



***Obstacles Are What You See When You Take Your Eye Off the Goal.***

- Anonymous



## **New and Good**

Welcome Debbie Williams, new Circles RVA Coach!

Debbie is a Richmond native with ties in the RVA Community. She brings to Circles experience in coaching, personal development and person-centered skill-building. She is looking forward to supporting and assisting Leaders and Allies.

## **What do our Resource Teams do?**

These are behind the scenes volunteer teams where you can share specific skills/knowledge with Circle Leaders. We are seeking new members so please email [coordinator@circlesrva.org](mailto:coordinator@circlesrva.org) for details on how to get involved on one of these teams!

There are Five Resource Teams that help to ensure Circles Success:

**Hospitality** - Donate a meal or help set up, serve meals and clean up on program night and volunteer at one of our in-person events.

**Children's Program** - Work with the team leader to ensure children have quality childcare and child development activities on in-person Tuesday nights. **We are currently seeking a new Children's Program team leader as well as members!**

**Jobs and Education** - Research and establish business and education contacts and soft-skill and hard-skills training resources to support Leaders.

**Service** - Identifies and orients references at community service organizations that provide transportation, childcare, healthcare, financial assistance, utility assistance, mental health and recovery resources.

**Big View** - Researches, educates, inspires and engages the Circles Community, community member and organizations to address systemic barriers that prevent individuals from move out of poverty.

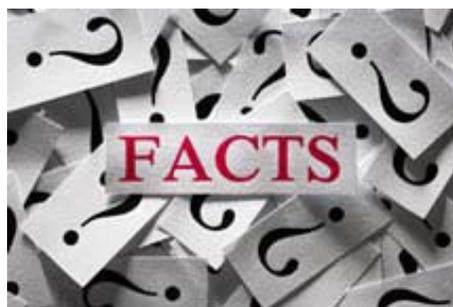
## Appreciations



As a community-driven organization, Circles RVA's goal is to engage as many people as possible in our work.

Appreciations for each of our Allies, 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 Publix Jason's Deli, Chick-Fil-A, and Tazikis for helping us provide the March meals for our Leaders and their families.



- Circles RVA will be five years old in June - *more details to come*
- Two Circle Leaders have bought their own homes
- There are currently 19 Leaders changing their lives
- Circles has 13 active board members and two of them are graduated Leaders
- Cohort 7 starts in Fall 2022

## Circles RVA Happenings

National Volunteer Week 2022 is April 17-23 and the theme is **Better Together**. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognize the vital work of volunteers and to say **thank you**. **There could not be a better theme for Circles RVA!** **We are better together and we want to celebrate our togetherness!**

***Circles RVA plans to celebrate our Leaders, their families, Allies and other volunteers on April 23rd from 10 am to 12 pm at the Mary Munford Pavilion/Park located at 201 Commonwealth Avenue. Please mark your calendars so you can attend.***

<b>APRIL 5</b> Match Night Cohorts 4-5	<b>APRIL 12</b> Cohorts 4-6 VACU Presentation: Budget	<b>APRIL 19</b> Cohorts 4-6 Strategic Plan Focus Groups	<b>APRIL 26</b> <b>BIG VIEW</b> Beyond Your Voice: Advocacy In Action
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## Get Involved

Prepare a meal for our Leader's and their families

Sign up to deliver meals to our families

Join one of our Resource Teams

Be a social media volunteer

Refer a friend to get involved with Circles

Contact Christy Ellis at [coordinator@circlesrva.org](mailto:coordinator@circlesrva.org) for more details on how you can get

involved.



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