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How many times have we read those words? I am using them again now to invite you into a new and wonderful story that also may seem strangely familiar. A story complete with dragons and kings, princesses and wizards, adventures and triumphs. A story of a Circle and a Circle of a story...

Introducing:

"The stories I will share on these pages are my observations of the lessons that I am learning in the process of [Circles of Friends] ... Circle of Friends is a name given to the gathering of family, friends, neighbors, and paid staff who listen to the dreams of a person who has developmental disabilities and who champions that person's gifts."

- Carlson

Mary Clare Carlson works with a small number of people with developmental disabilities - and an ever-increasing number of their friends, family, and allies - to build connections of friendship and community membership planned and carried out through the process of Circles of Friends.

"I have very few definitive answers to the questions that confront all of us who care to share our journeys with persons who have been labelled with developmental disabilities and their families and friends. But I will invite you to live the questions with me..."

- Carlson



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