

## November 2023 Newsletter – The Friend Ship

Dear Friends,

We are wishing you the happiest end to year 2023! Check out our MeetUp to stay connected during this celebratory season, including reminders to reach out to a F\*\*\*\*g Friend on culturally significant holidays!

[F\\*\\*\\*\\*g Friends MeetUp Events Calendar](#)

Also, be sure check out our temporary website:

[The Friend Ship Tempsite](#)

*Note: The creators of all websites for this non-profit are volunteer project managers, accountants, and lawyers. Therefore,*

**Feedback to us Non-marketer-artist-sales-people on the Board of Directors is very much appreciated and welcomed!**

We are continuing to work on our permanent website and will have that going once GoDaddy relinquishes control of our domain name. Thank you to our Board President, Susie, for covering the cost of the temporary site (aka her mistake... growing pains!) until we can get it running through a web hosting service with a stronger marketing add-on.

**Speaking of marketing add-ons** - We will be putting together our marketing committee in 2024. So, if you know of anyone who is looking to build their resume through an internship or volunteer gig, please send them our way! (We don't have money yet for a payroll, see donation links below):

[Paypal](#)

[Zeffy](#)

P.S. We've been super happy with Zeffy, which is a donation site designed specifically for non-profits, but we definitely will also accept Paypal!

**What we've been up to:**

- We filed our Form 1023! Yay! **Thank you to our wonderful donors who made that happen so fast.** We now just need to wait 3 - 6 months for IRS approval. Donors WILL be getting their tax receipts in FY2024. We promise.

- One of our hopes for The Friend Ship is to provide opportunities for friends to get together who are unable to travel home for the holidays. Our MeetUp organizers made it happen for Thanksgiving this year! Check out the pictures below from some of our Friendsgiving gatherings, including an impromptu game of volleyball.



**Speaking of sports** - can you believe that the F\*\*\*\*\*g Friends has its own pickleball league?! That's right... we are a SPORTS team! A BIG thank you to our Board

Treasurer, Jeremy, for making that happen! You can join us for a watch party through this MeetUp event:

[F\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*g Friends Pickleball Watch Party](#)

We run a clean ship through this non-profit, but still, there are so many jokes.

### **What we will be up to:**

The best place to view our schedule right now is through the MeetUp until we get our permanent website going. In the meantime, **we want to highlight some things** that are not posted to the MeetUp but which supporters of The Friend Ship can have an insider view on.

- We are meeting with other non-profits in the area to collaborate on volunteer events, develop community relationships, and to get advice on how to navigate scarcity of meeting space. Some of the non-profits we are in contact with are:

[The Tree Folks](#)

[Share the Will](#)

[Austin Classical Guitar](#)

- We are partnering with ColdTowne Theater on February 29th for a special promotional show for The Friend Ship. Stay tuned for more details on that event (it will be posted on The MeetUp)!

**- We are meeting on Dec 17th for a brainstorming session on 2024 events for The Friend Ship. You can RSVP to that event, as well as share some New Year friendship resolutions, here:**

[Friendship Focus - New Year Friendship Resolutions](#)

- We are working with a couple of different coffee shops to identify a date in mid-January for The Friend Ship Cheer Crew (aka supporters who are subscribers to this newsletter and members of our WhatsApp chat) to get together to compile the ideas from the brainstorming session into a cohesive, but not comprehensive, event schedule for 2024.

Love to you all! Looking forward to the adventures ahead in the New Year!

Sincerely

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