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The Friend Ship - Thank You Supporters!

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Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who supported the launch of The Friend Ship at the I love Austin, but I need some f*****g friends! 2023 Organizer Appreciation Dinner. What a fun night we had of memories and time spent with close friends!



We are very happy to share with you that we met our fundraising goal to buy web hosting services! Thank you to everyone who donated!

The Friend Ship

We are excited to share with you the mission and vision statement of The Friend Ship! Below is also information about our upcoming events, initiatives, and immediate needs.

Our mission

Building connectedness through long-lasting and inclusive friendship.

Our vision

"Our vision is a world where people from all walks of life come together to create a tapestry of understanding, empathy, and unity. We do this by helping people make meaningful connections and friendships. We envision a world where people feel respected, accepted, and supported, and where people make lifelong connections that go beyond borders and make life better. Through our work, we will build a global community that values diversity, inclusiveness, and which is kind, loving and lives in the strength of authentic human connectedness."



Upcoming events and initiatives

- ♥ We are building our website, www.friend-ship.org, with a launch date of Nov 30, 2023.
- ♥ Starting January 2024, we will host the [I love Austin, but I need some f****g friends! Friendship Focus](#) through The Friend Ship. This series focuses on topics which help members of our MeetUp community address challenges in making and maintaining friendships in Austin.
- ♥ We are working towards a launch of The Friend Ship exclusively to our MeetUp community. At this event, we will be sharing our strategic plan, which is to be finalized at our next Board meeting in early February 2024. Stay tuned for more details!



Immediate Needs

The IRS charges a **\$600 filing fee** in order for our organization to obtain its Form 1023 tax exempt status. We are unable to file for a tax exempt certificate through the Texas State Comptroller office without first obtaining our approval from the IRS. Our

goal is to raise the amount of the filing fee through fundraising by the end of tax year 2023.

We look forward to continuing serving the Austin community in alleviating the effect of social isolation and loneliness.

With Love,

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