

## ◆ Friends for Life of America ◆

January 15, 2004

Meeting started at 7:02pm

Reitz Union rm. 346

- I. **Welcome to the first meeting of the semester! Now, what is FFL?** Friends for Life is an organization dedicated to helping pediatric cancer patients. We do local service with Hope Lodge, Ronald McDonald House, Shands hospital, Shands Pediatric Clinic, and Stop! Children's Cancer as well as volunteer outside of Gainesville with Boggy Creek Gang Camp.
- II. **Officers and Cabinet Members-** Feel free to e-mail us with any questions...
  - A. President- Nick D'Souza [ndsouza@friendsforlife.com](mailto:ndsouza@friendsforlife.com)
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- III. **List-serve-** We send out messages over the list-serve to update you about our upcoming events and meetings. If you are not already on the list-serve, please e-mail Nick at [ndsouza@friendsforlife.com](mailto:ndsouza@friendsforlife.com)
- IV. **Hearts for the Holidays Wrap-up-** Would you like to make a card for a child with cancer? You may have heard that on your way to class at the end of last semester. Well, if you stopped to make a card, you participated in Hearts for the Holidays! Hearts for the Holidays is our annual program where we make holiday cards for children in the hospital. Under the direction of Chris Chase, we made 7, 690 cards and sent them to hospitals in all 50 states.
- V. **Mile for a Child -** Mile for a Child 5K is our annual spring fundraiser. This year, our chair is Paul Perrin [pbpsocrates@hotmail.com](mailto:pbpsocrates@hotmail.com) Last year we raised almost \$2,000 for the Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge. This year the race will be on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Committee member applications are available at the website ([www.friendsforlife.com/uf](http://www.friendsforlife.com/uf)) and due on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the meeting.
- VI. **Global Outreach –** Global Outreach is our annual hat and teddy bear drive in which we send all of the donations to cancer clinics all over the world. We're currently looking for a chair for this AMAZING program. Check out the website ([www.friendsforlife.com/uf](http://www.friendsforlife.com/uf)) for an application. Apps are due January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the meeting.

- VII. **Dance Marathon-** Friends for Life is having a dance marathon team. Dance Marathon is a 32 hour dance-a-thon at the O'Connell Center on March 27-28<sup>th</sup>. Katie O'Neill and Tenessa MacKenzie are your two ENERGETIC delegates and they REALLY want YOU to be on the team. For more information, contact Katie ([KPOtweety@aol.com](mailto:KPOtweety@aol.com)) or Tenessa ([tenessa@ufl.edu](mailto:tenessa@ufl.edu)).
- VIII. **Boggy Creek** – Boggy Creek is the coolest place on earth! ☺ Boggy is a camp for kids with all types of illnesses and seriously, an amazing experience! We volunteer for cancer weekend and this semester cancer weekend is February 26-28<sup>th</sup>. We want to encourage new members and members who have never attended to go but there are only 10 spots and those spots go quickly! Contact Rachel Heur ([Rachh413@hotmail.com](mailto:Rachh413@hotmail.com)) as soon as possible for more information.
- VIII. **Announcements-**
- A. Apply for the MFAC Committee and for Global Outreach Chair!
  - B. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Reitz Union room 346.