



## Community Connection: May 2020

"Persistence is the path to success.  
Consistency is the vehicle you arrive in." - Brad Taylor

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### New & Good: New Leaders

Circles RVA's fourth cohort of Circle Leaders began training in April. Although our process and content have not changed, the online format is new! We are working with each Leader to ensure they have the tools and access needed to participate online.

This group of 10 individuals represents a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and life stages. The one thing they definitely have in common is a strong commitment to personal and economic growth through the Circles process.

The initial weeks of training have included sharing personal stories and analyzing the trauma of poverty. Past classes of Circle Leaders formed strong relationships with their peers during similar discussions. This new group is no different. Social distance isn't stopping them as they dive deep through virtual conversations.

The focus of training will shift to finances in the upcoming weeks. As Leaders learn more about personal finances and gain new tools, their personalized visions for greater self sufficiency will crystallize. The are on the brink of change!

### Appreciations: Virtual Volunteers

Consistency leads to habits. Habits carry us to success. So while many things are outside of our control during this pandemic, Circles RVA is focusing on creating consistency wherever possible. We are working to maintain much of our normal routine. After all, if a recipe for success works, we want to keep the same ingredients!

As usual, we are meeting weekly, albeit virtually, and providing a meal to our Circle Leaders. While these two components of Circles operations persist, the format and corresponding volunteer needs have changed.

How can you serve NOW amidst social distancing?

#### Provide a Meal

Our volunteer Hospitality Team is prepared to deliver donated meals to all twenty-one of our current Leaders and their families. Volunteers are needed to prepare a meal OR purchase prepared/packaged meals for distribution.

#### Become an Ally

Now, more than ever, our Circle Leaders need emotional support and connection. You can meet this need by volunteering as an Ally. Applications are due April 30 and online training begins May 12.

#### Donate

Your financial support can help carry our community through this challenging time.




**Circles USA's 2019 Impact**

Report is now online, highlighting the results and progress of Circles chapters across the country. Take a look to be encouraged by these measures of collective good work.



**Big View** moved online in April. The Virginia Poverty Law Center's virtual presentation highlighted housing laws that affect our families. Did you miss it? Click [here](#) to view.



**The Wall of Good** includes multiple Circles RVA nominees. Thanks to Hands On Greater Richmond for amazing recognizing volunteers across the city. #ThePowerofGoodRVA

## Expand Your Circle: Upcoming Events

MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26
Cohort 1, 2 & 3 MATCH NIGHT	TBD	TBD	BIG VIEW
Cohort 4 Leader Training	Cohort 4 Leader Training Ally Training	Cohort 4 Leader Training Ally Training	
PROGRAMMING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.			

Do you have a suggestion for future programming that would be meaningful to our Circle Leaders?  
[Share](#) your ideas with us!

