on what you order. Simply pay that day. The menu at Vineyard Café is very moderately priced www.vineyardcafe.com.

TICKET DEADLINE

The deadline to order tickets is Friday, November 23rd – THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE.

A FEW NOTES

- Tour begins at the Marietta Square Welcome Center (4 Depot Street, Marietta), and actually takes place from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Suggested parking at the parking deck closest to the Strand Theatre and walk from there.
- You may walk between homes or take the complimentary shuttles.
- Your family members, friends and potential Circle members are welcome to join us.
- **Attending the brunch is important because it's where you'll pick up your tickets and it's special because it's where you'll get to socialize with your Circle friends!**

If you have any questions please contact Elaine LaMontagne at elainelamontagne123@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
AT THE AYCOCK'S HOME
INVITATION TO FOLLOW

YOUR DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO ATTEND



Devereux of Georgia Fall Festival a Success

The cold weather and rain Friday, October 26th did not stop the fun at the Devereux Harvest Festival. Circle volunteers Kimberly Johnson, Danielle Hourett-Lam, Sally Davis, Kim Shrek, Dolly Fehd and new member B.J. Wooldridge, enjoyed the Circle's first charity outreach to the children and teens at Devereux.

The theme of the festival was 'All Around the World.' Each team had a table and activity related to a specific country. The Circle volunteers were in charge of the cotton candy machine.

We look forward to many more volunteer opportunities at Devereux of Georgia.

Charity Liaison Update

We are happy to announce that Elizabeth Stephenson and BJ Woolridge have stepped up to lead the Circle's Charity Liaison outreach this year. They have already been hard at work identifying opportunities for Circle members to volunteer with our new Charity Beneficiary, Devereux of Georgia.

YOGA CLASSES FOR THE CHILDREN AT DEVEREUX

Elizabeth Stephenson and Circle Junior members will be leading yoga classes with the children at Devereux. They are looking for up to eight Circle members to attend as volunteers. If you are interested, please email Elizabeth at elizabeth.stephenson@ymail.com

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS DAY HELP NEEDED

The Circle is also looking for volunteers to help at the Devereux Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Volunteers must be 21 years or older. We need 8 volunteers on both days. If you and your family are interested in volunteering please email Elizabeth at elizabeth.stephenson@ymail.com

A Spring Dance is planned for the children on April 18th and planning is under way for a BBQ and concert event next year.



Do you shop on Amazon? If yes, it is easy to support the Circle for Children with each purchase.

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**, you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selection as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Circle.

Smile.amazon.com uses your current Amazon account.

How Do I Get Started?

On your Computer:

You can click on this link, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-6038374> or, On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you will be asked to select a charity. Type in: **The Circle for Children**. Click "select" box next to it. Click "agree", to confirm you *must use smile.amazon.com every time you make a purchase in order for the Circle to receive funds.*

On your iPhone:

- 1) If you have the Amazon app., delete it. It will not delete your account.
- 2) Click on the Safari app. Go to **smile.amazon.com**
- 3) Click the share button icon at bottom of the screen. Scroll until you see "add to home screen" icon. It will add the link as an app on your home screen. Next time just click the Amazon icon app.

KENNESAW
STATE
UNIVERSITY



The Scholarship Committee is mentoring ten Scholars this year throughout the state of Georgia. In the photo is Michah, with her Circle Liaison Janie Kissling and Committee Member Diane Miller. Michah is a senior studying Public Health at Kennesaw State University.

Other Scholarship Recipients are:

Hannah at Mercer University
Marcia at Young Harris College
Ashley at University of North Georgia
Garrett at University of Georgia
Zatrick at Augusta University
Mary Katherine at Kennesaw State University
Joshua at Reinhardt University

Our newest two recipients are:

Grace at University of Georgia
Maxwell at University of Georgia

Nine of these scholar recipients are from the Tallulah Falls School and one is from the Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA). This coming year we will be accepting applications from qualifying candidates from Devereaux.

Volunteering as a mentor with the Scholarship Committee is a great way to have a continuing one-on-one experience with one of the needy children we help. It's fun and worthwhile. If you would like to get involved with the Scholarship Committee please contact Elizabeth Cooper, ewsjws@msn.com.

Finance Committee News – A Guide to Paying Online at the Circle Website

Sometimes technology can get the best of even the most tech savvy amongst us!

I've been getting some email and calls from members who are having a heck of a time purchasing items on our website. And that's a problem!

To help, I've decided to write an easy "How to Make a Purchase on the Circle Website for Dummies!" No, you are not a dummy, and you are not alone. So, if you are one of the members having problems, please print out this step-by-stop guide and keep it by your computer.

1. Go to the www.circle4children.org website and click on the **Events and Payments** tab.
2. Now click on **Payment**. You will then be directed to our main shopping page.
3. Choose the item you want to purchase and hit the yellow **Add to Cart** button

Newsletter Quarter Page Ad (Members) - \$25

Add to Cart

4. If the item you want to purchase has a drop-down menu like below, simply hit the down arrow and choose the number or level that you want. Then hit **Add to Cart**

Circle Celebration Fund

Donation Levels

Level 1 \$25.00 USD

Add to Cart

5. Once you hit **Add to Cart** you will be automatically directed to the payments page. If you are not done shopping, simply click on the **Continue Shopping** button at the top right hand of the page. You will then be directed back to the shopping page. Just repeat **Add to Cart** and **Continue Shopping** until you have completed your shopping.
6. Once you are done shopping and you are on the payment page, check to make sure your shopping cart is correct. If you see a mistake, simply hit **Remove** under the item and it will be removed from your cart. You can also change the **Quantity** at this time also.
7. Now you are ready to pay. If you have a PayPal account you can choose the **PayPal Checkout** button in yellow. **if you do not have a PayPal account chose the grey **Check Out** button instead.
8. Now fill in the boxes with your name and credit card information and click on the **Pay Now** blue button. Viola, you are done. A receipt will come to your email.

Isn't that easy? If you are paying dues, the only difference is that first you go to the Membership tab on our website and follow along the prompts to pay dues. By the way, have you paid your dues yet?

If you make a mistake, we can always credit you! If you need any further help, please contact Danielle Houret-Lam at 404-432-4444 or at daniellehouretlam@gmail.com

PHOTO RECAP: Fall General Meeting – Dunwoody Country Club



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On Sunday, October 21st, a handful of Circle members helped the *Children Helping Children* charity with their 21st annual LOVEFEST event.

It was an afternoon family festival held at Piedmont Park where children actively engaged in assembling projects that benefit other children in Atlanta. Teens from *Children Helping Children* had crafts for twelve different non-profits, which allowed festival goers a fun afternoon of giving back coupled with learning more about service, compassion and celebrating diversity. LOVEFEST also had traditional festival activities like a bounce house, food trucks and face painting.

Thank you to Circle members who came out to volunteer at the event: Danielle Houret- Lam, Steve Lam, Heather Rees, Nancy Garfinkel, Melissa Stuk, Sally Davis, Julia Davis Barwick, Andrew Miller, Elizabeth Hall and Brynn Bazemore.





Kroger Community Rewards will donate a portion of your grocery purchase total to
The Circle for Children

Please sign up for a Kroger Card the next time you're grocery shopping and link it to The Circle for Children.

To link your Kroger card, go to www.kroger.com and enter our number 33533. You can also call Kroger at 1-800-562-4438 and they will sign you up over the phone.

NEWSLETTER ADS FOR CIRCLE MEMBERS \$25, NON-MEMBERS \$50

Do you have a business or service you want to tell your fellow Circle members about? You can now place an ad in our monthly e-newsletter and let everyone know all about what you do outside your "Circle Time." It's a win-win! You can reach a customer base that wants to support their fellow Circle members and the Circle raises money to help the needy children of Georgia.

Quarter page ads are offered at a monthly rate of \$25. Advertise for one month or the whole year. It's up to you.

- Ads are due to Beth Mooney at thecircle4children@gmail.com by the 20th of the month for publish in the newsletter sent on the first of the following month. For Example: To advertise in the February newsletter please submit your ad by January 20th.
- Ads must be Quarter page ads (3.625w x 4.55h)
- JPEG format
- Pay for your ad at the Circle website: <http://www.circle4children.org/payment.html>
- If you have any questions please contact Beth Mooney, Circle Newsletter Editor at 404-502-0819

The Membership Directory is Now Available Online

Our annual directory is a great way to keep in touch with Circle friends, but it is a moving target with members moving, changing emails and phone numbers throughout the year. A printed directory cannot be updated real time.

That's why we are now making the Membership Directory available to members online at our website thecircle4children.org
The PASSWORD is: SteelMagnolias

Please safeguard the directory password. It should not be shared with non-Circle members.

DON'T BE CAMERA SHY

When you fill out your online Membership Form this year please upload a photo of yourself we can include in the directory. The helps new members put a beautiful face with a name. If you are mailing in your Membership Form instead of submitting it online, you can email your name and photo to Dolly Fehd (770-861-7107) to have it included in the directory or text it to her at 770-861-7107



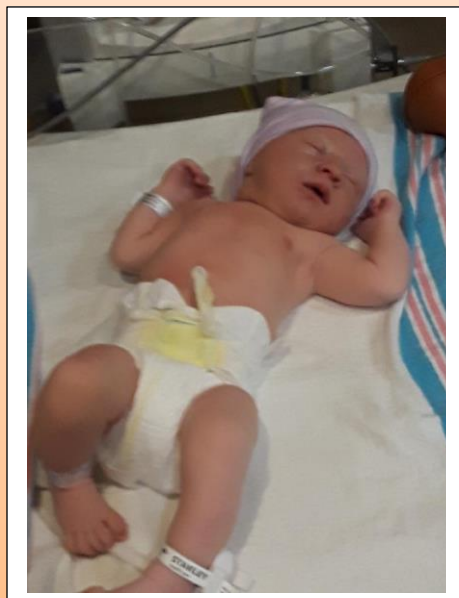
Saturday, May 4, 2019

The Circle for Children
"Bourbon and Baubles"
Kentucky Derby Viewing Party Fundraiser
(This is in lieu of our annual gala)

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for this festive event please contact Tricia Leuallen: tlevallen@yahoo.com

CIRCLE CORRESPONDENCE

Congratulations to Pam Jordan on the birth of her beautiful grandson, Miller Paul Garrett. Born on October 24th, weighing 6.8 pounds and measuring 20 inches.



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Wishing you a wonderful year!

Cara Buese	November 2
Melanie Prince	November 2
Danielle Houret-Lam	November 3
Debbie Judd	November 3
Joanie Ehlers	November 5
Melissa Malmberg	November 6
Michelle Brodsky	November 7
Donna Murphy	November 8
Caroline Whaley	November 9
Melinda Stuk	November 18
Shannon Price	November 25
Heather Lindell	November 19
Sarah Davis	November 29

[The Art of Communication](#)

Please send Jan Giles pjgiles1@att.net your announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events, or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so she can send the appropriate correspondence. Also, please indicate if that information should be posted in the newsletter

[Circle Celebration Fund](#)

Can't think of a gift for a friend? Consider the Circle Celebration Fund. It is a donation to The Circle for Children in memory or in honor of someone. A lovely acknowledgement will be sent to the honoree informing them of the donation you made in honor of them. Please contact Jan Giles if you would like to donate.

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