

Steel Magnolias

October 2018

President's Corner

Circle Members,

Welcome to the Fall Y'all! We highly encourage you to print out this Newsletter and read it twice – there is so much information that you need to know. In addition, there are some time sensitive items, like RSVP's and volunteer signups.

We are more excited than ever about this year as we start to see the plans we laid this summer starting to unfold. We hope that the programs and events that have been thoughtfully put together by wonderful Circle members will be successful for our beneficiary organizations this year: Wellspring Living and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia. We can't do it without the support of each Circle member. Join us for this fabulous year.

Commemorative Circle Charm to Celebrate Our "Steel Magnolias" Theme This Year



The 2018-2019 Circle Charm is the Magnolia Bloom. This lovely sterling silver charm (about the size of a quarter) with a lovely seed pearl in the center was custom created by Cumberland Diamond Exchange for Circle members this year. This charm is \$100 if paid by check and \$103 if paid online. If you do not have a charm bracelet and would like one, Cumberland Diamond Exchange has a beautiful heavy sterling silver one for \$82.50. Anyone wishing to get a charm made in gold can contact heatherrees27@gmail.com, as it is more expensive. \$60 from each charm will go directly to benefit our mission, which includes Wellspring Living, Devereux and Scholarship.

We will place the Charm order in December so you will want to buy your Charm now! There will be no charge for them to put the charm on your own bracelet. Make check payable to Circle for Children and mail to P.O. Box 682855, Marietta, GA 30068.

THE MAGNOLIA CHARM IS ONLY AVAILABLE THIS YEAR!

Regards,

Julia Davis Barwich, Sally Davis and Heather Rees

Presidential Committee, The Circle for Children

Important Dates

Executive Board Meeting

Hosted at the home of Ginny Haddock 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10th

General Meeting

Dunwoody Country Club Tickets \$36 at www.thecircleforchildren.org 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 17th

Circle Ladies Social

Dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak
House and a massage at
Treat Your Feet in Buckhead.
Space in limited. Contact
Elaine LaMontagne
elainepr@bellsouth.net
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23rd

Devereux Behavioral Health Harvest Festival

Volunteer to help and encourage the kids at the festival. Contact: Kim Shrek at kimshrek@gmail.com
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 26th

New Member Party

Hosted at the home of Heather Rees 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 28th

Tallulah Falls School Pilgrimage

Monday, November 12th

Circle for Children Character 5K Race/Walk

Sweet Apple Elementary School, Roswell, GA **Sunday, November 17th**

FINANCE UPDATE - What Are Your Annual Dues Used For?

Each Fall you hear the same plea from the Circle. Please Pay Your Dues!!!

Have you paid yours yet? It is vital that you do. Your Circle dues are the life blood of our organization and we couldn't survive without them.

You may wonder, "does it really matter if I pay on time or not? It really does matter. We need your dues for the day to day functioning of the Circle. We use the income we receive from dues payments for important items such as an accountant to prepare our taxes, renewing our State of Georgia license, paying for our website. We also use dues to pay for postage, paper and photocopies. Some of the money goes toward supplementing the general and board meetings. We also use the money to educate our new members so they can learn all about the wonderful organization they just joined. The list goes on and on.

There is nothing too sexy about dues, but we need them to do our business. All monies that we raise at our fundraisers are **NEVER** used for our day to day expenses. You can always proudly say that 100% of the money we raise goes directly to our beneficiaries.

And while you are thinking about dues, consider adding in a little something extra for one of our different funds? Contributions to either the Children's Needs, Scholarship Auction and General Operating Account funds are totally tax deductible and help us to support the needy children of Georgia. We promise not to ask for donations during the year, so please consider adding something extra to the fund or funds of your choice when paying your dues.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to update your membership information and pay your dues online.

You can also print the Membership form and submit it with a check.

If you chose to mail your form and check send it to:
Elizabeth Stuk
1340 Waterford Green Close
Marietta, GA 30068

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 it the directory or text it to her at 770-861-7107

NEWS FLASH

<u>VOTE PASSED</u> - We are excited to report that the vote passed and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia is a new beneficiary organization for the Circle this year. If you would like to work on the Hands-On Committee this year to help plan outreach activities to aid the children at Devereux please email Heather Rees: heatherrees27@gmail.com

<u>CHARITY LIAISON BOARD POSTION OPENING</u> – We are looking to someone to serve as the contact person between the Circle and our two beneficiary organizations: Wellspring Living and Devereux. This is an excellent way to get involved with the Circle and the charities we support. Please contact Sally Davis if you are interested in filling this role: sgdavis9@bellsouth.net

INNAUGURAL CIRLCE FOR CHILDREN CHARACTER 5K RACE/WALK – Sunday, November 17th at Sweet Apple Elementary School in Roswell, GA. We are working with Georgia Runners and the City of Roswell on race logistics. If you would like to be part of this fun planning committee, please email Heather Rees: heatherrees27@gmail.com

<u>CIRCLE HOLIDAY PARTY</u> – Sunday, December 9th at the beautiful home of Donna Aycock. If you would like to be part of the party planning committee please email Sally Davis: sqdavis9@bellsouth.net



Please join us for the upcoming Circle for Children Fall General Meeting

Wednesday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. Nunwoody Country Club

Guest Speakers

Michelle Hodgson Children Helping Children Gwen Skinner
Devereux Advanced Behavior Health

A delicious bacon and cheese quiche accompanied by a salad and fruit will be served for lunch along with a vanilla bean ice cream and berry dessert served in an almond basket to tempt your sweet tooth.

You can purchase tickets on the Circle for Children website. You can pay online for your wine or soda too in order to avoid the drink ticket line at the meeting leaving you more time to socialize with friends!

Tickets: \$36.00 | Wine Ticket \$10.00 | Soda Ticket: \$3.50

If you prefer to pay by check, please send your total made out to:

The Circle for Children

Attn: Cynthia Barr

1319 Garrick Way

Marietta, GA 30068







JOIN US FOR THE FIRST CIRCLE FOR CHILDREN SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

Vinner and a Massage!

Pamper your lower extremities at Treat Your Feet (Buckhead) in a one-hour massage you won't forget! An optional dinner has been arranged right next door at Ruth's Chris Steak House (in the Embassy Suites Hotel).

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse 3285 Peachtree Road, NE 6:30 p.m.

Treat Your Feet 3275 Peachtree Road, NE 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

There are only 24 spots available - First come, first serve!

Hand deliver cash or mail a check (made out to Circle for Children for \$40) to Elaine LaMontagne, 5421 Beau Reve Park, Marietta, GA 30068, 404-295-9510.

Costs

Massage: \$40 (plus optional gratuity to be paid that evening)

Optional Dinner: \$55 (includes dinner, tax, gratuity and valet parking; alcohol is available but additional; must RSVP by Friday, October 19)

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Parking: Complimentary valet parking is available at Ruth's Chris and complimentary self-parking is available at Treat Your Feet.

Please note: After reserving your spot in advance, bring a credit card or cash that evening to pay for your meal at Ruth's Chris and optional gratuity for massage and valet.

Feel free to bring wine/champagne/beer for the Treat Your Feet experience!

Scholarship Update – A Letter from Recipient Mary Katherine Watson







Hello Everyone,

I'm attending Kennesaw State University (KSU) for a history major. Now that I've settled into the school, I've found that my love for the subject has grown immensely given the new opportunities that I've been presented with.

The Honors College that has accepted me earlier this year is a big part of giving me these new experiences, as I'm allowed to access classes that are not offered as part of the regular curriculum. One such class that I'm taking right now is Renaissance of the 12th Century. Another Honors-specific class is called History and Memory, and it focuses on how our memories work and how we can change how we perceive an event. This past week we discussed *Hamilton* in-depth by doing activities that showed the depth of our memories on the Revolutionary War (without Google's assistance) and by analyzing the various incarnations Alexander Hamilton has become ever since his death along with the events surrounding his rise to importance in the public mind.

With my history major, I intend to become an archivist in a museum. Becoming an archivist allows a fairly open-ended path as to where you might end up since you could work anywhere from a library to a hospital. I want to take this path to a museum because I have found that my passions lay entirely in getting to research the past, whether it be through small school projects or reading biographies and novels about whatever subject I might be most interested in at that particular moment. KSU offers classes that allow you to experience archival work with hands-on training so I'm very excited for all the opportunities ahead of me at Kennesaw, and I will always be very grateful to the Circle for Children for allowing me these experiences. Thank you!







Friday, October 26th 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Devereux needs our help to put on a great Fall Festival for the kids who are part of the residential program. These kids do not leave the Devereux campus for school or social activities. The kids really look forward to events like the Fall Festival to relax, socialize and have fun.

We need volunteers to help man activity booths and to walk around, socialize with the children and encourage them as the participate in the festival games.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kim Sherk: <u>kimsherk@gmail.com</u> Let her know if you are available from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or only a portion of that time.







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: tleuallen@yahoo.com

PHOTO RECAP: SOMA Bra Night with the Girls from CCYA













The Fifth Annual Circle Soma Bra Event for the teen girls at The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) was a huge success. This event was held on Monday, September 24^{th,} and was our largest event to date, with 18 teen girls participating in this special dining and shopping

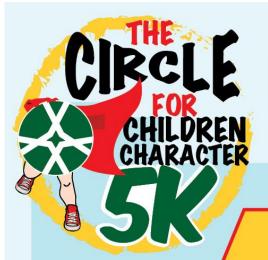
The evening began with dinner at Zoe's Kitchen across the street from The Avenue at East Cobb. Jeff Bollman, Zoe's Kitchen manager, worked with the Circle to provide a stream-lined menu of their most popular entrees and side dishes for the girls to choose from. Zoe's Kitchen donated all the beverages and gave us a 50 percent discount on the meals for the girls.

Soma Intimates at the Avenue East Cobb was waiting for us to arrive after dinner. Soma employees Yuan, Gabby and Ashley work with each girl to give them undivided attention as they were properly fitted for bras and underwear. These Soma employees made the girls feel special and beautiful. Each CCYA girl was fitted for two new bras and were allowed to pick two pairs of underwear.

Circle member Deb Cohen donated her delectable Chocolate Oh La La's in hot pink boxes adorned with a matching ribbon. Deb has generously donated her chocolates each year for this event. The CCYA girls were so excited to get such a pretty sweet treat. Thanks also to Circle member Ginny Wolf who gave each girl an adorable hot chocolate treat to take back and enjoy at the center.

Many thanks to the Circle members who made this event so special by organizing and providing fellowship to the CCYA teen girls.

Sarah Davis, Sally Davis, Julia Davis Barwick, Heather Rees, Kimberly Johnson, Elaine LaMontagne, Marsha Brenner, Kim Sherk, Ginny Wolf, Jennie Johnson, Lucy Doris, Shannon Price and her daughter Katie Heermans.



Saturday, November 17, 2018

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



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.

Circle for Children

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:	



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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.

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 winwin! 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 the-circle4children@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 Circle for Children is Helping Out at Lovefest This Year

The Circle for Children is assisting Children Helping Children (CHC) this year with the manpower for their annual Lovefest event at Piedmont Park. This is CHC's 10th year educating and empowering young philanthropists in Atlanta. Their mission to teach ALL children to give back is so beautiful!

Come volunteer and be inspired. We have various time slots available throughout the day for you to support these young philanthropists as they run their own booth and direct other kids to assemble charity projects each of them organized for the day.

The deadline to sign up to volunteer is October 5th. You can volunteer at the Signup Genius on the <u>Circle website</u> or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to be taken directly to the Sign Up Genius.

We also invite you to stay after the festival – which is from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and enjoy, TLC . . . Talent & Light Celebration. The festival is free, but bring money if you want to purchase food from the vendors. If you plan to stay for TLC, also bring a folding chair or blanket. It will be a wonderful celebration. You won't want to miss it.





Hand-on Project for Wellspring Living

We will be putting together Halloween themed goody bags for the girls in the Residential Program at Wellspring Living this month. There are 12 girls in the program: 7 girls from ages 12-17 and 5 girls ages 18-21. If you would like to put together a goody bag, email

heatherrees27@gmail.com. Let us know if you want to be one of the members (we will need 1-2) who takes the goody bags to Wellspring. These bags need to be completed by October 24th.

Example Items for Goody Bags:

Fruit Snacks
Lip Gloss
Socks
Chips/Crackers
Sunflower Seeds
Gum
Mascara
Notes of encouragement
Full-size bottles of hand lotion

Full-size bottles of body wash

CIRCLE CORRESPONDENCE



Wishing you a wonderful year!

Shellee Spagnoletto October 1 **Emily Furbish** October 2 Deborah Shaw October 4 Sara Fera October 5 Shelly Hill October 8 Sharon Cooper October 23 Peggy Cannon October 24 Judy Ballard October 27 Arleen Holliday October 28 Cheryl Brown October 28 Dana Christian October 29 Carole Steele October 30

The Art of Communication

Please send Jan Giles
pigiles1@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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