

What is Circle of Friends?

Circle of Friends is any person or group that is interested in supporting Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Circles can be any size, brand-new or an existing club, organization, business or religious group. Circles can provide materials, volunteers or raise money for important programs benefiting hospitalized children. The structure of a Circle can range from an informal one-time get-together to more formalized events.

Founded in 2002, by the Rainbow Babies & Children's Foundation, the Circle of Friends mission is to provide the voice and structure for the alliance of those who voluntarily commit their time, talents and financial assistance in support of pediatric services for Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

**"Make a living
by what you get,
make a life by what
you give."**



Support the Children at Rainbow

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About Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital

At Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, we're committed to making the world a better place for children. Since 1887, we've brought together some of the world's most outstanding scientists, surgeons and clinicians to create one of the nation's finest children's hospitals — one that consistently ranks as the best children's hospital in the Midwest in the *U.S. News & World Report*.





Message from the Director

Many seeds of friendship have been planted in our community through the Rainbow Circle of Friends. Our program continues to grow in imaginative ways that are in the true spirit of a community rich in its voluntarism and giving. From the first circle, a group of women knitting caps for premature infants, to the sensational 500 member *Ride the Rainbow* bike race in the Cleveland Metro parks we are truly grateful for all the efforts.

Comics for Kids at the Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant and Club in the Hilarities 4th Street Theater is a perfect example of Circle of Friends being all about having a good time, strengthening relationships, meeting new people — all while doing something vital to support children.

We thank you for your time and talent, and tell your circle of friends to join our Circle of Friends.
— Sharon D. Klonowski, Director

Circles of Success

Katie's Rock & Roll Birthday Bash

A black tie dinner with a Rock & Roll theme was held by the parents of a one-year old, Katie, with a rare disease. The inaugural event raised \$70,000.

Cool Nights, Hot Jazz

This event honors a high-profile community leader for an evening of great food and celebration has raised \$55,000.

Secret Service Circle

The Secret Service Circle planned the 4th annual *Juke Box Charity Golf Classic* golf outing for 36 foursomes and raised \$50,000 for Rainbow!

Comics for Kids

A six-member committee from Information Services, a University Hospitals department, planned the 4th annual comedy show, *Comics for Kids*, featuring 3 Blonde Moms from Los Angeles. The event was a sell-out and raised \$41,500.

Gingerbread Angels Circle

The Gingerbread Angels host a unique private holiday event where stunning gingerbread houses are built from scratch and judged for prizes. The event raises \$20,700.

Grand Prix Go Kart Race

Over 118,000 watched celebrity Paul Newman race in the *Go Cart Race* for Rainbow to raise \$20,000.

American Legion #601 Circle

A \$5.00 spaghetti dinner and chinese raffle raised \$3,000.

YMCA Willoughby

Themed raffle baskets with items donated by the community raised \$1,520.

Ben & Jerry's Circle

An ice cream social where a casino wheel raises money at \$1 per spin to raise \$300.

The Knitting Circles

Five Circles have been established for creating handmade blankets and hats for babies in our newborn nursery. Babies born too soon or with complications are kept warm and cozy in their isolates and their parents get this keepsake forever. Priceless!

Other Successful Ideas

Arts and Crafts Fairs

Fashion Shows

Themed Raffle Baskets

Bicycle Rides

Tennis Tournaments

Theatrical Productions

Hat Tea Parties

Wine Tastings

Charity Preview Nights

Champ Car Racing

Vendor Sales

Ice Cream Socials

Getting Started

- Create your own idea for a circle
 - Gather your circle of friends
- Call the Circle of Friends office for start-up materials and more ideas
- Donate \$25 as a one-time membership fee
 - Pick a date to get started on your fundraising project



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