



Dear Circle Members,

Established in 1927, the members of The Circle for Children (The Circle) have been dedicated to giving aid and encouragement to disadvantaged children of Georgia. Thank you for your loyalty to this very special organization. Our theme this year is **Giving and Growing for Georgia's Children**. Our theme is so appropriate. It is that time of year when each of us has the **opportunity to grow our membership**. Now would be a great time to reach out and **reinvite** any former members who may be interested in rejoining The Circle. We need your help by inviting other outstanding women to join our "Circle Family."

Please give your new or former member(s) a copy of the attached application and ask them to return it to you as soon as possible. The deadline is September 15th. They should include a check for \$125.00 payable to The Circle for Children. If they are a Junior Member their check amount is \$35.00.

We encourage early applications in order for new members to join us on our October 5th Fall General Meeting as well as all of the other wonderful events and activities we have planned.

As a sponsor, it is important to inform your new member that their attendance is paramount at the New Member Meet and Greet September 26th and New Member Orientation October 12th as well as all Circle events and meetings. They should understand it is a three-year commitment of active membership to the causes The Circle supports.

Our website has additional forms (which you can download) and a PayPal option. It is also a wonderful place to learn more about our accomplishments and rich traditions www.Circle4Children.org

We look forward to serving with you in the upcoming year.

Of course, don't forget to fill out a form for yourself to renew your membership. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

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Charlene Rowe charlene.rowe@me.com

Co-Vice Presidents of Membership, The Circle for Children



We invite you and are excited that you want to become part of The Circle for Children (The Circle).

The Circle carries on a rich tradition of giving aid and encouragement to disadvantaged children in Georgia. We are in the unique position to identify organizations that service the needs of all at-risk youth in the State of Georgia. Our contributions help fill the gap between government and civic funding.

Our theme for this year will be Giving and Growing for Georgia Children. Each member has their own unique talents that will “Give and Grow” The Circle and Georgia Children. We encourage our members to share those gifts and talents to help those who are in such need.

Georgia’s children are among its more precious assets. The Circle for Children has contributed to worthy children’s organizations for more than 90 years. This volunteer charitable organization aids, encourages, and promotes the education and welfare of children in metropolitan Atlanta and the state of Georgia.

Established in 1927 as The Young Matron’s Circle for Tallulah Falls School by the late Mrs. Preston Arkwright, Sr. and Mrs. John K. Ottley, The Circle was originally organized to provide funding to Tallulah Falls School in Tallulah Falls, Georgia, as well as emotional support to its students. This school began as a one-room schoolhouse to educate rural mountain children.

In 1995, the membership voted to change its name to The Circle for Children. This change enabled the organization to expand its focus to serve other deserving children’s organizations, as well as to fund scholarships for graduating Tallulah Falls School students and applicants from other beneficiaries in need of financial aid for higher learning.

An additional benefit of the organization is the camaraderie and friendships built among members over the years. While working together in the spirit of volunteering, we have forged the bonds that sustain us as a committed, long-lasting charitable organization.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

Membership Pledge

I, _____, pledge my willingness to attend The Circle for Children New Member Orientation events, to give a minimum of three years of active service, to pay my annual dues, and to support and participate in The Circle projects, activities, and events.

Please print name

Signature

Date



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Information with an asterisk will be used in the Directory.

PLEASE PRINT

* _____
 Mrs. Ms. Miss Other * First Name * Middle Name * Last Name

 * Profession/Occupation

 * Street Address * City * State * Zip Code

 * Best Contact Number * Email * Birth Date mm/dd

Please select your membership status:

OR - You can mail this form and pay dues online by credit card at www.circle4children.org/payment

Print and mail this form and check to: The Circle for Children
 Attn: Charlene Rowe
 167 Bellehaven Drive
 Woodstock, GA 30188

New Member \$125
 Current Member Renewal \$100
 Emeritus Member (includes Life Members) No dues
 Junior Member (ages 21-35) DOB: _____ \$35

Additional Donation Opportunities:

Children's Needs Fund (for needs throughout the year for the children we help) \$ _____
 Auction Buying Fund \$ _____
 Linda Gross Memorial College Scholarship Fund \$ _____
 The Circle for Children General Operating Account \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please visit our website for more information about optional tax donation information.

Talents, Professional or Social Affiliations: _____

 * Sponsor * Year Joined * Spouse/Partner First Name * Spouse/Partner Last Name

INTEREST: There are many ways to get involved with The Circle for Children while making new friendships and deepening existing ones. Please check all the areas where you may have interest.

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorships	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Website/Social Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory
<input type="checkbox"/> Purse Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Gala/Premier Annual Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Auction	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Last Minute Helper
	<input type="checkbox"/> Onsite Volunteerism at Beneficiary Organizations		

Please contact Tricia Leuallen (triciaeuallen@gmail.com) 678-699-3955 or Charlene Rowe (charlene.rowe@me.com) 770-366-6998 with any questions.



COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS:

Annual Event: This committee chaired by the Annual Event VP(s) helps with planning, venue selection, decorations, food and beverage, set-up and take-down, and any other matters as determined necessary by the chair(s) of the committee.

Auction : The Chair(s) of the Auction Committee is the Vice President(s), Auction/Project. This committee is composed of members wishing to serve in areas of planning, obtaining auction items, decorations, set-up and take-down, and any other matters as determined necessary by the chair(s) of the committee.

Auditor(s): Audits the bookkeeping of the General and Project Treasurers after each quarter. Prepares the books at the end of the fiscal year to be submitted by September 15th to a CPA for annual audit.

Executive Board Meetings: Makes arrangements for board meetings by procuring the venue, sending announcements/invitations, receiving responses, and organizing refreshments or luncheons for the board members as requested by the President.

Directory: Revises and edits The Circle for Children (The Circle) Directory annually and coordinates its publishing and distribution to membership by November 15th.

General Meetings: Plans all The Circle general meetings by selecting an appropriate location, sending announcements/invitations, and handling all logistics of these events. General meetings will be held three times a year in the fall, winter, and spring.

Golf Tournament and Purse Fundraiser: Helps with planning, attending and hosting of the event.

Long Range Planning: Researches and recommends children's charities, located in Georgia, to be the beneficiary of our annual fund-raising. It will also recommend length of time to benefit said charity.

Membership: The Membership Committee consists of the President, President Elect, the Vice President(s), of Membership and two appointed from the membership at large by the President. The Chair(s) will be the Vice President(s) of Membership. This committee helps with introducing new members to The Circle, ensures that new member feels welcome, their responsibilities are met and keeps an accurate database of all members.

Scholarship: Generates and reviews the scholarship applications of students, conducts personal interviews, and makes recommendations to the finance committee concerning worthy recipients and possible fundraising ideas for scholarships. Maintains contact with the students while in college to assist and advise them in every possible way.



Dear New Members,

Welcome to the longest running children's charity in Georgia! You will meet dynamic, talented, and smart women, while enjoying social activities and volunteering with them to aid Georgia's disadvantaged children. We are excited for you to meet each other and form a "Circle of Friendship", while reaching out to establish a "Circle of Love" for our disadvantaged children.

Please put the following dates on your calendar. These are important activities which will help you to understand The Circle's roots, its vision, volunteer opportunities, and to meet other new members and board members right away.

August 25th – General Meeting and Dinner

September 26th – New Member Meet and Greet / High Tea 2:00 – 4:00pm

October 1st – Membership Deadline

October 5th – Fall General Meeting – 10:30am

October 12th – New Member Orientation – 7:00 – 9:00pm

November 18th – Tour of The Devereux School

We look forward to getting to know each of you. Please call us or email with any questions.

Encircling you,

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