



CIRCLES[®]

RVA

Building Community to End Poverty

In Search of Volunteers

Circles RVA is a local chapter of a national organization that offers a relationship-based model to empower individuals and families to permanently move out of poverty and thrive by engaging the strengths, goodwill, and existing resources of the community and focus on the collaborative ownership of solutions to break the cycle of poverty. The national organization has had success in strengthening more than 70 communities across economic and racial lines.

Circles RVA started, in part, through the leadership of St. Paul's and Centenary will be working in concert with the Downtown Cooperative Ministries (DCM) in this endeavor.

You Can Help By Becoming an Ally:

Allies assist Circle Leaders in expanding their network by helping them to gain access to resources, navigate bureaucracies, and leverage social relationships and networks they might not otherwise have access to.

- ***Circle Ally:* An individual volunteer that builds an intentional friendship built on respect and trust with a Circle Leader and supports them on their plan to achieve economic stability over 18 months.**
- ***Resource Ally:* An individual that has a specific skill (e.g., business plan or resume writing, mortgage application knowledge, etc.) and can be called upon for their subject matter expertise when needed by a Circle Leader to achieve their plans.**

Please let Abby Smith know that you are interested or if you would like more information.

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