

Friends for Life of America  
Spring 2008- General Meeting Minutes  
**January 16, 2008- First Meeting**

Start time: 7:00pm

- ❖ Welcome and intro to Friends for Life of America
- ❖ This semester's executive board
  - President-Jessica Ortega
  - Vice President-Jocelynn Ortega
  - Treasurer- Andrew Sikes
  - Corresponding Secretary-Erin Knudsen
  - Recording Secretary- Rachel Cannon
- ❖ This semester's cabinet members
  - Director of Community Service- Kathryn Kearns
  - Director of Public Relations- Rosa Ajoy
  - Director of Socials- Sandy Klickstein
  - Director of Greek Affairs- Kristen Whitlow
  - Director of Fundraising- *position open, are accepting applications until January 23*
- ❖ Friends for Life T-shirts are available for sale
  - Price: \$7.00
  - Smalls and Mediums available, inquire in office or send board an email
- ❖ Recap of Fall 2007 Programs
  - Childhood Cancer Awareness Week
    - Tabled at Reitz Union to raise awareness
    - Held a forum, where doctors and cancer survivors spoke
  - Lance Dalton Memorial Silent Auction
    - In memory of former Treasurer, Lance Dalton
    - Raised \$3800 for two families of children with cancer
  - Hearts for the Holidays
    - Tabled in Reitz and Turlington and made cards for children in the hospital for the holidays
    - Made 3000 cards to send to hospitals in every state
  - Events
    - Light the Night Walk- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
    - Camp Boggy Creek
      - Camp in Eustis, Florida for children with persistent or life-threatening illnesses
      - Attended in the Fall for Cancer Family Weekend
      - Act as family pal or activity pal and PLAY WITH KIDS!
    - Hope Lodge Dinners and Bingo Nights
      - Hope Lodge provides free housing for people undergoing treatment at Shands
      - During the week, we serve dinner to the residents and play bingo with them
      - This semester, their kitchen is under renovation, so we will be volunteering at Ronald McDonald House instead
- ❖ Spring 2008 Programs
  - Relay for Life- March 28-29, O'Connell Center
    - Large fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

- Begins at 6:00pm March 28 and ends at 12:00pm on March 29
  - If interested in joining our team, go to the team registration page at [events.cancer.org/rfluffl](http://events.cancer.org/rfluffl)
  - Each team member is asked to try and raise \$100 toward our team goal of \$5000
  - Theme for this year is “Juke Box”
  - Chair/cochair applications are due in the FFL office by 5:00 on January 23, interviews will begin at 5:30
- Mile for a Child 5K- March 1, 2008
  - standard 3.2 miles run/walk event
  - MFAC was the largest fundraiser of the year for the UF chapter of Friends for Life from 2002-2005. Proceeds of this program go to cancer related organizations.
  - Some past beneficiaries have included: Camp Fiesta (2004), The Hope lodge (2003), The Boggy Creek Gang (2002), STOP! Children's Cancer (2002), Gesundheit! Institute, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, and Make-A-Wish Foundation.
  - Chair/Cochair and committee applications due January 23 in FFL office, available on website
- Painting for Patients- February 16, 6-9pm
  - This program is dedicated to exploring the relationship between the art of creativity and the art of healing. Friends for Life of America encourages university students to create inspirational works of art that will brighten the days of pediatric cancer patients undergoing treatment. FFL has expanded the program nationally to artistically improve the quality of life for more patients throughout the nation.
  - In the past, our chapter has donated to Camp Boggy Creek and Hope Lodge.
  - This event will be a potluck
- Chomp Cancer Carnival- April 16, 10-3, Colonnade
  - The Chomp Cancer Carnival is the last event of the year. It's purpose is to share cancer awareness throughout campus. In the past we've provided lots of games and foods.
  - Locks for Love is present at this event
  - Chair/cochair applications will be out at a later date
- ❖ Community Service Events
  - Ronald McDonald House- January 22 & 29, 6pm
    - We will be serving dinner to the residents of Ronald McDonald House
    - Please come 15-20 minutes early prepared to cook and talk with the residents
    - May bring dessert items if you like
    - Email Kathryn for more information
  - Shands Pediatric Clinic Activity
    - February 5, 2008 from 10am-1pm
    - Will be doing arts and crafts with the children in the waiting room
    - Email Kathryn if interested in signing up- limited spaces available
- ❖ Fundraiser
  - Our first fundraiser of the semester will be on **January 31, 2008** at D'Lites Emporium from 5-7pm
  - We receive 20% of the proceeds from this event
  - Money raised will go towards our Relay for Life goal

- ❖ Icebreaker
  - Pass around M&Ms and Skittles
  - Each person shares a fact about themselves based on the color of the Skittle or M&M
- ❖ Next meeting: **January 30, 2008 at 7pm** in room **284**
  - A social at On the Border will follow the meeting
  - Visit [www.friendsforlife.com/chapters/uf](http://www.friendsforlife.com/chapters/uf) for more information on programs and events

End Time: 8:10pm