



**CIRCLES**<sup>®</sup>  
**RVA**  
Building Community to End Poverty

January 2023

**"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."**

-Mark Twain

## New and Goods

We are excited to report that Cohort 7 Leader training began in December 2022, and Ally Training began on January 3, 2023. This expands our Circles community as they begin their journey over the next two years.

## In-Kind Donation Corner:

Each Tuesday night we provide dinner for our Circles community, which is comprised of Leaders, their families, Allies, and their families, Resource Team volunteers, community volunteers, presenters, and facilitators. We can use your help in providing the following items to support the remainder of January and February.

- 200 to 250 paper plates
- 150 hot paper cups
- 200 to 250 napkins
- Boxes of plastic forks, knives, and spoons
- 10 cases of 40-pack bottled water
- Sugar and Creamer

If you are able to make a donation, please contact Christy at [cellis@circlesrva.org](mailto:cellis@circlesrva.org), to arrange for pick up or drop off of the items.

## Appreciations

Dedicated Volunteers, Board and Staff

As a community-driven organization, Circles RVA's goal is to engage as many people as possible in our work. We have amazing facilitators, pictured below, that train our Leaders and Allies. Their dedication and commitment prepare the new Leaders and Allies for the next step of their journey.

We appreciate 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!

Finally, we cannot forget our meal donors and servers who help us with weekly Tuesday night!

*Happy New Year to all! We look forward to  
an amazing 2023!*

Rebecca Mann,  
Jobs Coach/Ally Facilitator



Patrice Shelton,  
Leader Facilitator



Cortney Calixte,  
Ally Facilitator

# Circles RVA Happenings

## PASS THE WORD

Big View Night: January 24, 2023, from 6 to 8 pm

Theme: 2023, The Eyes of the Future

Debbie P. Jackson, Leader of the Professional and Development Training Team for the City of Richmond Department of Social Services, will lead a workshop on efforts to vision and plan for a successful future.

Location: Grace and Holy Trinity Church, 8 N. Laurel Street

Dinner provided

Bring a friend and please RSVP [here](#).

## JANUARY 2023

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<p>C-6 Matched Circles Night</p> <p>C-7 Week 3 Leader Training</p> <p>C-7 Week 1 Ally Training</p>	<p>C-6 Financial Literacy Week 1</p> <p>C-7 Week 4 Leader Training</p> <p>C-7 Week 2 Ally Training</p>	<p>C-6 Financial Literacy Week 2</p> <p>C-7 Week 5 Leader Training</p> <p>C-7 Week 3 Ally Training</p>	<p>Big View Night</p>	<p>Family Fun Night</p>



## Get Involved

**Prepare or Sponsor a meal** for our Leaders and their families.

**Hospitality** - Join the Hospitality Team and help set up, serve and clean up the Tuesday evening meal. We also welcome any leads on anyone wanting to provide a meal.

**In-Kind Donations:** Donate paper products, plasticware and bottled water for our Tuesday night dinners.

Development Committee

If you like fundraising for an important mission, we can use your help!

**Recruitment** - Join the Recruitment Resource Team to help others 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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