



2nd Annual Community of Friends Kickball Tournament

Join us for an afternoon of playing everyone's favorite childhood game and providing North Shore children-in-need with backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year.

- When:** Saturday, June 28, 12-5pm (rain date is Sunday, June 29)
- Where:** Green Street Fields, Marblehead, MA (Near MH Charter School)
- Teams:** 8 teams consisting of 9-12 players
Players must be over 18 years of age. Teams must consist of at least 3 women. If you don't have enough players for a team, contact us to be matched to a team. T-shirts will be provided for all participants.
- Donations:** \$350 per team (to go towards the backpack/school supply drive)
Donation includes one t-shirt per player, soft drinks and snacks
- Deadline:** Registration form and donations due by June 9

Based on 8 teams, we will use the following tournament format:

- Opening Rounds: 8 teams, reduced to 4 (two games simultaneously)
- Semi-Finals: 4 teams, reduced to 2 (two games simultaneously)
- Championship Game: 2 teams to determine trophy winner

The game is for adults, but the day will be fun for the whole family. Bring blankets and chairs, as bleacher seating is limited.

To secure a spot, act fast and send in the attached registration form. For more information, visit our website at www.CommunityOfFriends.org, email us at info@communityoffriends.org or call Kathy or John Wilder at 781-639-3664.

Community of Friends (CoF) is a volunteer-based, charitable organization located in Marblehead, MA. The organization's mission is to provide practical necessities, outreach services and enriching experiences to our neighbors in need. By encouraging volunteerism and philanthropy within the local community, Community of Friends also hopes to instill a desire among others to enrich lives, expand horizons, inspire and teach. We are your neighbors, your friends and your co-workers. We believe that charity begins at the home and that we have an obligation to help those among us who, through circumstances beyond their control, find themselves in a difficult place.

Donations raised from the Kickball Tournament will help a Child Begin the School Year with the Necessary School Supplies and a Backpack

There is an incredible need to provide underprivileged children with the proper supplies for the new school year. Community of Friends is looking for your help in order to provide the necessary school supplies and school backpacks for 500 children from the Marblehead, Salem, Boston and Lynn communities. For the past four years, Community of Friends has organized a program where volunteers "sponsor" a child – we provide the age, gender and a school supply list; the volunteer shops for that child. These children range in grades from pre-school all the way to seniors in high school.

Who we Help:

Lynn Department of Social Services, Lynn, MA.: Through Lynn DSS, Community of Friends has teamed up with two internal charities, Cherish the Children and SAIL, to provide the children with holiday stockings and school backpacks filled with supplies for the new school year. 76 children through "Cherish the Children" received filled holiday stockings and backpacks in 2007. SAIL is a program sponsored by Lynn DSS that fosters an independent living environment for local teenagers. 14 young adults received backpacks and stockings in 2007.

Serving People in Need (SPIN), Lynn, MA.: SPIN's mission is to provide temporary, transitional and permanent housing, coupled with support services for young mothers, low income, homeless and at risk individuals and families. Community of Friends provided SPIN with 90 school backpacks filled with school supplies and sponsored 104 children for stockings and holiday gifts in 2007.

Marblehead Food Pantry & METCO, Marblehead, MA: We provided 90+ school backpacks filled with school supplies for the 2007 school year to the Marblehead Food Pantry. The METCO program supports students who travel everyday from their city homes to receive their education in Marblehead.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Salem, MA.: Most of these children come from the "Point" neighborhood in Salem and are affiliated with the Friends of the Mary Jane Lee Park Children's Program. 209 Children received backpacks from Community of Friends in 2007.

Cornerstone HIV Wellness Center, Lynn, MA.: The Cornerstone HIV Wellness Center provides compassionate support services to individuals affected by HIV/AIDS. In 2007, Community of Friends provided 14 children (six families) with stockings and gifts from our holiday program. Of these 14 children, four of them were HIV positive and the others had at least one parent who is HIV positive.

KIPP Academy Charter School, Lynn, MA.: KIPP is a college-preparatory public middle school that provides an environment where the students of Lynn will develop the academic skills, intellectual habits, and character traits necessary to maximize their potential in high school, college, and the world beyond. 87% of their students qualify for the free-and-reduced-lunch program

Thank you for helping provide these kids with the essentials they need to start their upcoming school year!

Community of Friends Kickball Tournament Team Registration Form

(If you are filling out the form using MS-Word, turn your keyboard's "insert" button off)

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

#	Player's Name	Gender (M / F)	T-shirt Size (S,M,L,XL,XXL)	Email Address	Mailing Address
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Registration form with \$350 team donation (written out to Community of Friends) is due by June 9.
Please mail to: Community of Friends, P.O. Box 836, Marblehead, MA 01945