

Lamar Middle
School

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Circle of Friends

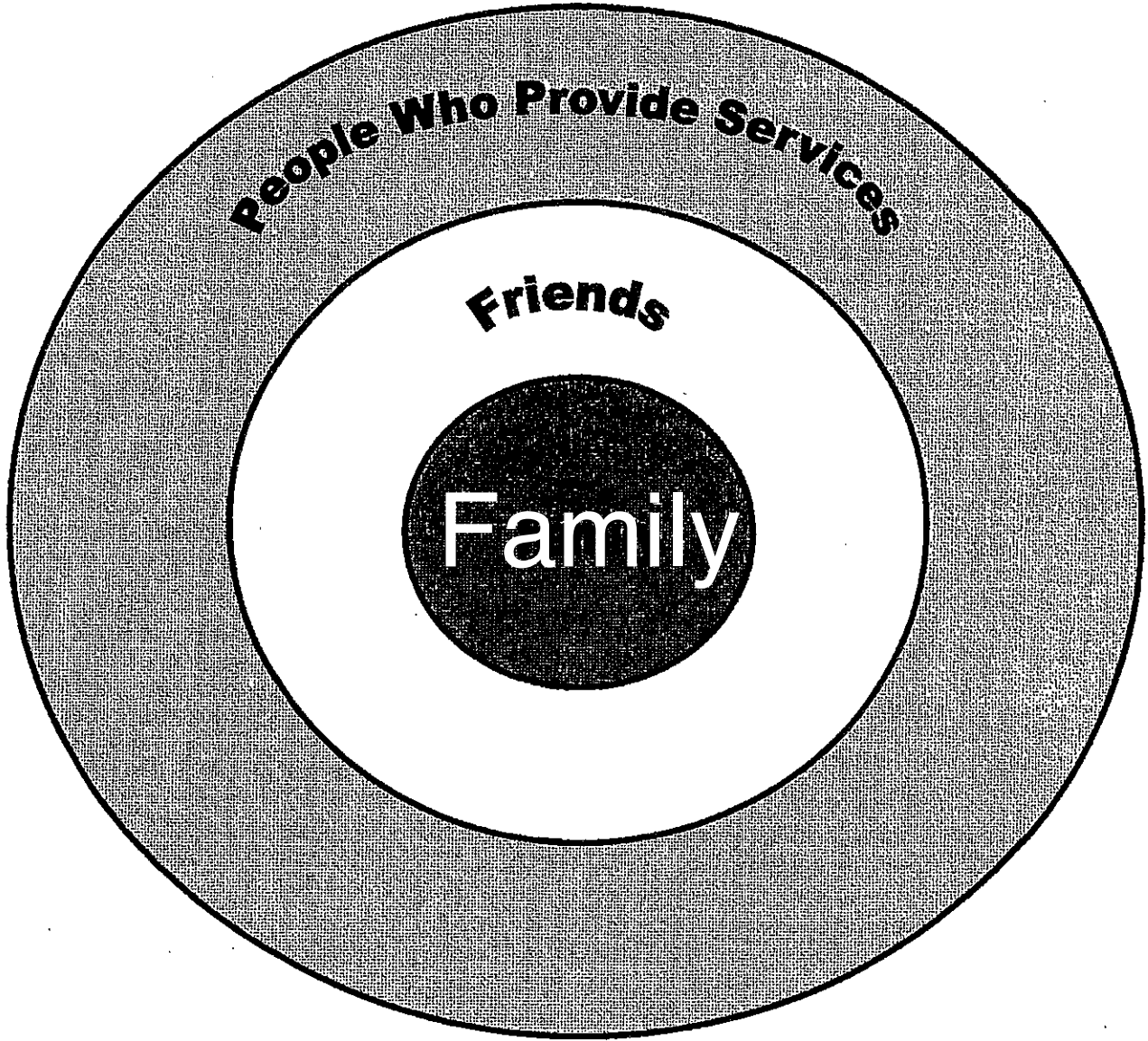
Mission Statement

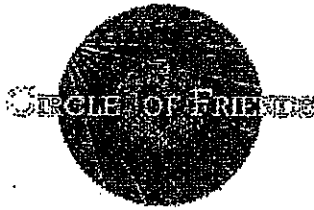
To enrich the lives of all students by creating lasting relationships regardless of differences, and to enhance and bring forth the community spirit for the present and for the future.

Circle of Friends is a school sponsored club composed of students who desire to initiate and develop friendships with peers who have special needs. These students look for opportunities to include their friends in activities during and after school, (including weekends), and to make a difference in their lives.

The name *Circle of Friends* comes from the concept that everyone has three circles of people surrounding them. Each circle represents a different type of relationship. The first and closest circle represents family members. The second/middle circle is made up of friends and peers. The third circle is made up of professionals in the community who provide services such as teachers, coaches, doctors, ministers, etc.

Young people with special needs sometimes only have two circles of people, the first and last, who touch their lives. The *Circle of Friends* was created to fill the gap of the second circle so that students with special needs would be surrounded with friends.





What do I do as a COF buddy?

- * Visit COF students during lunch, during advisory, and before school.
- * Attend and participate in the club's activities or fundraisers.
- * Eat lunch with a COF buddy.
- * At regular school events such as dances, pep rallies, and sports, COF buddies can escort a member and sit together.
- * Say hello in the hall. Take the time to speak to your COF buddies.
- * Participate in Unified Special Olympics practices and events.

Fill out this application. Turn it in to Ms. GG or Mrs. Pierce in room C-116. DUE 9/13/19

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Circle of Friends

Tell us about you:

Name: _____

Grade: _____

I can commit to: _____ Before school _____ Advisory _____ After School

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Why are you interested in Circle of Friends?

A signature from one school staff member that thinks you would be a good addition to the group: _____

Please read and sign.

I understand that I can make an amazing difference in the life of another person. I know that I am important and my participation in Circle of Friends is also very important.

I understand my responsibilities with Circle of Friends. I agree to act respectfully and with kindness toward my Circle of Friends buddies both at and away from school.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____