# ANNUAL REPORT



Leadership \* Friendship \* Inclusion

# Our Mission and Vision.

Where heroes blossom and miracles are made



#### THE NEED

Children with special needs face myriad struggles in their daily lives. While traditional therapeutic methods can be successful in improving their physical or cognitive development, they do nothing to alleviate the social isolation these children often feel. This loneliness is extremely detrimental to selfworth, self-confidence, and overall happiness. At The Friendship Circle, we provide the services that fill this therapeutic gap.

he Friendship Circle provides them with not only the chance to volunteer, but also the chance to grow into the best version of themselves. They learn to see the inherent value in individuals of all abilities, and develop the sensitivity and social skills necessary to become tomorrow's leaders.

The Mission of the Friendship Circle is to bridge the gap between special needs and typical youth through shared experience, empower special needs youth with the skills they need to live a productive and independent adult life, give parents and families muchneeded respite, and nurture a sense of awareness and communal responsibility in our teens.

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# every person is a gem

They are not hard to find! - because they always sparkle!



## Message from our Leadership.

It has been a year of tremendous success for the Friendship Circle of Washington. Our current programs have experienced unprecedented growth across the board. Sunday Circle, Birthday Club, and Teen Scene have all grown and we are now serving more than 535 children and families and over 170 teen volunteers across the greater Seattle area.

Our success would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of our more than 170 Teen Heroes who show up regularly to create lasting memories and friendship for our children. These amazing teens are changing the world through their compassion, kindness and willingness to make a difference.

Finally, we would like to offer a special thanks to you--our donors, partners, sponsors and friends who make this vital work possible. We are working hard to serve every child and family that needs are services. We cannot do it without your support. Thank you for being part of our family and for all that you do to make this a more caring and inclusive world.

Elazar and Esther Bogomilsky

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Founders



# LEADERSHIP CLUB

What word would you use to describe Friendship Circle?

"Being a leader means putting others before you. Friendship Circle gives you that experience because THERE IS NOTHING MORE REWARDING THAN BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH SOMETHING SO BASIC AND ESSENTIAL AS FRIENDSHIP.

Friendship Circle Volunteer



Elana Levitan\*
Seattle Academy, 11th Grade



WELCOMING
Hannah Morris,\* President
Seattle Academy, 11th Grade



Noah Cape
The Bush School, 10th Grade



Drew Cohen
Issaquah HS, 10th Grade



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Issaquah HS, 11th Grade



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The Center School, 12th Grade



TRANSFORMATION

Ali Dickstein\*

Mercer Island HS, 11th Grade



Sam Castellanos Mercer Island HS, 11th Grade



Hannah Wahl Roosevelt HS, 11th Grade

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170 TEEN
HEREOES from
41 SCHOOLS

### **OFFERING THE COMMUNITY...**



#### FRIENDS@HOME

Friends @ Home gives children with special needs the chance to bond with teen volunteers in their own home. Volunteers and children get together regularly to play games, read, bake cookies or just have fun. Having a friend over to play—an activity taken for granted by most children—creates feelings of belonging and self-worth in a child with special needs.



#### SUNDAY CIRCLE

Sunday Circle enables children with special needs to come together in a supportive environment for positive social interactions while receiving one on one attention from a teen volunteer. Participants are paired up with a buddy and enjoy activities such as art, music and Kung Fu. The children develop important life skills while moms and dads get a much needed respite. The experience also transforms our teen volunteers into advocates as they develop the values, sensitivity and skills to become tomorrow's leaders.



#### **BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Children with special needs are often excluded from birthday parties and miss out on opportunities to socialize. The Friendship Circle brings kids together to eat cake, celebrate, and see their friends. The agency hosts bi-monthly birthday and holiday celebrations for children with special needs and their families.



#### LEADERSHIP BOARD

Several outstanding Friendship Circle teen volunteers are chosen to be on the Leadership Board each year. As members, they commit to weekly volunteering and participate in special projects related to community organizing and fundraising. The teens help recruit new volunteers and gain valuable leadership, communication and job skills.



#### SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp provides a chance for children to participate in fun and educational activities that build social, emotional and physical skills in a supportive environment. The sense of inclusion, importance, and participation in a loving community of peers is a unique opportunity for participants.



#### SIB CIRCLE

Sib Circle provides a safe space where siblings of children with special needs can discuss their feelings and receive support and attention. Each workshop is designed to encourage discussion and communication. Sib Circle also enables children with similar experiences to form friendships of their own.



#### TEEN SCENE

Teen Scene bridges the gap between typical teens and teens with special needs by enabling them to enjoy fun and meaningful experiences together. Teen Scene helps participants develop life skills such as banking, grocery shopping, or applying for jobs.



#### MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Mom's Night Out gives mothers an opportunity to support each other while enjoying an activity such as yoga, painting or spa night. This support group of women is a much needed moment of respite and is imperative to maintaining positive mental health while raising a child with special needs.



#### TEEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

General hands-on sensitivity training for teens on a range of topics.



#### MVP - MITZVAH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Friendship Circle Mitzvah Volunteer Program (MVP) engages 12 and 13 year olds in volunteerism and community involvement in a hands-on way. Volunteering with the Friendship Circle is a serious, yearlong commitment, one that younger teens are often not ready to make. The MVP program enables these youth to be positively involved in their community, but requires less of a commitment. MVP youth receive sensitivity and general volunteer training, preparing them to become active community members & FC volunteers.



#### **COOKING CIRCLE**

Cooking Circle integrates essential life skills training with the social interaction unique to The Friendship Circle. The activity provides an innovative way for teens with special needs to learn about nutrition. With the support of their teen volunteer buddies and the guidance of trained nutrition professionals, Cooking Circle participants will learn how to plan, shop for, and cook healthy meals.







# EVALUATION AND RESULTS

The Friendship Circle continually reviews constituent feedback and adjusts our programming accordingly to ensure we are meeting the needs of the population we serve. The success of our objectives is measured by program attendance, therapist evaluations, parent and volunteer surveys and assessments.

June 2016's surveys revealed the following trends for the 2015-2016 Friendship Circle (FC) school year cycle: 100% of parents said their child finds FC programming enriching and enjoyable

84% of parents said their child gained valuable interpersonal skills from FC program participation

94% of parents said FC provides a supportive environment for their family

100% of parents said they would recommend FC to their friends and family

"BEING A LEADER TO ME MEANS PUTTING OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF. AND I THINK FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE GIVES YOU THAT EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROVIDING THESE KIDS WITH A BASIC PART OF HUMAN NATURE, SOMETHING THEY CAN'T BUY OR BE TAUGHT.
FRIENDSHIP!"

-NADAV BRUMER (FC VOLUNTEER)

# IMPACT OF VOLUNTERING

Therapists saw 96% of program participants exhibit positive changes in mental health

91% of volunteers said they have gained relevant special needs knowledge and exposure as a result of volunteering

100% of volunteers said FC has taught them to see the value in individuals of all abilities

82% of volunteers said FC has taught them the importance of giving back to the community

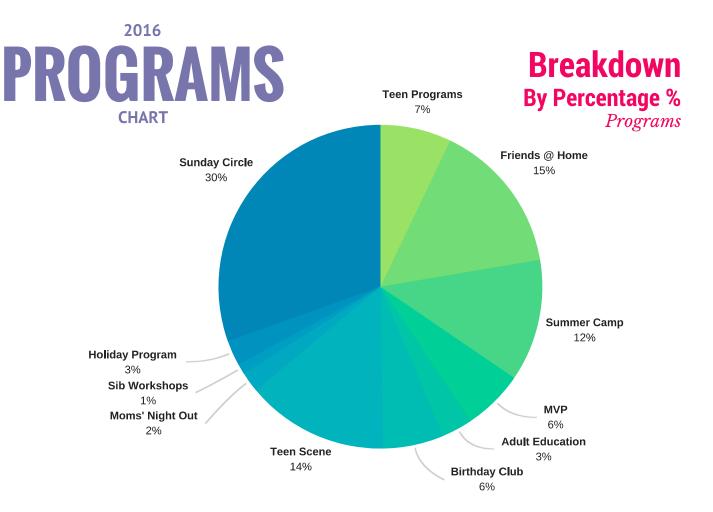
100% of volunteers said they are more likely to volunteer in the future as a result of volunteering

100% of volunteers said they would recommend volunteering with FC to their friends

"WE FEEL SO BLESSED TO HAVE MET THE COHENS. NOT ONLY DO WE GET TO SEE THEM AT SUNDAY CIRCLE BUT WE GOT LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE PAIRED WITH THEM FOR FRIENDS AT HOME MY KATE GOT A NEW FRIEND AND I DID AS WELL WE HAD AN INSTANT CONNECTION AND KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON THEM TO LOVE KATE"



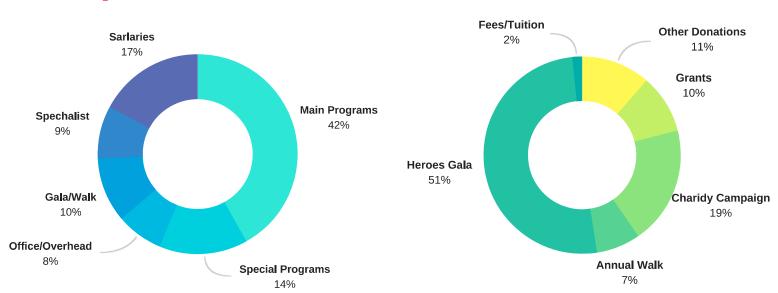
-GAIL AND MANLIO VECCHIET (PARENTS OF KATE)

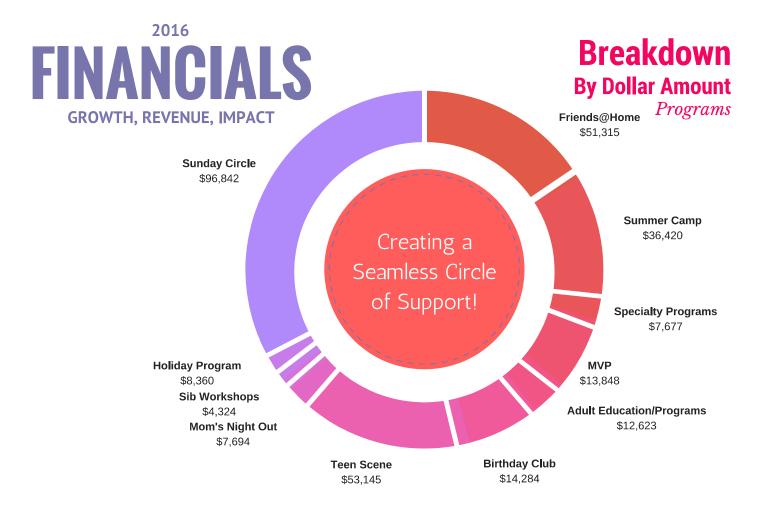




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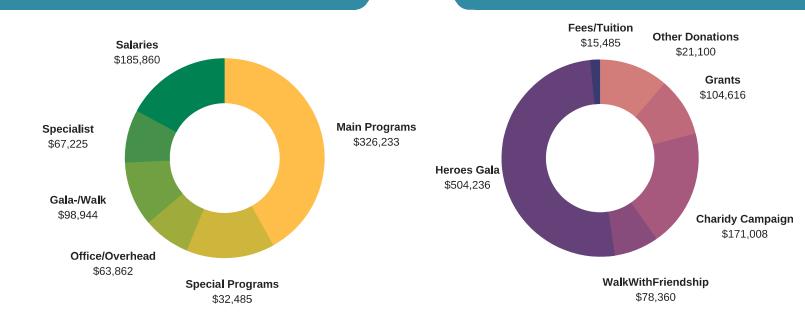
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#### Revenue - \$891,813





#### **HEROES & HONOREES GALA**

The 11th Annual Heroes Gala, which honored Stacey and Dan Levitan and 150 teen hereos, was the most successful event to date. On May 15th, more than 500 friends and community leaders gathered in support of the Friendship Circle and in celebration of the dedication and hard work of our teen volunteers. The dinner raised over \$500,000 for Friendship Circle programs. Funds will enable the organization to serve more children, help create continuing generations of teen leaders and build more inclusive friendships.

**"THE TEEN HEROES** WHO DONATE THEIR TIME TO THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE **ARE INSPIRING** AND PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF THEIR **FUTURE COMMITMENT** TO MAKING THE WORLD A MORE ACCEPTING, **TOLERANT AND JOYFUL** PLACE TO LIVE."

PATTY LAZARUS, EVENT CHAIR



### 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK WITH FRIENDSHIP

On October 7, more than 700 children, families, sponsors and partners came out to participate in the much anticipated annual "Walk with Friendship". The walk is a special day to raise awareness around inclusion and to celebrate the fundraising efforts of all of our teams and individuals. Funds raised through sponsorship or event participation helps us serve even more children and families who need our vital programs and support.

































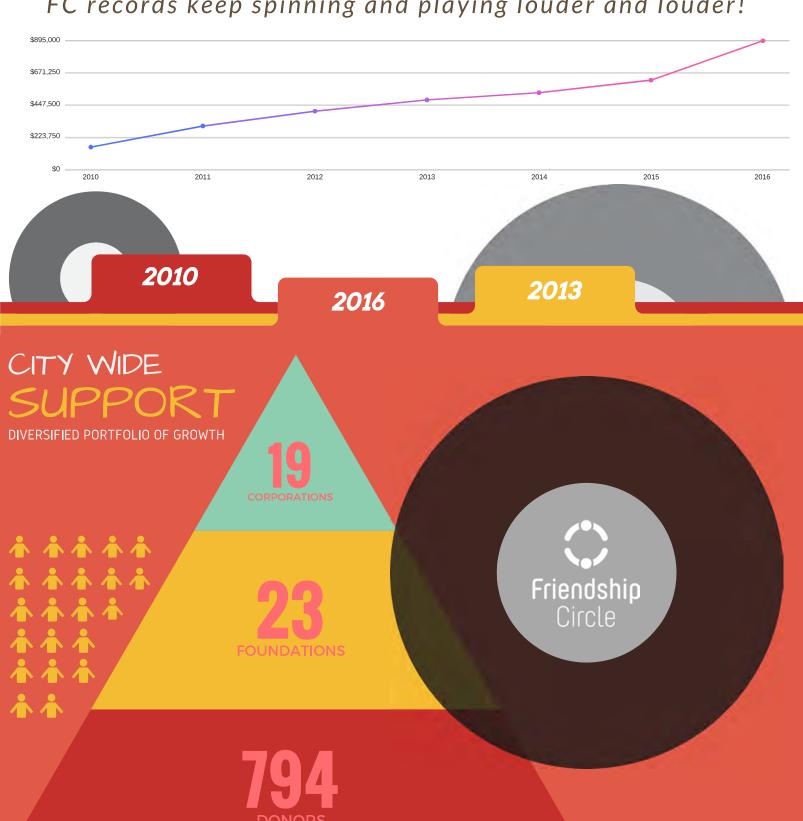






# **"YOU HAVE MADE THE SOUND OF** FRIENDSHIP GROW YEAR AFTER YEAR"

FC records keep spinning and playing louder and louder!





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"Friendship Circle has completely changed Jayden's quality of life in the most positive of ways. He had never really had a friend until he was matched with Sam. Sam sees Jayden every week and is like a part of our family.

#### FOR US, THIS WAS THE MISSING PIECE."

Pam Rappaport, Mother of Jayder

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OTHERS BEFORE YOU. Friendship Circle gives you that experience because there is nothing more rewarding than being able to provide children with something so basic and essential as Friendship."

Friendship Circle Volunteer



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Lloyd Tucker

Bobby & Lauren Turner



anna Smilanksy is the ideal Friendship Circle volunteer. Hannah, who has befriended three children over the past two years, came to Friendship Circle in her junior year in order to earn community service credits.

annah shares her feelings on her summer camp experience; "Working with children with special needs is something good.

Yet, I never imagined that I would receive so much in return, YOU BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY."

Working with the children at Friendship Circle has even helped shape my career aspirations. As a junior at Vanderbilt I am studying child development with a focus on disability studies and have become interested in developing better environments for children with special needs.

VOLUNTEERING HAS ALSO TAUGHT ME TO TAKE MY TIME & TO APPRECIATE PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES"

## Thank You!



· "None of us are complete, unless all of us are included"