



July 2021

"Connecting with others is rewarding. It makes us feel like we're not alone in the world." - Jonah Berger



New & Good: Summer Youth Program

We have officially kicked off Circles' summer youth program! In June, July, and August we are delivering baskets of interactive activities - games, crafts, and more - that are fun for the whole family.

Each basket ties into a theme from Circles USA's children's program curriculum. Last month centered on 'Emotional Health' because after the challenging year we've had, it's especially important to get our minds healthy! That doesn't mean we can't be real about the lows we've felt... but our ability to help our children name their emotions and cope aids their overall wellbeing.

The goal is to get families talking and playing together in meaningful ways. After all, breaking the cycle requires change across multiple generations.

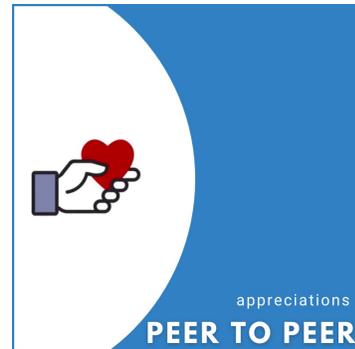
Appreciations: Peer to Peer

We believe in the power of people... and as more people connect with Circles, as participants, volunteers or donors, more lives can be transformed.

An effective tool for linking people to Circles is social media. The collective power of our combined voices can no doubt bolster Circles RVA's mission of building community to end poverty.

Do you have a Facebook account? If so, you can use it as a platform to raise awareness and funds to support Circles RVA. It's as simple as a few clicks and can really add up to make a significant difference to our organization, as we rely on generous giving to fund our work.

To start a Facebook Fundraiser for Circles RVA, click [here](#).




We are actively recruiting volunteers to **serve as Allies to new** Circle Leaders joining us this fall. Do you know someone who has a listening ear? That is the number one trait of a good Ally! Details on the role and commitment are [here](#).



A group of Circle Leaders participated in an orientation with **Virginia Career Works** last month. This is the start of a partnership that will assist Leaders with their long-term career goals.



We loved seeing the Circles community **in-person at our June social**. We have missed the positive energy and sense of unity that comes from simple things like smiles and a sharing a meal!

Upcoming Events

JUL 6 Match Night Cohorts 2-5	JUL 13 Workshop Writing and Rewriting our Scripts	JUL 20 VACU Course Building a Better Budget	JUL 27 SUMMER BREAK 
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Do you have a suggestion for future programming that would be meaningful to our Circle Leaders? [Share](#) your ideas with us!