

PARTNERSHIP 2024



A commitment to BETTER.

THE JOURNEY TO BETTER

Friendship Circle of Cleveland's community has blossomed since laying a strategic foundation in January of 2021. The glowing embrace of more *Friendship*, more *Connection*, and more *Support* now reaches an ever-expanding number of children and families. As Friendship Circle edges toward the goal of welcoming 360 participants, its capacity, too, has expanded, introducing additional staff, launching exciting new programs, and streamlining operations.

Today, you can help grow the circle, and make it BETTER!

BETTER FRIENDSHIP



Friendship Circle is enhancing its regular programming by blending friendship and developmental education—social and physical. Programs, now totaling 14, complemented by various camps and events, now include Dance, Social Skills, and more! Plus, the innovative Individualized Friendship Plan not only helps children learn social skills but also facilitates their application during social programs. For instance, a child can learn a new introduction method during Social Skills and then receive assistance practicing during Sunday Circle, offering a smoothly integrated and supportive approach to achieving developmental milestones.

BETTER CONNECTION



Friendship Circle now offers two enriching Jewish programs with Rabbi Yosef Peysin, PhD, BCBA-D., designed to weave together Jewish values, knowledge, love, and friendship, energizing our connection. In Kulanu Hebrew School, children rotate between personalized Jewish tutoring, socializing, and Judaic activities like music or art. Additionally, teens are equipped with more resources to evolve into better prepared Friend-Makers, ensuring a deeper, more meaningful connection between friends.

BETTER SUPPORT



Recognizing the additional burden on the family unit that can arise while raising a child with disabilities, and seeing first-hand the challenges wrought by COVID-19, Friendship Circle expanded its services to include family support. Programs and services include parent networking, inspirational events, one-on-one coaching, referrals to recommended community services, holiday events for the entire family, parent date-nights, and much more. Furthermore, a newly appointed full-time Clinical Director now provides care and guidance for children, ensuring consistent and professional support every day.



When I asked Jack what his favorite part of Fun Friday was and on his communicator he typed "friends".



Thank you for all you do!

- Jack's Mom



I really appreciate everyone embracing her. She's been through a lot with people not accepting her on the past. She really is a great kiddo!

- Gabby's Mom



THE MISSION

To spark friendship, connection, and support for children of all abilities, their families, and Jewish teens.

THE VISION

An elevated community by realizing the special soul within each individual.

THE IMPACT



PROGRAMS

For children of all abilities

- Better Together
- Fitness with Friends
- Girls Dance
- Kulanu Hebrew School
- Kulanu: After-School
- Social Skills
- Sunday Circle
- Summer, Winter & Holiday Camps
- Teen Scene Boys
- Teen Scene Girls
- Virtual Hangout
- Young Adult Men
- Young Adult Women

For families

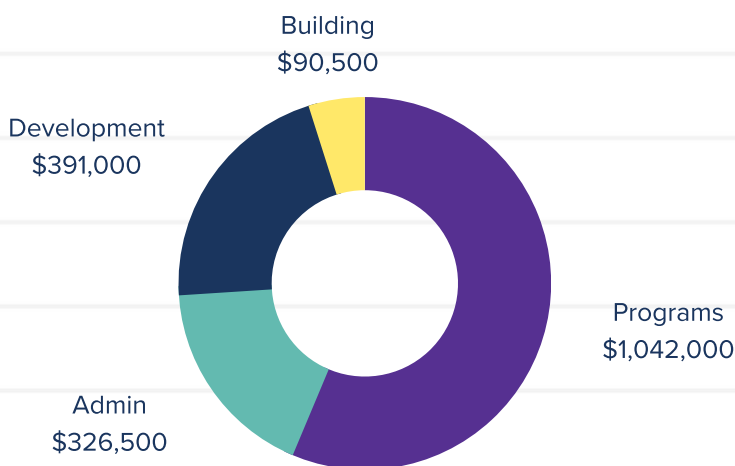
- Family Holiday Events
- Parent Support and Networking
- Shabbat Dinners
- Coffee Convo Support Group
- Lunch & Learn Support Group

For teens

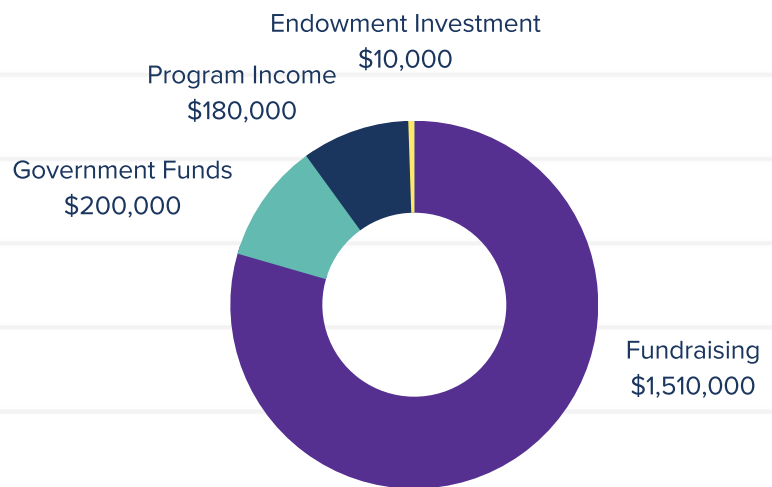
- B'nei Mitzvah Projects
- Teen Education Seminars
- Teen Leadership Board
- Weinberg Friendship Award

ANNUAL BUDGET 2023–2024*

Board approved budget: **\$1,850,000**



Income forecast: **\$1,900,000**



*Fiscal year ending 06-30-24.

Past annual financial audits are available upon request.



Since joining Sunday Circle, I look forward to attending every week. Now that I've been volunteering at Friendship Circle for the past six months, I understand why my sister loves it so much. It's such a welcoming organization, and it's so much fun to connect with the kids there and learn from one another.



- Samantha DeMinico, teen friend-maker

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★	PRESIDENTS CIRCLE	\$50,000
★	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE	\$36,000
★	PLATINUM CIRCLE	\$25,000
★	DIAMOND CIRCLE	\$18,000
★	GOLD CIRCLE	\$10,000
★	SILVER CIRCLE	\$5,000
★	BRONZE CIRCLE	\$2,500
★	CHAI CIRCLE	\$1,800

Partner contributions may be raised through a MyWalk4Friends team.

THANK YOU for helping to create an inclusive community where everyone feels acceptance and belonging. Friendship Circle welcomes children from all denominations. Your generosity makes a direct impact on the community—on exceptional children, their families, and Jewish teens.

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- ☐ I am donating my commitment in full.
- ☐ Please bill me \$ _____.
- ☐ We will raise or donate the total through our My Walk 4 Friends Team.

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THANK YOU!

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