



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

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**"If I cannot do great things, I can do  
small things in a great way."**

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## **New and Goods**

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## **The Circles Community is Growing!**

Cohort 8 Allies began their training on September 19th.

Welcome to our new Hospitality volunteer Adam! He is already referring new volunteers to join our community!

We are still looking for Allies to join Cohort 8. If you or anyone you know is interested in this rewarding experience, have them reach out to Christy at [coordinator@circlesrva.org](mailto:coordinator@circlesrva.org).

On October 7th, Cohort 6 will graduate! They have spent the past 18 months moving from surviving to thriving. We are so inspired by your journey and all of the goals you have made in your life!

#expandyourcircle

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## **Leaders In Action - A Graduated Leaders Journey with Circles**

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I am a Virginia resident with dreams of OWNING a home with a white picket fence and being able to support myself and 3 children without the help of welfare or illegal activities. After all, it's the American dream, right? Well, coming from the levels of poverty some of us face in crime-stricken neighborhoods, just being able to keep food on the table and a roof over our heads isn't easy. I was never taught to plan, dream, and execute my goals and dreams. Then a church member introduced me to circles. I was introduced to groups of individuals who would show me the way and all I had to do was listen & be willing to learn and put in some effort. Over almost 2 years I was taught to budget and save and become productive in my community. For the first time as an adult People Cared enough to invest their time and money into me, a former high school dropout. With the help of Circles, I am now in community college and on my way to home ownership. The values of each one teach one is immeasurable!! I dare anyone to come to see what Circles is about!! Come join the mission, you won't regret it, I certainly don't.

Delphine Harris Cohort 5 Graduate

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## **Appreciations**

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Thank you, Helen Rai, Ally Facilitator, and Patrice Shelton, Leader Facilitator!

Thank you, Zee, Circles Children's Program Coordinator, and her team, Sam and Shubi for leading the children each Tuesday night while their parents are in training or programming.

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.

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## Support our Tuesday Night Meal

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### **FEED THE CIRCLES Meals Program**

**Provide a hearty meal each week for 50 of our Circles Leaders, Allies, families, and volunteers as we gather weekly to build relationships and progress toward goals.**

- **Sponsor a meal**
- **Purchase and/or prepare and serve a cafeteria-style meal**

**It's not just about the food...it's about the sense of unity in sharing a meal together.**

**Contact Christy Ellis at [coordinator@circlesrva.org](mailto:coordinator@circlesrva.org) to get involved!**

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## Circles Happenings

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The clock is ticking to make your donation!

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!

The deadline for donations is October 23rd!



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## CIRCLES RVA



### 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 10.22.23](#)

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](mailto:coordinator@circlesrva.org) for more details on how you can get involved.

Are you looking for a meaningful project that supports a purposeful mission? Contact Christy at [coordinator@circlesrva.org](mailto:coordinator@circlesrva.org) for more information on these opportunities.

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CIRCLE LEADERS  
BREAK THE CYCLE



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