



Dear Beloved Friends,

As we close the chapter on 2024 and set our intentions for 2025, we pause in heartfelt gratitude—for you. Your generosity, presence, and participation have been essential to the unfolding of our vision at CSL First City Teaching Chapter. Together, we are not just creating a community—we are co-creating a Beloved Community.

A Beloved Community, as envisioned by our spiritual leaders and articulated beautifully by Jim Lockard, is one grounded in love, mutual care, and a shared commitment to transformation. This is who we are becoming, and you are a vital part of this sacred evolution.

2024: A Year of Sacred Grounding and Growth

This year, we moved from vision to embodiment. What began as a call to spiritual service became a living reality because of YOU. Here's a glimpse of what we've done—together:

Over 400 Weekly Gatherings Held in 2024, including:

- 52 Monday Meditation Circles – spaces of stillness, intention, and soul alignment
- 52 Heart, Mind & Spirit Recovery Meetings – a sanctuary for those navigating recovery from not just drugs and alcohol, but whatever keeps us from experiencing peace, connection, and the journey home to joy
- Created a safe and accessible container for over 300 NA & AA meetings throughout the year
- Special Community Events:
Our *Amy Steinberg Live Concert* on September 13, 2024, brought over 75 members of the broader community together to celebrate the healing power of music and shared joy
- Ongoing spiritual counseling sessions provided one-on-one support rooted in Science of Mind principles, helping individuals align with their divine truth

Each of these offerings is not a service we provide *for* others, but a sacred invitation to walk together, to grow together, to remember our Oneness.

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✨ The Spiritual Heart of Fundraising

Henri Nouwen reminds us that fundraising is a ministry. It is not asking for money—it is inviting others into a shared vision of what is holy and possible. When we ask, we are saying: *Will you join us in the work of transformation? Will you help build something beautiful and enduring?*

And you said yes. Through your personal and financial gifts, your prayers, your presence, and your time, you have built sacred space—not just in a physical location, but in hearts and lives. All that, along with being able purchase our outdoor signage, CSL home office Board training classes, QuickBooks® and Constant Contact subscriptions, books for our various meetings and our new 7 person Leadership Board, subscriptions to AA Grapevine as well as the CSL Monthly magazine for our lending library. We see ever and ever expanding offerings going into 2025!

🌍 2025: Visioning the Next Evolution

- As we look ahead, 2025 is not about doing more, but about being more deeply rooted in love. Our commitments include:
- Launching CSL Grief Life Circles© – gentle, spiritually grounded spaces for processing loss and rediscovering wholeness
- In February 2025 we started a weekly Adult Children of Alcoholics® Meeting (Peeling The Onion)– healing the inner child and reshaping family legacies with grace
- Add a Recovery Dharma meeting in Q2 2025 to our weekly offerings
- Expanding Our Accredited Science of Mind Curriculum – including new classes on spiritual leadership, trauma healing, and creating personal spiritual practices
- Creating a Spirit-Led Outreach Team – to bring our teachings and love into St. Augustine by walking the walk
- Deepening Our Practice of Generosity – through shared meals and collaborative service projects that celebrate our collective journey
- Including a Bi-Montly Breathwork workshop, community biofield tuning and community acupuncture

We will continue to host meditation, recovery, and spiritual support gatherings weekly. These aren't just events and meetings—they are rituals of belonging, invitations to live into the sacred truth that we are all just walking each other home.

💛 Thank You: Our Beloved Community of Givers

To our generous donors—thank you. Whether you gave once, gave monthly, or showed up with your hands and heart ready to help, you made this community


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possible. Your giving is a form of spiritual leadership. It says: "I believe in a world where love is the organizing principle."

We honor you. We cherish you. And we ask you to walk with us into 2025—to give again, to share again, and to dream again with us.


Because CSL First City has been created with YOU in mind—and with Spirit at the center.

With deep gratitude and boundless love,



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"Fundraising is precisely the opposite of begging. We are declaring, 'We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest in this vision with the resources God has given you—your energy, your prayers, and your money.'" — Henri Nouwen

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