



September 2020 Newsletter

To give aid and encouragement in promoting the education and well-being of disadvantaged children in the state of Georgia.

A light-hearted and a serious message to share ... I might be weird but I'm really excited about the upcoming Goat Yoga social! And I'm not even very good at yoga – just can't wait for those little mini-goats to climb on me. Most know that baby goats are called kids, but did you know that a goat giving birth is said to be "kidding"? I'm not ... joking.

On a more serious note, the new Devereux Development Director Brenda Vazquez spoke at the recent General Meeting about how proud she is to be joining the Devereux team. She was struck with how the staff and facility takes in **the most vulnerable** of traumatized youth and their 135 rooms are completely full, with a significant waiting list. Serious stuff, and I'm glad the Circle is doing what it can to support this incredible need.



Mwah,
Elaine LaMontagne, Co-President

Dear Circle Members,

Does your calendar look like mine, just one crossed off social engagement after another? It's starting to get old! Unfortunately, this might continue for a while, as Covid 19 is still here. I know that most of you miss the old days and connecting with your Circle pals. That's why we are trying our best to keep everyone in the loop and come up with activities that are as safe as possible.

We just had our first General Meeting of the year and hopefully those that attended felt safe. For those of you who were either unable to join us or felt it was too high a risk, we sent out a video featuring the meeting's highlights. Please don't feel that you need to rationalize to us why you couldn't make the meeting, we understand. We just hope you took a moment to watch the video so that you can stay abreast of what we have going on. By the way, I know that my debut as a videographer was not Oscar worthy. I'll try to work on that.

Next up on our social calendar is an excursion to Loganville for an hour of Goat Yoga!! Outside on a beautiful and spacious farm, it might just be what the doctor ordered for the fraught nerves these times cause.

So please, stay engaged with us either from a distance or in person!

Xoxo,
Danielle, Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Goat Yoga

Tuesday, September 22
Double Durango Farm, Loganville
10:30 am

Executive Board Meeting

NEW Date & Location TBD

Fall General Meeting

Wednesday, October 7
Cherokee Town Club
10:30 am

New Member Orientation and Private Shopping Day for Entire Membership

Sunday, October 18
Casabella

Golf Tournament

Country Club of Roswell
Monday, October 26

Devereux Harvest Festival

Friday, October 30
1:00 - 4:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS



Goat Yoga Session

Join us on **September 22, 2020** (Rain date, Friday, September 25th) for our first social outing of the new year! No experience needed, no pressure, just fun! Do a little yoga or just pet some goats; the goal is for everyone to enjoy themselves and have a fun experience. At The Double Durango Farm, we will be social distancing and temperature checks upon sign in.... bring your own yoga mat.

Time: Yoga Class begins 10:30 am - arrive by 10:15 am (1 hour class)

Location: Double Durango Farm in Loganville-2910 Tig Knight Road, Loganville 30052

Cost: 35.00 per participant

Any questions call/text or email Mary Beth Wegener 770-356-3754 or wegenermbw@gmail.com. Feel free to check out the Farm at www.goatyogageorgia.com

R.S.V.P. By September 12th to

Mary Beth Wegener by email:

wegenermbw@gmail.com,

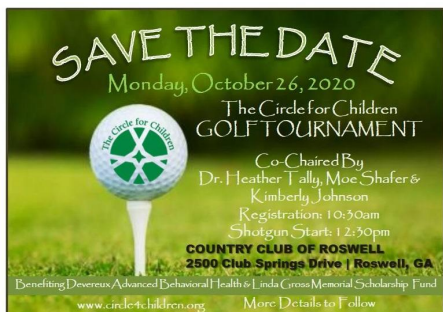
then The Circle will send an

invoice for payment.

Fall General Meeting

The Fall General Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.** at Cherokee Country Club at 667 Hightower Trail, Atlanta (this is NOT the one on West Paces Ferry!).

An email invitation with more details is forthcoming!



680 The Fan's Nick Cellini and Chris Dimino of the "Cellini and Dimino Show" will be broadcasting live the morning of the Circle Golf Tournament at The Country Club of Roswell – providing wonderful publicity and energy for the event and cause.

Golf Tournament

It's Time to Tee Up for the Circle for Children's Golf Tournament! The event will be held at the **Country Club of Roswell** on **Monday, October 26, 2020**.

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

We are excited to announce 680 The Fan will broadcast live the morning of our event! Register NOW to play in the tournament, invite your husband and friends to sign up! Consider a hole sponsor in honor of someone, to share your favorite encouraging quote or to promote Your Business!

Contact Kimberly Johnson, 404-406-9495, with questions or if you are interested in volunteering at the event!



Looking for Volunteers for the Tournament! Can't play, but would like to help with Registration, welcoming golfers, etc. call Kimberly 404-406-9495.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZINGLY GENEROUS SPONSORS TO DATE:

Golf Sponsors:

- \$5000 – The Fisher Group (John, JC and Betts Fisher)
- \$2500 – Moore Colson CPA's and Advisors (Steve and Elaine LaMontagne)
- \$1000 – Moe and Donna Shafer; Bank South; and Gas South

Media Sponsors:

- Modern Luxury The Atlantan
- 680 The Fan Radio
- Chattahoochee Charm

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 18, 2020

3:00 - 5:00 pm

*Casabella Home Furnishings and Women's Accessories
4400 Roswell Rd. Marietta, Ga 30062*

Come browse, shop and social-distance with the Circle Membership.

All members are invited to attend our fun orientation for our newest Circle members. This will be an casual gathering. A portion of all sales will Benefit Devereux, our beneficiary for this coming year.



RSVP to: Lynn Thompson-

bltonpv@gmail.com

or Pat Iaffaldano-

patricia.iaffaldano@gmail.com

by Oct. 12th

Membership Applications

We would like to encourage all members to mail in their membership forms. If you did not receive an application in the mail, the Circle Website will have the form to copy. Please mail it in with your check. Deadline is Sept. 1st.



Anyone requesting an application for new members. Contact Pat Iaffaldano, 678-371-3534 or **email : Patricia.iaffaldano@gmail.com**. New member orientation scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18th. More details to follow.

Mail applications and checks to:
Circle Membership Chairman, Lynn Thompson
541 Rivercliff Trace, Marietta, Ga 30067



Ladies Lunch and Shopping Day
November 4, 2020
America's Mart, Atlanta

More Details Coming Soon!

Devereux
ADVANCED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH | GEORGIA



**Tour of Devereux Advanced
Behavioral Health**
November 18, 2020

1291 Stanley Road NW, Kennesaw | 10:30 am

Visit Our Website for More Information About Upcoming Events

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT - ULTIMATE TAILGATE EXPERIENCE

Volunteers Needed!

THE ULTIMATE TAILGATE will be held Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the College Football Hall of Fame, and we need your help to get the ball rolling toward this year's big fundraiser "Make Giving a Sport!" We've got the date, time, location, menu and band (the heavy lifting has been done).

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Now, we need your help with getting to the finish line: invitations, RSVPs, programs, decorations, sign in/checkout and logistics. Event planning activities can be conducted via Zoom.

Contact Heather Rees (heatherrees27@gmail.com) to sign up today!

DEVEREUX UPDATE

A big THANK YOU for the generous donations of composition books and word searches to help the needs of the youth at Devereux that I collected at the August 26 meeting. A huge success! BJ's SUV trunk was filled! The amount collected and delivered was \$350.94.



As a heads up for the next General Meeting on October 7, we plan to collect underwear (women and men, small, medium, large, extra large) and NO SHOW socks (women and men). If unable to attend the October 7 meeting, you can drop off donations in a bin at Heather Rees' home/front porch from September 30-October 4 (Heather's address is 4461 Club Lake Circle SE, Marietta).

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

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Urgent Need for Gap Scholarship Funds for Circle Scholar

Due to a decrease in state funding for college age foster kids, two of our Circle Scholars, Joshua Elisa & Y'Lon Alston need additional funds to stay in school.

Joshua needs at least \$7,500. He is a senior at Reinhardt University studying Business Management. Y'Lon needs \$2000 for his freshman year as a Math major at KSU. There are 10 other CCYA

students impacted by the budget cuts. Instead of providing up to \$12,500 in tuition dollars, Georgia is only providing up to \$5,000. Eligible students were notified after classes started that they were short on funds

CCYA set up a fund for donations to fill the gap and keep the CCYA young adults in school. If they receive more from Circle members then the amount needed to keep Josh and Y'Lon in school, those additional funds will go to other CCYA students. Kim Borna will report back to the circle with details on where our member donations go.

If you can help Joshua, Y'Lon, and their CCYA peers go to <http://ccyakids.org/donate-online-now/>

Check the box to designate your gift for "College Student Gap Scholarship Fund". Josh is the highest priority because he is a senior, then Y' Lon.

If you prefer to send money directly to the universities for Josh or Y'Lon please contact Belinda Vogel at bel_v@yahoo.com for details on how to do so.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



Summer General Membership Meeting

The Summer General Meeting was held outside at Elaine LaMontagne's home, social-distance-style. It brought smiles, updates on fundraising and upcoming events. Special guests included Devereux's Brenda Vazquez and Athleta's Taylor Terrell.



Many thanks to Athleta's Taylor Terrell for serving as a special speaker on "Dressing for the Times – A Look at the Latest Athisure Trends". She is the Experiential Manager at their newest East Cobb/Merchants Walk location, and she was awesome! Taylor gave out tips, gifts and discount cards. Check out their beautiful new store – we hope to partner with them on future events, too!

*"Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential."
(Unknown origin, but used by many coaches and leaders)*

The Inspirational Poster project is progressing with students at Devereux voting on their favorite quotes of sports greats provided by the Circle – a full story is forthcoming!



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*



September 9	Katherine Mielcuszny
September 9	Diane Miller
September 9	Anne Wallis
September 13	Patti Quinn
September 16	Dottie Rachels
September 17	Chris Crawford
September 18	Maureen Olson
September 20	Sue Baer

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

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.



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?

Click the button below to get started or on your first visit to 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 every time you make a purchase in order for the Circle to receive the charitable donation from Amazon.

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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 The Circle for Children number, 33533. You can also call
Kroger at 1-800-562-4438 and they will sign you up over the phone.

