



## Community Connection: December 2020

"Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." Christopher Robin

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### New & Good: Virginia Community Voice

Over recent months, Circles RVA partnered with Virginia Community Voice to facilitate two "Big View" discussions with Leaders, Allies and volunteers. Virginia Community Voice assists with engaging better with historically marginalized communities and improving inclusion in decision making.

The first conversation explored what an ideal community would look like, while also identifying problem areas that hinder achieving this ideal community. The second session focused on unpacking these issues using the Problem Tree Analysis method. Specific areas of discussion and investigation were:

- Affordability and Housing Choices
- Housing Quality and Health
- Safety and Security

The more that we dive into the housing landscape in Richmond, the more that we are understanding the complexity of the challenges. We are finding our voice and look forward to continuing the conversations in 2021.

### Appreciations: YOU

What a challenging year it has been! However, YOU have been a bright spot amidst the turbulence. You have reminded us that we are all braver and stronger than we may initially think.

Thank you for your generosity towards Circles RVA! Not only in terms of financial giving, but in sharing yourself, as well. We each have skills, relationships, and experiences that are valuable. Our social networks are actually resources that can be shared, as well. Collectively leveraging our connections benefits families navigating the complex climb out of poverty.

This month, we are celebrating each of YOU and the ways you share yourself with Circles RVA. Watch for a blitz of social media posts on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). We encourage you to participate with us, adding your own comments of appreciation!



**HEARD**

As a community, we watched this **Richmond-based documentary** which follows the stories of five individuals who have lived in public housing. We are digesting the film and look forward to discussing in detail over future weeks.

**GIVING TUESDAY**

**Your generosity is contagious!** On Giving Tuesday, Circles RVA raised the full amount needed to maximize MATCH commitments. Thank you for donating and raising awareness of Circles. Opportunities for year-end donations continue to be available on our [website](#).

Be sure to read **Richmond Magazine's** Sunday Story which featured Circles RVA. Thanks to the Leaders, Allies and Board Members who shared about their experiences. Willingness to share our personal stories can be so impactful!

### Expand Your Circle: Upcoming Events

DEC 1	DEC 8	DEC 15	DEC 24 & 31
<b>Cohort 5</b> Leader & Ally Training	<b>Cohort 5</b> Leader & Ally Training	<b>Cohort 5</b> Leader & Ally Training	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>
<b>Cohorts 2, 3 &amp; 4</b> Match Night & Intro to Child Care Aware	<b>Cohorts 2, 3 &amp; 4</b> Holiday Activities	<b>Cohorts 2, 3 &amp; 4</b> Reflections	
<b>** ALL PROGRAMMING IS VIRTUAL.**</b>			

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

