



January 2021 Newsletter

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

2021 came ringing in with my daughter, Nicole's, magical wedding to Griffin Campbell. She is also a Junior Circle member! Planning a wedding during the confusing, gray fog of 2020 was challenging, but the end result was spectacular, and I'm forever grateful. Now, pivoting back and onward to Circle for Children affairs!



Get your Sharpie Marker out and let's change a few dates on the calendar – we're pushing things back to give a little extra time, space and breathing room for planning our major fundraiser, and allowing members to feel more comfy, cozy at meetings and events. Please read this newsletter carefully and check the new, updated box of Circle dates. Let's virtually hold hands and continue walking through these times together ...

Mwah,
Elaine LaMontagne, Co-President



Happy New Year Circle Members, I'm sure most of us are happy to put 2020 in the rear-view mirror. What an interesting year that was! Somehow though with all the challenges 2020 presented The Circle still managed to pull off a very successful golf tournament to benefit

Devereux and fill the Holiday stockings of the Devereux students with their hearts' desires.

Now here we are in 2021 still facing the same obstacles as last year but the strong women of The Circle will carry on! Because Devereux and our scholarship recipients need us, maybe now more than ever!

So, in the parlance of the sports world (remember this year's theme is Make Giving a Sport), we are calling an audible. We are changing our game plan and moving our fundraiser, The Ultimate Tailgate, to early this summer. Praying for a Hail Mary vaccine for most of us that will make gathering to raise money for our beneficiaries safer, better, and more fun!! Read this newsletter for more info!

Now as a thank you to those of you that have stayed with me, reading to this point, I promised another game of hide and seek. Somewhere hidden in this newsletter is the new year's baby. The first two members who email me at the thecircle4children@gmail.com with the location of the baby will get a little something special when we mail you the new directory! Oh yeah, the directory is coming!

Xoxo,
Danielle Houret-Lam, Co-President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Executive Committee Meeting

Zoom Call
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Valentine's Day Dance

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
February 11
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Zumba Junior Social

Dance it Off, Sandy Springs
Wednesday, February 17
7:00 pm

Winter General Meeting and Fashion Show **NEW DATE!**

Atlanta Country Club
Wednesday, March 10
11:00 am

Patron Party for Ultimate Tailgate Sponsors **NEW DATE!**

Terrapin Taproom and Braves' Truist
Park, The Battery
TBD

Ultimate Tailgate **NEW DATE!**

College Football Hall of Fame
Saturday, June 5
6:30 - 11:00 pm

UNEXPECTED GENEROUS DONATIONS!

- Once a year, **Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty** asks their agents to submit a charity that is near and dear to their hearts for a possible financial donation. This year, Circle for Children member **Tricia Leuallen** nominated Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health to receive the award – and it was selected for a **\$1,000** contribution by way of the Circle!
- **Mike Pullido**, a last-minute golfer in the Circle's 2020 Golf Tournament (in the Insuperity golf group) gave a **\$5,000** donation to our cause! He was not familiar with our organization prior to the tournament, but thanks to **Pat Iaffaldano's daughter, Blair**, who invited Mike to play, as well as **Kim Sherk's husband, Paul**, who was paired with him and shared info on the Circle, Mike was moved to write a year-end check.

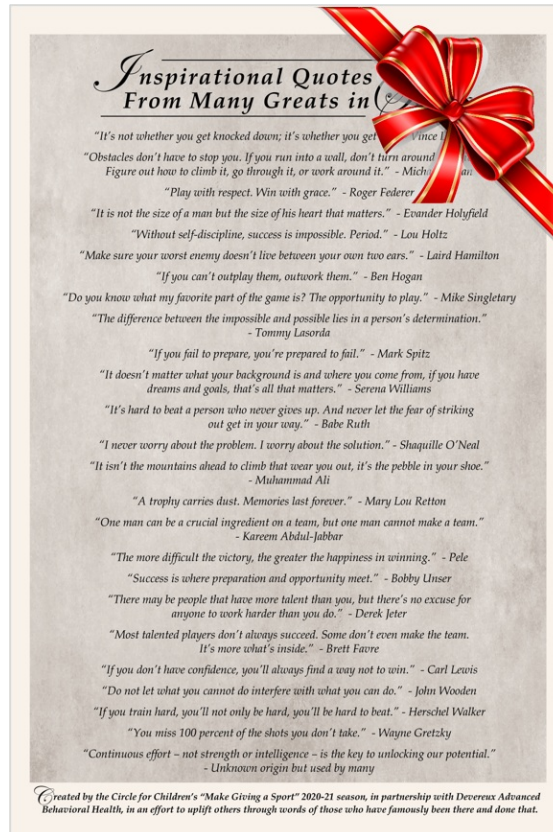
Thank you for spreading the word about the children we serve – these are case-in-point examples that you never know!!!

INSPIRATIONAL SPORTS QUOTES POSTER - GREAT GIFT!

We added a unique fundraising element to the 2020-21 year, which perfectly aligns with our "Make Giving a Sport" theme. A poster with inspirational quotes by sports greats was researched, designed and printed to be sold for \$25 each. All proceeds will go to Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Georgia, the Circle's charity beneficiary, plus a poster was given to each of the approximately 150 youth receiving treatment at Devereux.

Hundreds of famous quotes by celebrity athletes were considered and whittled down to 50. Then the children in treatment at Devereux voted for their favorites. The top 25 are highlighted in the final product, including quotes from such power athletes as Muhammad Ali, Mary Lou Retton, Brett Favre and Derek Jeter. The high quality poster is 36" x 24" and has a vintage feel with bronze-like lettering and a creamy background. The simplicity and neutral tones make it an easy addition to most rooms, whether a family room, bedroom or office.

To purchase a poster, you can simply contact **Elaine LaMontagne** at 404-295-9510 or at elainelamontagne123@gmail.com, or on the Circle Website at circle4children.org under the "Payment" category.



Created by the Circle for Children's "Make Giving a Sport" 2020-21 season, in partnership with Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, in an effort to uplift others through words of those who have famously been there and done that.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT - ULTIMATE TAILGATE EXPERIENCE

DATE CHANGE FOR ULTIMATE TAILGATE

In light of the concerns regarding Covid-19 and after thoughtful consideration, we have moved the Ultimate Tailgate to Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Good news! This ad is in the current Atlanta Magazine, bad news, it has the old date (welcome to our postponed event world ...)

THE ULTIMATE TAILGATE
to MAKE *Giving* A SPORT

The Circle For Children
Leadership: (L-R) Krista
O'Neal (Auction Co-Chair),
Heather Rees (Event
Co-Chair), Danielle Houret-
Lam (Co-President), Elaine
LaMontagne (Co-President).

Not pictured: Charlene Rowe
(Event Co-Chair) and Kristin
Harbison (Auction Co-Chair)



Saturday, June 5, 2021

at the CHICK-FIL-A COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Upscale cocktail party with delicious food, dancing with The Superstones, auction excitement and game time energy; all to raise funds for at-risk children of Georgia.

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Benefiting the Circle for Children, www.circle4children.org

Peggy and Tom
Cannon



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Check out the awesome coverage on the Circle in Chattahoochee Charm's December issue, published by our own Krista O'Neal!

Neighborhood News

Many of the volunteers in Marietta, Georgia, who participated in the Circle for Children's 2021 Winter General Meeting were able to attend in person. So many of the volunteers were unable to attend in person, but what all Circle members care in common is a passion for helping Georgia's youth.

The Circle for Children, Georgia's largest non-profit charity for children, has received a grant of \$100,000 from the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Authority. This \$100,000 grant will be used for primary fundraising efforts which include the Circle for Children's 2021 Winter General Meeting and the 2021 Holiday Dinner. The Circle for Children's 2021 Winter General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Other special events include a wine and cheese reception, a silent auction, and a raffle. The Circle for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please contact BJ Wooldridge at bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net.

Top sponsors among 600 of the donors included Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Authority, The Fisher Group of Atlanta, Moore's Custom CPAs and Advisors, Blake and Stone LLC, The Circle for Children, American Home Place, Dillard's and Terry Cosmetics, and Tera Cantano, Donna and David Apovich.

The newest fundraising project, a vintage-style poster highlighting 20 inspiring acts of sportsmanship, has been created as a fun gift reminder for the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Authority. After hundreds of quotes were received, youth from Devereux Children's



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Devereux Children's Center were voted for their favorite - from Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson to Shaquille O'Neal and Wayne Gretzky. The classic 20" x 24" poster with uplifting messages is available for purchase for \$25, with all proceeds being donated to Devereux - and a copy of one poster will be given to each of the youth at Devereux during the Circle's 2021-22 year.

The grand finale of the 2021-22 year will be the 2021-22 year's Grand Finale, which will be held at the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Authority on Saturday, March 20, 2021.



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Announcements for the 2021-22 Winter General Meeting. The Circle for Children will once again support Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Authority's 2021-22 year's Grand Finale, which will be held at the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Authority on Saturday, March 20, 2021. The Circle for Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please contact BJ Wooldridge at bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We have pushed the winter general meeting back a month to March 10, 11 AM, at Atlanta Country Club. The event will also include our Spring Fashion Show sponsored by Dillard's. Cost for the afternoon will be \$41.50 if paid online and \$40.00 if paying by check or cash. Please be aware that your payment must be received to confirm your reservation. There will be no payments taken at the meeting.

We are looking for members to volunteer to strut their stuff in the fashion show. If interested, please contact Denise Pont at denisepont1@yahoo.com. Fittings will be held in late January and early February.

Be on the lookout for the invitation arriving in your inbox with further details!!

We will be collecting these items at the General Membership meeting for the students at Devereux. Women's and Men's Underwear Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and no show socks for Women and Men.

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

For those who may not be able to attend the March Winter General Meeting and Lunch you can still drop off Devereux donations at Heather Rees's house (4461 Club Lake Circle SE, Marietta, Ga. 30067) in the bins on her front porch from Wednesday, March 3 - Sunday, March 7. For questions, please contact heatherrees27@gmail.com.

DEVEREUX UPDATE

Gift Wrapping Holiday Gifts

A big thank you to the Circle members who joined us on December 17th as volunteers to wrap Christmas gifts for the Devereux students..

The beautifully wrapped gifts were sure to put big smiles on the children's faces when they opened them on Christmas Day. Plus, they each received a copy of the Inspirational Sports Quotes Poster the Circle created!

Holiday Decorations at Devereux

On December 1st, BJ Wooldridge helped take down the November decorations in the cafeteria and put up Holiday decorations which included tablecloths and snowmen centerpieces for the Christmas Day luncheon for the students.

Dolly Fehd used her creativity to make the holiday banners for the cafeteria. Dolly got the students involved with making holly leaves to decorate the windows.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Membership Spotlight: Anne Keane

How long have you lived in Atlanta? We moved to Atlanta from Savannah in 2008.

How did you hear about the Circle for Children? I had taken note of Circle for Children in several Atlantan magazine features, but then really learned about it from my "down the road" neighbor, Elaine LaMontagne.

What made you decide to join? I had been contemplating and exploring a few charitable organizations. My time serving on the board for our church youth had ended and it was time for something new.

Tell us about some of your interests or hobbies -I really enjoy tennis, traveling, boating, hiking and horseback riding.

Tell us about your family -My husband John and I have 3 wonderful sons; Patrick is a 20 year old student studying construction management and engineering, Michael, 18, is a high school senior who shines on the basketball court, and Connor, 16, is our technical guru. Our dog, Savannah, is our only girl.

What are your favorite destination spots in the country and world that someday you will visit again? Our family vacations most often are of the "surf and turf" variety. Our favorite ski spot is Lake Tahoe. My parents live in Key Largo so we are often there to enjoy the water and sunshine. Internationally, our boys were thrilled to visit their cousins in Ireland...my husband and boys are dual citizens of the USA and Ireland.



Secret Santa

We had a nice turnout for members interested in spreading some Holiday cheer as a Secret Santa. I am sure there were some very creative elves and some lovely gifts given with love and good cheer.



To end the suspense - here is the list:

Recipient

Ann Chotiner
Cynthia Barr
Mary Beth Wegener
Kimberly Johnson
Cindy Formica
Betts Fisher
Sally Davis

Secret Santa

Elaine LaMontagne
Dottie Rachels
Debbie Judd
Sally Davis
Deb Cohan
Cindy Formica
Cynthia Barr

Deb Cohan
Elaine LaMontagne
Dottie Rachels
Pat Iaffaldano
Dori VanWagenen
Shannon Price
Debbie Judd

Mary Beth Wegener
Doris VanWagenen
Pat Iaffaldano
Kimberly Johnson
Ann Chotiner
Betts Fisher
Shannon Price

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Membership Directory

COMING SOON TO YOUR MAILBOX

The 2020-2021 directory of our active members is complete and fresh off the presses! Members should begin receiving their updated directory pages in the mail in the next week. If you fail to receive one by January 31st, please email us at thecircle4children@gmail.com so that we can make other arrangements to get your copy to you.

Most members should have received the directory 3-ring binder last year, now all you have to do is add the new pages to the notebook and you are good to go! If you do not have a binder, please contact us so that we can get you one!!

Access the Directory online with new Password

The new 2020-2021 directory of active Circle members can now be viewed on our website. For the privacy of all members, the directory is password protected. You can access the directory under the membership tab on the website. The new password is Circle2021 and it is case sensitive. Please don't share this password with non-circle members.

Purse Auction Reminder

Hi everyone, another reminder about our Purse Sale in 2021. Please keep saving purses to donate and ask all your friends and families.



If you want to donate them now I will gladly store them until the sale; date to be determined. Call me at 770-980-0763 and I will pick them up or drop them at my home 4758 Rivercliff Landing Marietta, GA.

Thanks and Happy New Year!
Cindy Formica



January 3	Susan Harvin
January 4	Sandra Dye
January 6	Nicole LaMontagne
January 9	Sue Butler
January 15	Dolly Fehd
January 20	Sally
Davis	
January 26	Ginny Wolf
January 29	Bridget Conner
January 31	Patricia Iaffaldano

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.



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