One Thing

Circle of Concern has the best friends. We have supporters who generously donate food or money with a broad view, knowing that we will be good stewards of those gifts and use them where they’re needed – in the food pantry, to offer emergency financial assistance, to buy Legos for the Birthday Club. And then there are friends who help by zeroing in on one thing.

Members of Manchester United Methodist Church visited us one day with an idea. They knew we offer our clients a choice of personal care products, many of which are donated through the April Showers program of the Girls Scouts of Eastern Missouri. The church felt that there are some items that families need every single month. The church would commit to a period of time providing those very specific items for families; that way families wouldn’t have to spend a “choice.” These items include toilet paper, feminine care items, razors/shaving cream, shampoo and soap. This care package—this one thing—would help families and extend their options at Circle.

Another dear friend, when reflecting on what is important in a family kitchen, donates money to purchase butter or margarine for each family each month. She believes that this one thing adds flavor and function to the food our families prepare.

Sometimes we need flexibility to best help a family. For that reason, one thing shared often by friends at St. John United Church of Christ is a stack of gift cards. They allow us to pick up specific items from grocery or other stores, outside of our regular stock.

A dear friend who, by request, we call Anonymous recently granted us the funds to include ground turkey in every family’s groceries every month for a year. This one thing is such a help to us and our clients as we strive to provide a wholesome array of foods in the pantry.

There are many things to choose if you are interested in underwriting or providing a special “one thing” at Circle. Putting a chicken in every pot for a year costs $56,000; apples cost $11,000; milk for a month costs $3,500. Ask us about one large or small thing. Or, as always, your undesignated gift will help us meet each need through the year.

Thank you for the many ways you help your West County neighbors who come to Circle. They want you to know that, when they count their blessings, you are one of them.
IN HONOR OF:
January 1 - May 31, 2018

AARP - Rich G.
Jill Albano’s Birthday
Eagle Scout Alex Barker
Circle Volunteers & Staff
Keith Davis
Sally Edmiston
Anne Fischer
Amy Gill
Marilyn Hardie
Marilyn Hardie’s 80th Birthday
Harold & Lee Hinzpeter
Sue Hoffman
Juliet Holden
Martha Holderby
John & Elizabeth’s 50th Wedding Anniversary
Kevin King
Nik & Kay Lages’ Birthdays
Michelle Lepak
Lucy’s Cookie World
Joan McClure
The Rev & Mrs. Carleton E. Norton’s 60th Wedding Anniversary
Wendy Phipps’ Birthday
Madeline Raile
Ruiz Family
David T. Senay’s Retirement
TOPS Members
Rhonda Wassell
Barb Woehle

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School’s out for summer, but at Circle of Concern, we’re thinking about the first day back in the classroom!

This August, Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church will once again host the Circle Back To School event. This popular program stocks our clients’ children with what they need to start school in the fall and feel ready to learn. Paper, pencil cases, supplies, calculators – everything they need to kick off the school year will travel home in a backpack featuring Puppy Pals, Minions, Marvel heroes or other patterns and colors.

Back To School takes place the week AFTER Missouri’s Tax Free Weekend (August 3 – 5). That’s good news for friends who wish to contribute sturdy backpacks, the calculators, thumb drives, paper, notebooks, pens, markers and other supplies needed to outfit our children.

Please visit circleofconcern.org/Programs/Children’s Programs to see a full list of needed school supplies. Donations can be dropped off at Circle by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8 to be distributed on August 11. Thank you!

Overheard in the Hallway...

Two volunteers crossed paths in the hallway one Wednesday evening after a full day of client appointments. The joyful words got everyone’s attention – “This is such a good day! My client has been looking for so long and was just offered an admin job at <a large local corporation>! This is going to change her life!”

You never know when you’ll hear good news at Circle!

Summer at Circle

Like a big, fat honey bee, things are a-buzz at Circle! The dog days of summer bring volunteers bustling about, filling Kid Bags – those extra bags of food we offer during the summer months to families with school-age children. Others sort through towers of canned soup, boxed cereal and additional food items collected by the Ballwin and Valley Park Post Offices.

Staff and volunteers drag out the old garden hoses to water the thirsty shrubs surrounding our building. Planning for our Trivia Night and Back to School events marches forward, and there are days when the pantry looks like a small farmer’s market, brimming with beautiful fresh fruits and vegetables donated by area grocers, community gardens and individual gardeners.

There are no lazy, hazy days at Circle. And, honey, that’s okay! As long as there are area families in crisis, our team will be buzzing about, working to bring sustenance, stability and hope to families when they need it most.

Happy summer, y’all!

Cyndi
Flash your trivia chops at Say Cheese! – Circle of Concern’s popular trivia night on Saturday, September 8. Topics will include general trivia, local interest and, yes, CHEESE!

Bring seven of your sharpest friends, show off your best table treats and shop the auction, all to benefit Circle!

Say Cheese! Trivia Night

10-round Trivia | Photo Booth | Silent Auction | Prizes | Games | and more!

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (14088 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, MO) | $200 per table of 8 ($25 per individual)

Bring your favorite table treats and wine or beer | Soft drinks and light snacks provided

Register online at circleofconcern.org by August 31, 2018 or mail to:
Circle of Concern, Attn: Stephanie, 112 St. Louis Avenue, PO Box 444, Valley Park, MO 63088

Team Captain (Head Cheese): _______________________________
Address: _________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________
Email: __________________________ Phone ___________________

Team Captain: Please provides names of your players, if possible.

□Visa □Mastercard □Discover □Cash □Check
# of tables of 8 @ $200 ____ OR # of individuals @ $25 ____
TOTAL PURCHASE $ __________
Card # __________________________________________
Exp Date _____________ Security code _____________
Signature __________________________________________
Say Cheese! Trivia Night
Saturday, September 8, 2018 – Trinity Lutheran in Chesterfield

Sponsorship Opportunities*

The Big Cheese-Presenting Sponsor - $5,000 (exclusive opportunity)
Step up in a big way as our presenting sponsor, and receive prominent recognition as our lead sponsor. Includes a special mention and brief speaking opportunity at Trivia Night (optional!); logo representation on event materials, signage, photo booth guest photos, AV screen, Circle website and in a Circle newsletter; special Facebook mention with a link to your website or Facebook page; two reserved tables of 8 (16 Guests will enjoy (10) rounds of trivia, contests, raffles and complimentary soft drinks.**)

Say Cheese! Photo Booth Sponsor - $3,000
Sponsor our Photo Booth/Roving Photographer and receive a special Facebook mention with link to your corporate website or Facebook page; logo placement at our photo booth, logo mention with guest photos, AV screen and on event signage; special mention during the evening event, one reserved table for 8 (Guests will enjoy (10) rounds of trivia, contests, raffles and complimentary soft drinks.**)

Looking “Gouda” Hospitality Sponsor - $1,500
Sponsor our Hospitality and receive a special Facebook mention with link to your corporate website or Facebook page; logo placement on event signage, AV screen, Circle website and in the Around the Circle newsletter; signage at the hospitality bar; opportunity to staff the hospitality bar (make it a corporate team-building event!) special mention during the evening event; one reserved table for 8 (Guests will enjoy (10) rounds of trivia, contests, raffles and complimentary soft drinks.**)

Don’t Worry, “Brie” Happy Contest Sponsor - $1,000
Sponsor one of our Contests (Heads or Tails, Lightning Round, etc.) and receive a special listing on A/V Screen and on contest materials; special mention during the contest, logo on event signage; one reserved table for 8 (Guests will enjoy (10) rounds of trivia, contests, raffles and complimentary soft drinks.**)

Cheese Wheel Round Sponsor - $500
Special mention and listing on A/V screen during one round of trivia; company name and /or logo on one round sheet (distributed to every table); name on event signage; one reserved table for 8 (Guests will enjoy (10) rounds of trivia, contests, raffles and complimentary soft drinks.**)

Corporate / Group Name __________________________________________ Phone ________________________
(as you wish to be listed in print materials)

Contact Name __________________________________________ E-mail Address ______________________

Mailing Address __________________________________________ City, State, Zip ______________________

Sponsorship Commitment $ __________________________ Date __________________________

We are unable to sponsor at this time, but would like to make the enclosed donation of: $ __________________________

Make your sponsorship commitment today! Space and opportunities are limited. Contact Cyndi – cyndi@circleofconcern.org, or 636.861.2623 x117

*Please ask us how you can take advantage of Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credits! Proceeds help Circle to buy cheese and other foods for Circle’s Food Pantry.

**Guests may bring their own snacks and beer or wine. Our venue kindly asks that you not bring hard liquor to the event.
**Golf Tournament 19th Hole**

“What a great day!”

This enthusiastic exclamation was echoed over and over at the recent 14th Annual Circle of Concern Charity Golf tournament at Aberdeen Golf Club. Rainclouds moved out before the shotgun start, play was challenging, food was good and the excellent hospitality was par for the course!

Many thanks to our Presenting Sponsor—Orthopedic Specialists—and our host, St. Mark Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to our golf committee that planned such a day, especially event chair, Debbie Brown. Under her leadership, the tournament netted more than $20,000 for Circle’s pantry and programs!

Visit circleofconcern.org/Events/Past Events for our full list of Sponsors and donors. And plan to join us on May 20, 2019 for the 15th annual tournament!

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**Food Drive**

We appreciate our friends at International Paper in Fenton! An office food drive filled several large rolling bins with desperately needed food, and they were already sorted and boxed by type of item. Our warehouse volunteers thank you, our clients thank you and we thank you!

**IN MEMORY OF:**

January 1 - May 31, 2018

- Thomas A. Aldridge
- Deborah Anderson
- Sue Anderson
- Joe Balk
- Walter Beranek
- Arlyne Berkemeier
- Jay Blanke
- Glenn Brandt
- Robert (Bob) Bueler
- Kenneth Buermann
- Julia M. Burleson
- Jerome (Jerry) Caesar
- Michael Coady
- Margery & Paul Davis
- Charles L. Decker
- Gail DeFrancisco
- Drusilla DeLisle
- Jerry Dudding
- Jack Ecrement
- John Edwards
- Rita Elsea
- Ursuline Ferguson
- Joel Fine
- Dede Garcia
- June Gooch
- Ben Gregory
- Robert & Virginia Guinther
- John Hanisch
- Christine Harpole
- Al Harris
- Robert Hartog
- Warren Hecht
- L.S. Hewitt
- Dolores Kaman
- Chanchal Kapoor
- Roberts J. Lederle
- Loraine Lewis
- Mildred Loyet
- William Luedde
- Virginia Macias
- You Mother, Marie
- Jean McCain
- Jack Lewis McDonald
- Nancy McMahon
- Ruth Meisenheimer
- Norma Jean Mendoza
- Dominic Mikal
- Joan Moschner
- Your Beloved Mother
- Anne Muckerman
- David Muckerman
- Oliver & Helen Newberry
- Ray Orf
- Our Grandson
- Rose Paule
- Jack Redmond
- John Riemer Sr.
- Reuben Salazar
- Marianne Schenck
- Charles G. Siebert
- Carol M. Spencer
- James Robert Staniforth
- Mary Steins
- Don Swoboda
- Jan Thurman
- Ed Toler
- James Triplett
- Patrick Wyland-Batch
- Gwen Zamberlan
- Joe
- Mummzie

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l to r: Michelle Lepak (Circle Pantry Services Director), Michael Barton, Kristy Crowley
Help Send Kids Back to School!

We share many donations with our clients:
• Food, Canned and Packaged
• Fresh Garden Produce
• Dry Pet Food, Litter
• New School Supplies
• New Blankets, Hats, Gloves

Donations are accepted:
Mon, Tue, Fri..............9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday ...............9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday ..................9 a.m. - noon
Saturday...................9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Important Dates:

By August 8 Back to School Supply Drop-Off
Drop-Offs at Circle by 3 p.m.

September 3 Circle Closed for Labor Day

September 8 Say Cheese! Trivia Night
Trinity Lutheran Church in Chesterfield

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“LIKE US” on Facebook and visit us online at www.circleofconcern.org.

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