### The Friendship Circle is made up of five parts:

The volunteers, children, parents, staff, and supporters. The true beauty of the Circle is how we all link together to form a seamless circle of friendship.

## Together, we can perform miracles.

### What is the Friendship Circle?

The Friendship Circle reaches out and extends a helping hand to families whose children have special needs and involves them in a full range of Jewish and social experiences. The Circle's unique formula introduces volunteers to the children and through shared experiences both are enriched.





## **Our Mission**

The Friendship Circle's mission is to bring friends and smiles to children with special needs and peace of mind to their parents; to foster the values of volunteerism and compassion among our youth; and to ultimately realize the community's responsibility for its members with special needs.

## **Friendship Circle Programs**

#### **Friends** at Home

In a home setting, a trained and dedicated volunteer visits a child with special needs on a weekly basis. A special bond is created as they engage in enjoyable activities and innovative crafts. The child's life is illuminated in a most significant fashion as they await the visit of their friend. The parents use this opportunity to enjoy a weekly respite as their child basks in the friendship of the volunteer.

#### Sunday Circle

This program is designed to teach the children many important skills from gross motor and cognitive skills to communication and language. The multi faceted activities include music, stories, crafts, karate and interaction with other children. In an intimate setting the children have the opportunity to learn the values, songs and traditions of our Jewish heritage.

### Holiday **Programs**

Experience the magic of the Jewish calendar with unique holiday entertainment. Friendship Circle families and their volunteers join together to celebrate their Jewish uniqueness through exciting activities and hands on fun. The holiday comes alive as the children enjoy live entertainment, refreshments and creative crafts. This is the perfect way to celebrate holiday traditions in a fun and exciting setting.



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### **Volunteer Programs**

The true beauty of the Friendship Circle is the interaction between the volunteers and the child with special needs. The love that these teenagers feel for their special friends is boundless and the impact that they have on these children is endless. The volunteers enjoy exciting outings and receive great prizes. Volunteering at the Friendship Circle is a significant form of community service, and the teens will take pride in being part of this seamless circle of Friendship.

# Join the Circle

I would like to become a volunteer of the Friendship Circle:

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number	E-mail	
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#### **Programs I would like to volunteer for:**

Friends at home Holiday programs Sunday Circle

#### I have a child who could benefit from the Friendship Circle

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Address

City\_

Phone Number

E-mail

Age of child with special needs\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Programs I would like my child to join**

Friends at home Holiday programs Sunday Circle

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