

Community Connection: July 2019

As a relationship-based initiative, PEOPLE are the bedrock of Circles RVA. Together, participants, volunteers and community partners generate a sense of commitment and unity that lead to true transformation.

Visit our Website



words from our
FACILITATOR

"Circles RVA was my field placement through VCU's School of Social Work. I immediately fell in love with Circles' mission, not only to support families, but their goal to end poverty through extreme networking and community building.

After my schooling, I decided to continue with Circles in response to the Leaders' passion to reach financial freedom and prosperity! The Leaders are my motivation and I have learned so much from them, as well as they have from me. They are awesome, dedicated people!"

-Tanyqua Williams, Trainer/Facilitator



observations from a
VOLUNTEER

"Circles brings people together from all over Richmond. We've met a lot of different people facing different circumstances, things that we never would have experienced otherwise."

-Megan Bale, Hospitality Volunteer

The Bale family was recently recognized by **NBC12's Acts of Kindness**. We appreciate the Bale's generosity in sharing their time with us and donating NBC's reward directly to Circles RVA. Watch their full story [here](#).



reflections from our
SERVICES TEAM

"Speaking as a social worker, the Circles model is different because it doesn't seek to be a separate program, but rather to connect people, programs, organizations, and grassroots efforts to address poverty in meaningful ways.

It builds on the strengths and desires of people who have a vision for their lives and builds leadership using the support of allies and other circles of support to help people achieve their own vision. It isn't about "fixing"; it is about joining together for mutual support and relationship building."

- Sarah Kye Price, Services Team
Read more of Sarah's perspective on Circles RVA's initiative [here](#).



Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Communities (RISC) led our June Big View discussion by outlining the process they use to advocate for systemic change in Richmond.

- Support from many, diverse members of the community
- Data showing an issue's scope
- Personal stories of an issue
- Achievable action that has been demonstrated to work in other areas
- Contact with officials/authority to implement the change
- Persistence

RISC encourages Circles members and entire communities to offer up ideas and get involved! Visit RISC's [website](#) for more information about their work in RVA.

Expand Your Circle with these Upcoming Events

JULY 2	JULY 9	JULY 16	JULY 23	JULY 30
MATCH NIGHT Leaders and Allies meet together	CAPITAL ONE CAFE Get Organized, Get Happy Workshop	URBAN HOPE Affordable Housing Opportunities	BIG VIEW Engage and Educate	COHORT 2 BRIDGING CEREMONY Celebrating the commitment and dedication of our Leaders
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