

**Lee, Chris**

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**From:** Owczarski, Jim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025 4:00 PM  
**To:** Council Members\_Aides  
**Cc:** Lee, Chris  
**Subject:** CLTF support for Friendship Circle Milwaukee

Honorable Members,

The below letter of support is being shared at the request of Ald. Dimitrijevic.

Respectfully,

Jim

Chris: For the file, please?

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**From:** Sheri Hornik <sherihornik@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** CLTF support for Friendship Circle Milwaukee

03/23/2025

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Community Led Transformation Funding (CLTF) designation of \$50,000 to Friendship Circle (FC) for suicide prevention work in the City of Milwaukee. I urge the Common Council to approve this critical funding, which will empower Friendship Circle to expand its life-saving efforts across the city.

As a donor to FC Milwaukee and a participant in their programming, I have seen firsthand the urgent need for comprehensive suicide prevention programming. Through the U Matter division of FC, it offers evidence-based safeTALK trainings, equipping individuals with the skills to recognize and respond to signs of suicide. This funding will allow FC to provide these trainings at no cost to schools, community centers, and organizations, ensuring that more Milwaukee residents are prepared to intervene and support those in crisis.

With mental health challenges and suicide rates continuing to rise, investing in proven prevention programs is essential. By approving this CLTF funding, you will be making a direct and meaningful impact on the safety and well-being of our community, helping us save lives and foster a culture of care and support throughout Milwaukee.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing this critical public health issue. I respectfully urge you to approve this funding and stand with us in the fight against suicide.

Sincerely,  
Sheri Hornik  
Milwaukee, WI