



Community Connection: August 2020

"To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." - Anatole France

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New & Good: Anniversary Celebration

August marks Circles RVA's second anniversary! We continue to grow, now with 20 Circle Leaders at various stages in the process. Their collective 30+ children are also connected with Circles programming.

We are especially excited that this anniversary marks the upcoming graduation of our first cohort of Circle Leaders. These individuals joined Circles not knowing what to expect. They worked through the training, opened up to sharing life with their Allies, and dedicated themselves to the entire 18-month process of setting, adjusting, accomplishing and celebrating goals. The path forward isn't always a straight line, but the twists and turns are worth it!

To celebrate this anniversary and strengthen our growing initiative, we are launching our annual giving campaign this month. Donations fund Circles' entire operations, including training, ongoing programming, Leader meals and children's activities. Investing in Circles RVA's mission is an investment in people, goal-oriented people who are working for a different future. There are many ways to give gift to Circle. More information is available [here](#).

Appreciations: Cohort 4

Cohort 4 Circle Leaders and Allies have wrapped up their training and will be participating in a Bridging Ceremony on August 4. We appreciate every individual in this group for their dedication to the Circles process, especially in light of challenges ushered in with the current pandemic.

The Leaders-in-Training have not only worked through the initial lessons, but many have already taken initiative to start working on (and accomplishing!) preliminary goals. This is a true group of LEADERS.

While Leader training was a time of reflection and self-assessment, the Bridging Ceremony will turn the focus to the future. What vision does each Circle Leader have moving forward? What specific and measurable goals will pave that path?

Our newest Allies will be partners and cheerleaders as these Leaders establish specific goals and begin carrying them out, one step at a time. This is where the change really begins!



Applications are now being accepted for our FIFTH cohort of Circle Leaders scheduled to start training in September. Who makes a great Circle Leader? Click for details and access to the online application.

CIRCLES USA Building Community to End Poverty

Nationwide, Circles USA is **collecting demographic data** from Circles chapters to develop plans to make Circles an even more diverse and inclusive community. If you haven't yet participated, please [click here](#) for a brief survey.

PARTNERS IN PARENTING

Thank you to **Partners in Parenting** for being a resource to Circles. Their 2-part presentation in July on "Getting to Calm" was filled with useful and actionable information. We appreciate their passion for children and families.

Expand Your Circle: Upcoming Events

AUG 4	AUG 11	AUG 18	AUG 25
Cohort 4 BRIDGING CEREMONY	Cohort 4 Leader & Ally Mixer	Cohort 4 Leader & Ally Mixer	Cohort 1 GRADUATION
	Cohorts 1, 2 & 3 Match Night: Goal Check-in	Cohorts 1, 2 & 3 Match Night: Goal Check-in/Work	

** ALL PROGRAMMING IS BEING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.**

Do you have a suggestion for future programming that would be meaningful to our Circle Leaders?

[Share](#) your ideas with us!

