

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 circles' 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 special needs child on a weekly basis. A special bond is created as they engage in enjoyable activities. The child's life is illuminated in a most significant way 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.

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.

Volunteer Programs

The true beauty of the Friendship Circle is the interaction between the volunteers and the special needs child. The love that these teenagers feel for their special friends is boundless and the impact that they have on these children is endless. Volunteering at the Friendship Circle is a significant form of community service, and the teens will be 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 _____

Age _____ Male _____ Female _____ School _____

Programs I would like to volunteer for:

Friends at home

Holiday programs

I have a child who could benefit from the Friendship Circle

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Age of child with special needs _____

Programs I would like my child to join

Friends at home

Holiday programs

For more information please contact Rochel at 914.645.9419 or e-mail rbutman@aol.com. Please mail this registration form to The Friendship Circle, c/o Chabad, One Chase Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583.



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