

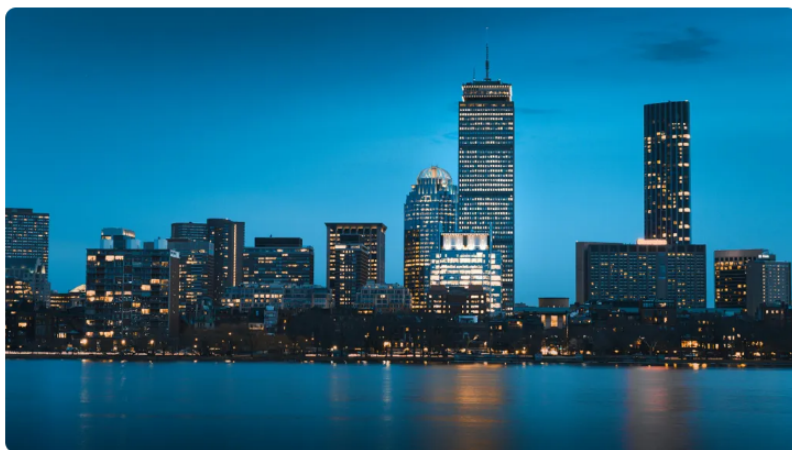
## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER







### Dear Friends,

As we eagerly await news from the IRS as to their determination regarding our 501c3 filing, we continue to build out more f\*\*\*\*g friends MeetUp and Facebook communities throughout the country.

Please join us in welcoming both Seattle and Boston to The Friend Ship!



### I love Boston, but I need some f\*\*\*\*g friends!

 Boston, MA, USA  
 161 members · Public group   
 Organized by **Susie** and **1 other**

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### Organizational Updates

Our Board of Directors met on February 5, 2024 for their quarterly meeting and finalized our strategic plan. During this next quarter, we will be sending out more information about what our outreach programs will look like, as we provide the tools needed to help adults build the friendships and social safety nets they envision.

**We are asking members of our friendship community to help us visualize our mission by filling out the anonymous survey below pertaining to key words in our mission statement. We will then be turning this feedback into a fun word cloud to share!**

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/1vuvlwyj>

### **Immediate Needs**

We are accepting crowd funding donations to help cover the cost of our Google Workspace, Zoom, and website hosting accounts. We will continue to build the foundation of our organization and community as we wait for the IRS, because we know in our hearts that combating the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness is not something that can be put on hold. Ya'll tell us all the time, "we need this". We believe you, and we are here to make it happen!

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### **Outreach Events**

We are diligently working on building our social media presence. Links to our socials can be found at the bottom of this page. In the meantime, we'd like to share this sweet snap from our Palentine's Day Friendship Focus event at Fast Friends Beer Company in South Austin. We had about 40 people attend this event making Valentine's for their friends and communities.



### **Upcoming Activities**

We have started a YouTube series titled The Captains Vlog. In this series, we will be providing progress updates to our community and stakeholders. We will also give highlights from events held within the I love Austin, but I need some f\*\*\*\*\*g friends community, as well as Boston, Seattle, and any other cities which may join in on the mission of The Friend Ship

## [The Captains Vlog](#)

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Instagram](#)

As always, the best way to keep in touch with what we are doing is by visiting our [f\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*g friends MeetUps](#). You can also contact us at [board@friend-ship.org](mailto:board@friend-ship.org) and we will get back to you within 48 hours.

**We hope to see you soon!**

Love, Your Board of Directors at The Friend Ship