



CIRCLES[®]
RVA
Building Community to End Poverty

"A new month marks a new beginning and a fresh start. Every morning a new sun greets us and our new life begins."

- anonymous

New and Goods

The Circles Community is Growing!

We are excited to report that Cohort 8 Leaders begin their training on September 12th and Cohort 8 Allies begin their training on September 19th.

#expandyourcircle

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A Circles Volunteer's Testimony

"With Circles RVA, I recruited a couple of students to come in on Tuesday nights to serve dinner to economically disadvantaged community members seeking financial advice. While we hear about people losing their jobs and struggling with poverty in the news all the time, I quickly learned that listening to their stories firsthand gives valuable insight that the media cannot. I recall talking to Paul, a member I had a close relationship with. When I asked him why he bought single-item detergent and soap rather than in bulk, he explained to me that he could not as he was living paycheck to paycheck. While this seems like such an obvious explanation, it is a struggle that many people like myself cannot relate to as we live in privileged circumstances. I not only appreciate the gifts and luxuries I had lived with to this point but also was encouraged to keep my engagement with the local community and to use my privilege to serve others. Circles taught me that when understanding others, looking from the outside in pales in comparison to actually talking to people to truly empathize with their struggles."

Alex Duong

Alex volunteered with Circles on the Hospitality Resource Team for four years and could always be counted on to show up each week, at special Circles events and recruit other volunteers.

Leaders In Action

A shout-out to all of our Leaders! They are showing up and participating and creating change in their lives!

Appreciations

Thank you to **The Thrifty Quaker** for selecting Circles to receive a portion of their profits in July. This generous donation will support our Leaders as they go from surviving to thriving.

Thank you to the Circles Board members who have taken their time to support events and help recruit and create awareness about Circles!

Thank you First Mennonite Church and Richmond Friends for providing delicious Tuesday night meals for our families.

Thank you, Hospitality volunteers, who show up early each week to set up, serve with a smile, and clean up the meal. We appreciate all you do to help make our mealtime gathering special.

Circles Happenings



The Clock is ticking....Register Today! Run with your Circle!

Who: All Leaders, Allies, volunteers, and friends

What: 5K Race

When: Thursday, September 14th at 6 pm

Where: Hardywood Brewery - West Creek

Why: Have fun, be healthy, raise money and awareness for Circles RVA

Cost: \$45 per walker/runner*

Circles RVA will receive \$40 of the entry fee plus a 10% bonus through Birdies for Charity. You must designate Circles on the registration form. The organization that receives the most registrants will receive a \$1,000 bonus.

*Don't want to walk/run? You can still participate by sponsoring a Leader, contact Christy at cellis@circlesrva.org.

Please visit this link, select Circles RVA
<https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/147516>

There is a 500-participant limit so don't delay!

Hardywood Brewery – West Creek will be open to the public Thursday evening, September 14th and everyone is welcome to come out and support our registrants!

Thank you for supporting Circles RVA and our efforts in Building Community to End Poverty

It's that time of year again, Circles is participating in Birdies for Charity! Please share this flyer with your friends and family and support our Leaders in action as they move from surviving to thriving!



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Birdies for Charity

10% Bonus for Circles RVA!

**You donate, they add a 10% bonus!
When you make an investment in Circles RVA,
the PGA Tour will add a 10% bonus to your gift
to support even more Circles
participants in their journey from surviving to
thriving! That's 10% more funds
generated at no additional cost to you!**

Donate Now

Match Ends 10.23.23

**Please share with your friends
and family....**



**It's Easy
to Get
Involved**

Prepare/sponsor a meal for
our Leaders, Allies, volunteers,
and their families

Donate bottled water, plastic
utensils, and paper products
for our Tuesday evening meal

Join one of our Resource
Teams

Refer a friend to get involved
with Circles

Contact Christy Ellis at
coordinator@circlesrva.org for
more details on how you can
get involved.

**PLEASE JOIN US AND
HELP EMPOWER
CIRCLE LEADERS
BREAK THE CYCLE**

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