

NEWSLETTER

A HEART MATTER

EDITOR'S NOTE

On numerous occasions, the adage "Show me your checkbook and I'll show you where your heart is" has resonated deeply with many individuals, serving as a catalyst for self-reflection. While undeniably profound, I contend that this statement is but one piece of a more comprehensive narrative. Complementing this axiom is its counterpart, "Show me where you spend your time, and I will tell you where your heart is." Time, often more precious than money, holds a unique significance in revealing one's priorities and passions. The contributions of knowledge and skills towards nurturing a thriving communal environment must not be underestimated, as without dedicated individuals, financial resources alone hold little impact. I urge you to introspect and inquire, "Where does my heart lie?" Embracing the opportunity to engage with a nonprofit organization within your community can profoundly impact the lives of those in need. Remember, your worth and potential to effect positive change are immeasurable.

Get the latest updates and follow student activities as they unfold. Follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/circleoffriendsministrylw/>

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CLOSER LOOK

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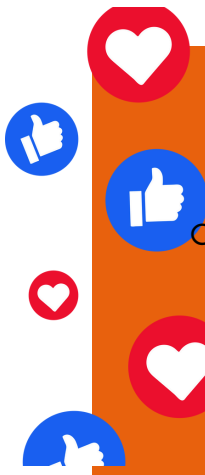
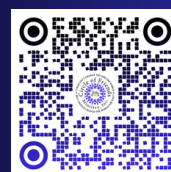
- Upcoming Events
- Available Resources
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Spotlight

- Get to know the caring companies, foundations, and people who make our services possible.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU!**

**LANA GOMEZ
LAUREN BROWN
REAGAN ADKISON**



WHAT'S

P.O.P.'N



**We are welcoming the
P.O.P. TOTS
to our new summer program
July 1st-August 2nd**

**We are opening 10 spaces for
children ages 10-18 years with
intellectual and developmental
disabilities to attend our day
program where they will receive
daily encouragement through
devotion, creative activities,
assistance with general
education retention, and for the
development of life & social skills
that are essential for their future.**

**Parents interested in enrollment
can contact Crystal Higbee for
more information at (863) 679-
2507 or email
info@circleoffriendsministry.org.**

SUMMER TIME!

**Vacation begins
July 1st-July 16th**

**It's time to soak
up the sun on your
summer break!
Our P.O.P.
students will get
their initial sun
time in during
their Vero Beach
trip on June 21st!**

**If you are an
approved
volunteer and
would like to
accompany the
students on this
trip, please
contact Crystal at
(863) 679-2507 for
more information.**



OPEN HOUSE

**SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
& OPEN ENROLLMENT
FOR THE 2024-2025
P.O.P. PROGRAM WILL
BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND,
2024
6:00PM-8:00PM
FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT
INFO@CIRCLEOFFRIENDS
MINISTRY.ORG**

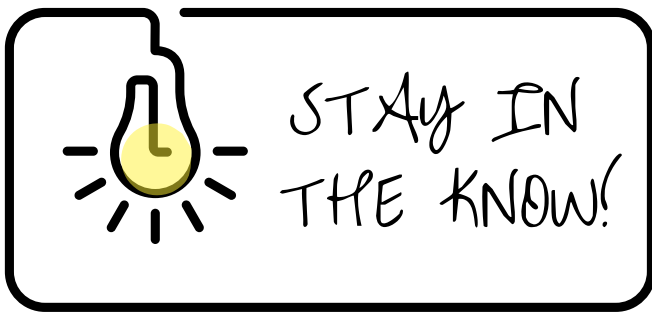
**PROCLAIMING OUR POTENTIAL
P.O.P.
HOURS OF OPERATION
TUESDAY-FRIDAY
8:30AM-4:00PM**

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JUNE RESPITE EVENTS

JULY RESPITE EVENTS



JUNE 13TH-16TH

Join us as we set up at the Hyatt Regency Orlando 9801 International Drive for the largest Disability Resource fair that is held annually in Orlando.

2ND ANNUAL
Summer Social

If you are a parent or caregiver of a loved one with intellectual and/or developmental differences, then this respite event is for you!

Go to: www.circleoffriendsministry.com and click on "Events" tab in the menu bar. RSVP for this free fun family event.

We look forward to making some new friends!

- Hotdogs
- Chips
- Beverages
- Treats
- Carnival Style Games
- Music
- Dancing
- Activities

and YES.....it's ALL fun & games!

The fun starts Saturday
July 20th, 2024
5:00pm-7:00pm

Location: Circle of Friends Ministry
333 Lime Avenue, Lake Wales, FL.

A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the poster, which likely links to the event registration page.

Reaching Hands Support Group

Mental Health Awareness

June 21st

6:30pm-7:30pm

Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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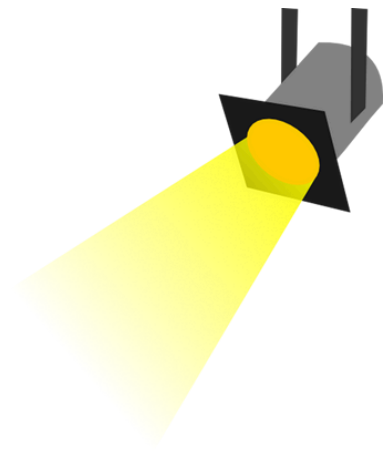
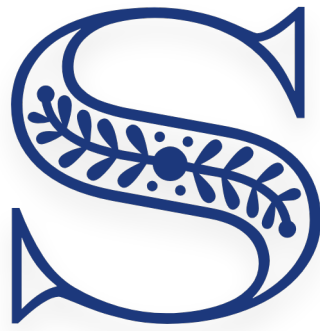
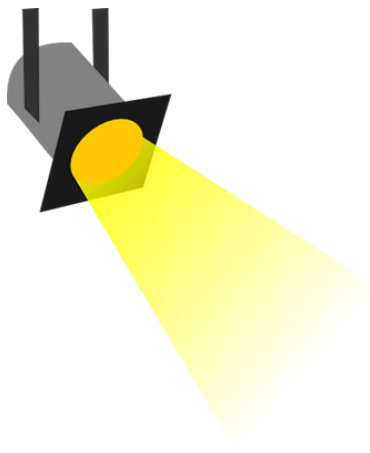
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SUMMER SOCIAL

Join us for this free community event. All you need to do is visit us on the web at www.circleoffriendsministry.com and click on the EVENTS page. RSVP for the Summer Social

Confirm your attendance and receive a free hotdog meal, take part in games and activities. Kona Ice will be onsite for guests to enjoy an icee treat.

VISIT US ON THE WEB TO SEE ALL OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
WWW.CIRCLEOFFRIENDSMINISTRY.COM



In the Spotlight

PLATINUM SPONSORS

MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICE- GRANTED \$21,000.00 TO HELP SPONSOR 5 OF OUR SPONSORSHIP STUDENTS

VOTUM FOUNDATION- GRANTED \$10,000.00 TOWARDS OPERATIONS

GIVEWELL -THANK YOU FOR GRANTING \$3,000.00 TO HELP FUND OUR P.O.P. TOTS SUMMER PROGRAM!

BELL-BARNETT FOUNDATION-GRANT OF \$5,000.00 FOR OPERATIONS.

ER JAHNA FOUNDATION

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AMERICAN LEGION
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OASIS SPA
ENTOURAGE

HARVEST MEAT MARKET
BUTTERFLY WORLD
BOK TOWER GARDENS
DYER CHEVEROLET
SADDLEBAG RESORT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

DOMINO'S
ABUELLO'S

Get Involved!

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THANK

YOU

Make a Difference by donating to or sponsoring a scholarship for one of our low-income students.

There are several ways to invest t in the future of adults with IDD.

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