

One person, over time, can turn a life around.

# Circle of Friends



## Who YOU helped!!

**economically  
disadvantaged**

87%

33%

**single parent**

**experienced  
fostercare**

35%

## Letter from the Executive Director

As a parent, I strive to offer my children opportunities to learn about the wonders of our world, to expand their community and place them in proximity of caring adults that nourish their hopes and dreams. I am so proud and honored that Sisters' families continue to turn to Circle of Friends, placing their children in proximity to our dedicated mentors and passionate staff who lovingly offer time, experiences and community.

There is an echo in the gratitude expressed by parents and guardians of the children we serve. Repeated across many conversations with parents and guardians is that they consider their child's mentor as an extension of their family.

As our family has grown over the years it is our faithful donors, community partners and volunteers that have allowed us to make a home in Sisters. I am humbled and grateful for the community of people behind the achievements of Circle of Friends.

Sincerely,

*Nicky Merritt*  
Nicky Merritt



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Mentor:

Why have you decided to become a Circle of Friends mentor?

I have worked with children throughout my life, in teaching, child welfare and as a pastor. I miss that. My grandchildren do not live here and I love spending time with my mentee. We both have a love for animals. I have loved seeing her grow. When we first met she sat on her mothers lap and was uncomfortable with eye contact. Now, she is so eager to spend time together and is becoming more outgoing. During a family vacation with Creation Vacation at Suttle Lake, she even preformed on stage for the Talent Show! We volunteer together at Brightside Animal Shelter, where she is overcoming her fear of reading aloud by reading to the kittens in the shelter. It is so fun to be a part of her life and her family. - Sue

Parent:

What was the draw to Circle of Friends?

My child had a close friend in 2nd grade that was so excited about her mentor. She would come home full of sharing about all the wonderful things they were doing, and was especially excited when the mentor would come to the school for lunch and recess. My daughter was matched with her own mentor. Several years later, her younger sister was also matched with a one-on-one mentor. The hope we have for our girls is to expand their community, to give them hope and to reinforce our beliefs. Circle of Friends does that through the mentors, staff and community partners. - Crystal



"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could."

- Unknown

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Chuck and Carol, thank you so much!!

A MENTOR IS  
SOMEONE WHO  
ALLOWS YOU TO  
SEE THE HOPE  
INSIDE  
YOURSELF.

Oprah  
Winfrey



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## Circle of Friends new Clubhouse

Circle of Friends is excited to announce that we have moved to a new location!

**164 N ELM ST. SISTERS OR 97759**

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to lease our new space from The Campbell Foundation. It is our intent and hope to purchase this building and make it our permanent home. Look for our Capital Campaign in 2019.

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