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"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."
- unknown

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New & Good: New Board Members

Circles RVA's Board of Directors as individuals, and as a unified group, inspire and provide tools for Richmonders to move from surviving to thriving economically. The Circles model aims to break the cycle of poverty by focusing on building working relationships between people with different backgrounds.

We are very happy to present four new board members that were voted onto the Circles RVA board in January 2022.

Joel Blum, new Co-president:

"I have observed such sustained commitment from so many people within our CIRCLES family and I have seen people overcome obstacles and take positive steps towards accomplishing their goals. It is a privilege for me to be part of this effort."

Ivy Bell: *"I have never been more proud of myself to go from a graduating leader to a board member. It's like seeing a rainbow while the sun is shining."*

Lisa Specter-Dunaway: *"I'm honored to join this group of dedicated individuals working to support the Leaders' in their pursuit of a better life for themselves and their families."*

Walter Crenshaw: *"I've loved the relationships I've built participating in Circles RVA and am looking forward to being to help even more as a member of the board."*

Please join us in welcoming them to the Circles RVA board. Want to know more about our Board? Click [here](#) for a full list of Directors.



Joel Blum



Ivy Bell



Lisa Specter-Dunaway



Walter Crenshaw

Appreciations: Circles RVA Resource Teams

These behind the scenes volunteers share specific skills/knowledge with our Circle Leaders and support our efforts. Areas of assistance often needed include resume or business plan development, making an application for a mortgage or a loan, legal or financial advice, jobs and education information or simply a contact in an agency or organization. Our once a month Big View night provides education and engagement around system barriers.

These teams contribute to the success of our Leaders and we want to give them a big shout out for all of their time and service to Circles.



Upcoming Events

FEB 1	FEB 8	FEB 15	FEB 22
Match Night Cohorts 4-5 Cohort 6 Introduction to Coach and Coordinator Review Community Guidelines	Cohorts 4-5 Nate Dolan - Student Loans Cohort 6 FCC Wheel of Life Creating SMART Goals	Cohorts 4-6 Humankind Presentation Leaders - More Than Ready Exercises Allies - Coaching Training	BIG VIEW New Tax Laws American Heart Association

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