

VINTAGE to VOGUE

June 2017

Shírley's Corner

Dear Circle Members.

It is with honor and privilege that I step into the role as The Circle for children President. I thank you for allowing me to serve you in this especially distinguished year, our legacy year.

We are off to an exciting year with new members and a deserving charity to sponsor, Wellspring Living. Wellspring Living is an organization that helps rescue and protect young girls who have been taken as slaves in sex trafficking.

As we celebrate 90 years, I have chosen "Vintage to Vogue" as my theme for the year. We will reflect on our past and continue our legacy of giving aid and encouragement in promoting the education and welfare of children in the state of Georgia.

I know I can only be as good a President as the women I serve because without your support I will surely fail. As a team, we can accomplish wonderful things for a cause that needs us to raise community awareness and education to this senseless destruction of the lives of Georgia's children. Together we can make a difference!



Warm Regards,

Shirley Jones, President



Wellspring Living Named New Circle Fundraising Beneficiary

Over the last few years, The Long Range Planning Committee has researched and explored numerous non-profit organizations that benefit Georgia's children. Through the committee's findings, it was recommended, approved by the Executive Board and voted on at the Spring General Meeting held on May 3rd, that The Circle for Children will add Wellspring Living as a beneficiary of our annual fundraising for the next two years.

Wellspring Living serves survivors of sexual exploitation. Their mission is "to help domestic sex trafficking victims and the vulnerable develop the courage to move forward and the confidence to succeed." You can learn more about all of the wonderful programs that Wellspring Living offers at their website: wellspringliving.org

There will be many opportunities for you to get involved helping the girls that are residents at Wellspring Living.

The Circle for Children will continue to support The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) through wonderful Charity Liaison (Circle "Fairy Godmother") events. The Circle for Children is excited to expand their reach and serve more organizations that benefit needy children in Georgia.

Important Dates

Charity Liaison's (Circle "Fairy Godmother's") End of School Pool Party and Bradley Olympics

Hosted by Libby and Shaun Bradley at their home in Acworth, GA 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To volunteer contact Marsha Brenner 770-262-2200 Sunday, June 11

Executive Board Meeting

Hosted by Shirley Jones 2442 Ballantrae Circle Cumming, GA 678-776-2000 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 9

Summer General Meeting More details to follow Wednesday, August 16

Fall 2017 – We will kick off our new charity year.

Please give thought now to which dynamic and compassionate women you would like to sponsor as Circle members in the fall. Start talking to them now!

If you have questions or need membership materials to share with potential members please contact Janie Kissling at janie.kissling@gmail.com

Chateau Élan Announced as Venue for 2018 "Vintage 2 Vogue" Gala



The Circle for Children is excited to announce the 2018 Gala will be held at Chateau Élan Winery and Resort. Join us for a one-of-a-kind setting, unlike anything we have done before.

The gala will be on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Individual ticket prices for the event are the same as last year, \$175. We will offer a variety of ticket options. You can buy ala carte tickets to the gala or you can extend the fun by purchasing a ticket package which includes an overnight stay and spa or golf experience. More details to come.

We are also happy to announce the addition of the first ever Circle for Children Golf Tournament the day of the gala at Chateau Élan. The golf tournament will give us another way to have fun and raise money for the needy children of Georgia.

Chateau Élan is only 50 minutes from downtown Atlanta. We are working on roundtrip transportation options to the gala. More details to follow.

HELP NEEDED - If you would like to volunteer to help with the golf tournament or gala please email the Vice President Annual Event Linda Bagley at linda@4yes.com

Charity Liaison's (Circle "Fairy Godmother's")

END OF SCHOOL POOL PARTY AND BRADLEY OLYMPICS

for the children at CCYA

Hosted by Libby and Shaun Bradley at their home in Acworth on

Sunday, June, 11

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer for this event please contact

Marsha Brenner at 770-262-2200 or ownamarsha@marshabrenner.com



Circle Donates \$20,000 to Scholarship Fund and \$52,000 to Charity Beneficiaries at Spring General Meeting



The Circle Scholarship Committee was delighted to receive a large symbolic check for \$20,000 from the Finance Committee representing monies being donated to Scholarship from the Circle this year.

The scholarship committee awarded six scholarships for \$2,000 to each of the deserving recipients selected by the committee. Three of the scholarships went to returning recipients and three were awarded to high school seniors.

All of the scholarship recipients received a copy of "The Art of Awesome Advice" to help inspire and encourage them in their pursuit of higher education.

Scholarship recipients will also receive a one-time additional \$250 text book stipend.

2017/2018 NEW Scholarship Recipients

Zatrick Pearce – Tallulah Falls School – attending Augusta University in the fall.

Mary Katherine Watson – Tallulah Falls School – attending Kennesaw State University in the fall.

Joshua – CCYA – attending Reinhart University in the fall.

Scholarship Co-Chairs Melinda Stuk and Elizabeth Cooper accept a "large check" at Spring General Meeting





Circle members Melinda Stuk and Diane Miller attending Tallulah Falls School "Awards Day" where they made scholarship award presentations and took a moment to pose for photos with scholarship recipient Mary Katherine Watson and the parents of scholarship recipient Zatrick Pearce's parents, Patrick Pearce and Zanib Pearce.





■Circle outgoing President, Heather Rees present Circle Long Range Planning Chair, Sally Davis a check for \$1000 benefitting <u>Safe Path</u>. ■2016 Gala Chair Elaine LaMontagne and outgoing President Heather Rees presented a check for \$50,000 to Kim Borna from the <u>Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA)</u>. ■Outgoing President Heather Rees presents Circle Members Dolly Fehd and Marion Bledsoe a check for \$1,000 benefitting Devereux <u>Advanced Behavioral Health</u>. ■Past Presidents Luncheon held at Neiman Marcus in May.







Outgoing President, Heather Rees installs the 2017/2018 Circle Board at the Spring General Meeting. Incoming President, Shirley Jones, 1st Vice President Lynn Thompson, Vice President Annual Event Co-Chairs, Linda Bagley and Patty Quinn, Recording Secretaries, Kimberly Johnson and Elizabeth Cooper, Vice President Membership, Janie Kissling, General Treasurer Cynthia Barr and Project Treasurer Cynthia Formica.



If you take photos of a Circle event please share them with Julia Davis. She will post them on the Circle social media and website.

Email your photos to: julialeedavis@gmail.c om or you can text photos to 404-386-7151.



Wishing you a wonderful year!

Betts Fisher Jody Kissling Libby Bradley June 1 June 3 June 22

Welcome

New Members

Ginny Haddock sponsored by Martha Bectel Debby Jones sponsored by Shirley Jones Amanda Meredith sponsored by Shirley Jones

The Art of Communication

Please send Tricia Leuallen your announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events, or illnesses.

Please include the individual's address so I can send the appropriate correspondence.

If you have newsworthy events, please forward your information to me so I can quickly respond and send appropriate items out to members.

Giving Heart Fund

Can't think of a gift for a friend?
Consider the Giving Heart Fund. It is a donation to The Circle for Children in memory or in honor of someone.
Please contact Tricia Leuallen if you would like to donate.

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