



Community Connection: December 2021

“Today is Your Opportunity to Build the Tomorrow You Want.”
- Ken Poirot



New & Good: Retiring Board Members who Shaped Circles RVA

From Dick Ritsch, Co-President of Circles RVA



Dawn McNamara and Bo Millner are two visionaries who birthed Circles RVA. They were with us before the beginning and both of them served as founding members of the Board of Directors and Bo as the President when we incorporated in June 2017. Thank you both for steering us through the rough waters. We could not have done this without you. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR CIRCLES RVA.

A letter from a grateful Board member:

I have to say that being involved with Circles is one of the most fulfilling things I have ever experienced. I was at a point where I was desperate to be involved in something that actually generated change. My “home base” was my church, of course. Circles empowered me to move beyond that base and meet lots of people from different places and perspectives...but all of whom shared a desire for change. Some participants are from faith communities, some not, but all share a yearning for transformation. The types of charity that churches usually undertake, as important as they are (feeding programs, Christmas gifts, coat closets etc) respond to immediate needs, but the underlying issues are not usually addressed. Lives are sustained, but not transformed. Out of the community conversations we had, Circles RVA emerged, and what a blessing it has been! Lives have been changed...and I am not just talking about the Leaders. I have been changed, the Allies have been changed, indeed everyone who is involved has been changed and given hope. Transformation and community are at the heart of CirclesRVA and what a difference it makes. I am constantly astounded by the people who have signed on, the talents they bring, and what they make possible. I could not be more grateful to have been a part of it all. I certainly plan to continue to find ways to support Circles RVA after my tenure on the Board ends. But I leave feeling very confident about the future and about the leadership of Circles RVA. The staff, Board, Leaders, Allies, and volunteers could not be more committed, creative, and talented. So, I thank you all for what you have been doing and for your leadership into the future.

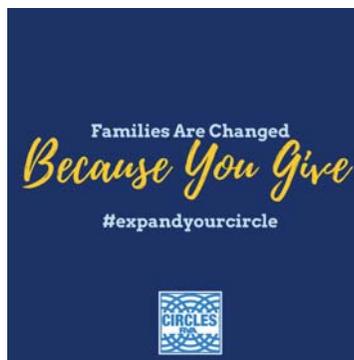
-Bo Millner

Appreciations:

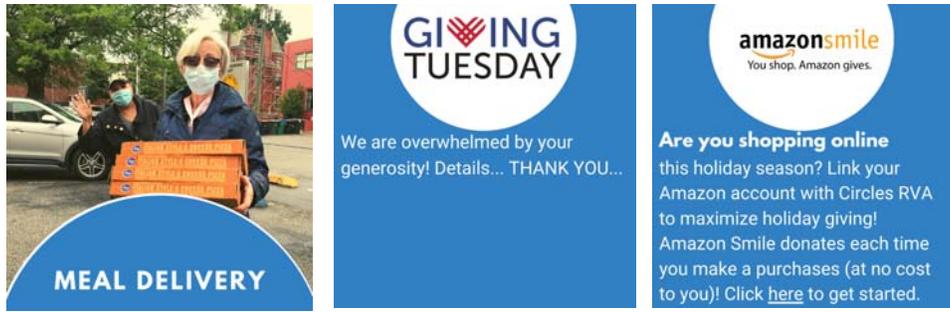
A special shout out to the Young Professionals Group at Dominion Energy for providing turkey dinners and all of the fixings for our Leaders and their families to celebrate their success in the Circles program! Thank you for adding an extra treat for these families during this season of gratitude.

For each of our Allies, Meals volunteers, Resource Team Volunteers, Board, Leadership Team, Community Volunteers and Staff! We could not touch all of the lives we do without the love and service of our Circles Family!

We cannot forget to give a big shout out to our meal delivery volunteers who deliver meals to our Leaders each Tuesday! We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Sous Casa, Richmond Friends, Jason's Deli and Chick Fil A for helping us provide the November meals for



our Leaders and their families.



Upcoming Events

DEC 7	DEC 14	DEC 21	DEC 28
Match Night Cohorts 2-5	Cohort 2 and 3 Graduation	No Program	No Program
Cohort 6 Leader Training Cohort 6 Ally Training	Cohort 6 Bridging Ceremony	Happy Holidays	Happy Holidays

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

Circles RVA | PO Box 25327, Richmond, VA 23260

[Unsubscribe {recipient's email}](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by cellis@circlesrva.org powered by



Try email marketing for free today!