



Community Connection: September 2019

Circles RVA is a community-driven effort, engaging the strengths and goodwill of Richmonders. As Helen, our Circles Coach, explains: "There is power in people. We want to change individual lives, but together we can also change the entire community to break down barriers."

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New & Good: Emerging Leaders

A new group of Circle Leaders will be coming together this month to begin their 12-week orientation program to Circles. Our "cohort" model allows for groups of Leaders to band together, developing deep connections with like-minded peers.

What makes our Leaders "like-minded"? They are motivated and goal-oriented. As they walk through our program, they will learn to create detailed and measurable (S.M.A.R.T.) goals that address not only financial targets, but other life areas to establish mental, social, physical, spiritual and familial health.


It's not too late to apply for our third cohort! Potential Leaders can download the Leader [application](#) and submit before Friday, September 6. Leader to be a Leader in our third Cohort. [Download](#)

Appreciations: One Year Strong

We can't thank you enough for being a part of Circles RVA during our formation over the past year. Last month we celebrated our first anniversary and spent time reflecting on how far we've already come in our mission of building community to end poverty. Many programs manage poverty, but Circles RVA is about moving people out of poverty.

The Circles model demands a significant amount of time and work for everyone involved... but it works. Each week Circle Leaders celebrate achievements, both big and small, like employment, increased pay, decreased debt, improved credit scores and re-instated voting rights. In addition to tangible successes like these, we anticipate community-wide outcomes, as well. Circles connects with diverse groups and organizations engaging the entire RVA community in owning solutions.


As we move into our second year, we are expanding our network of financial supporters in order to continue growing our influence in RVA. Your financial support impacts an individual family's path to self-sufficiency and also brings about community-wide change. Donor details are available on our [website](#). Every gift will make a difference!

Our Services Team connects Leaders to useful **community resources**. Thank you to Joy Massey for creating a new database that makes these connections even more efficient and effective.



We celebrate with Joy as she launches her new business! Together with her Allies, she developed obtainable goals for each step of her road to **self employment**.



Congratulations, to Fatima for completing her Read Center literacy class this summer. Her graduation represents another goal achieved along her journey to security.

Expand Your Circle: Upcoming Events

SEPT 3 COHORT 1 & 2 MATCH NIGHT Leaders and Allies meet together	SEPT 10 CAPITAL ONE CAFE Family + Money Workshop	SEPT 17 CRISTO REY Education Opportunities COHORT 3 LEADER TRAINING	SEPT 24 BIG VIEW
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