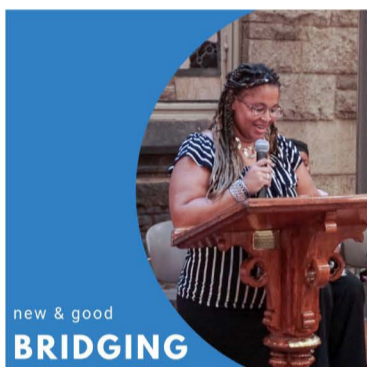




## Community Connection: August 2019

We've updated our monthly newsletter to incorporate two valued Circles traditions: "New & Good" and "Appreciations." These traditions allow us to start and end our meetings on a positive note. After all, we have so much to celebrate!

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### New & Good: Bridging Ceremony

On July 30 we celebrated the accomplishments, to-date, of our Cohort 2 Leaders. The Circles Bridging Ceremony marks the completion of 12 weeks of life skills training. Three Circle Leaders publicly claimed their values and goals while presenting vision boards to our community.

Ivy focused on creating a comfortable, affordable and healthy home for her and her children.

AndreKanisha shared two big goals of returning to school and learning to drive.

Qiyamah is motivated to be a positive role model for her daughter. She's committed to working towards her Associates degree in Early Childhood Education. She wrote and shared a beautiful poem to describe this life juncture. Click [here](#) to read "The Reflection."

Thank you for sharing your vision with us - you are an inspiration!

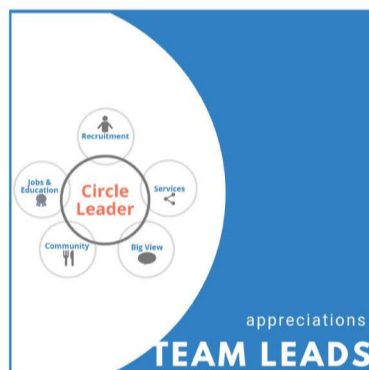
### Appreciations: Resource Team Leaders

Circles has volunteer resource teams that support our initiative. Although much of their work is behind the scenes, they are vital to our mission.

Mary Ann Blankenship is retiring from her role as Children's Coordinator to focus on being an Ally. For the past year, her organization skills have allowed our volunteers to confidently teach the Circles' curriculum each week. Thank you, Mary Ann!

Sarah Kye Price is also transitioning out of her role as Services Team Lead to balance new career endeavors. Sarah's knowledge and social network within VCU and RVA has allowed Circles to dig deep into the community. We appreciate your expertise, Sarah!

Dionna Corbin (Children) and Joy Massey (Services) are enthusiastically transitioning into these roles. Thank you, ladies!



## Expand Your Circle: Upcoming Events

**AUGUST 6**

**COHORT 1 MATCH NIGHT**  
Leaders and Allies meet together

**COHORT 2 SOCIAL**

**AUGUST 13**

**CAPITAL ONE CAFE**  
Spend Smarter Workshop

**AUGUST 17**

**CIRCLES RVA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



**AUGUST 20**

**LEADER OPEN HOUSE**

**AUGUST 27**

**BIG VIEW**  
Engage and Educate

