

What is Circles?

The Circles program supports families from poverty to stability. Each Circle is comprised of a carefully matched Circle Leader (a family or individual with low income) and Circle Allies (middle to upper-income individuals). The Circle Leaders identify goals and with the support of the Allies they develop a plan to reach them in weekly meetings.

Our Purpose

- Encourage and support families as they work to emerge from poverty.
- Empower people from every economic class to eliminate poverty.
- Give families essential tools: training, social capital and human connections.
- Address systemic barriers and policies that lock people in poverty.



"Volunteering at Circles has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life"
-Circles Volunteer

Where do you come in?

BECOME AN ALLY

Be an intentional friend who supports and learns from families with low income

SUPPORT THE KIDS

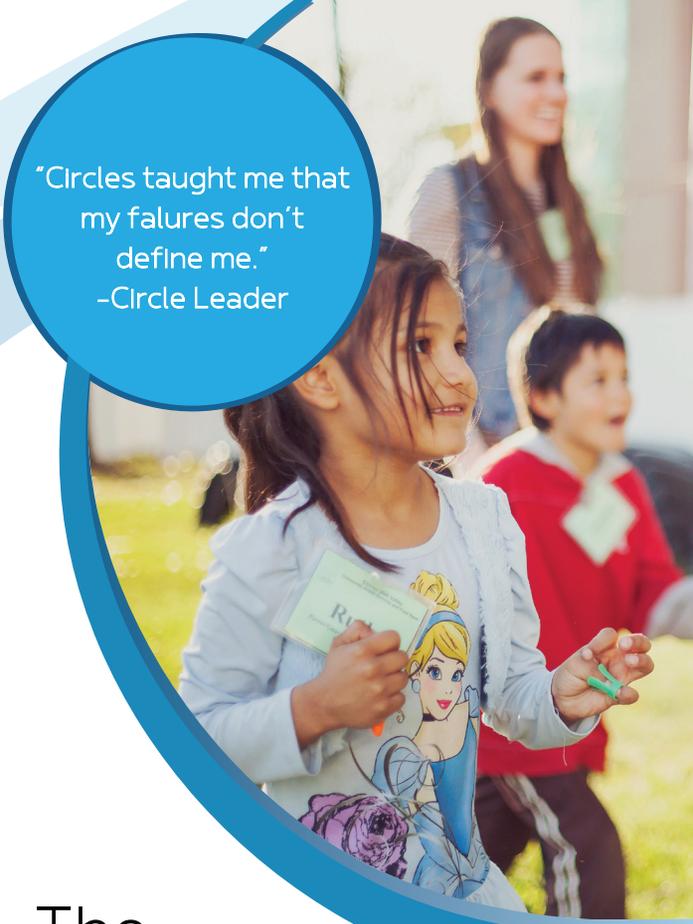
Volunteer to provide child development for 2 hours one evening a week.

FEED THE CIRCLE

Donate, prepare, and serve a simple evening meal for 30-50 people.

MAKE DECISIONS

Serve on a Resource Team and help shape the initiative, utilizing resources for success



"Circles taught me that my failures don't define me."
-Circle Leader

The Circles Initiative

The responsibility for poverty and prosperity rests with both individuals and the larger community. Circles is a proven and innovative strategy for connecting people across socioeconomic lines to enable individuals and families to be lifted out of poverty. We believe no one should live in poverty and - if given the right tools and support - economic stability can be achieved.

Volunteer with Circles Today!

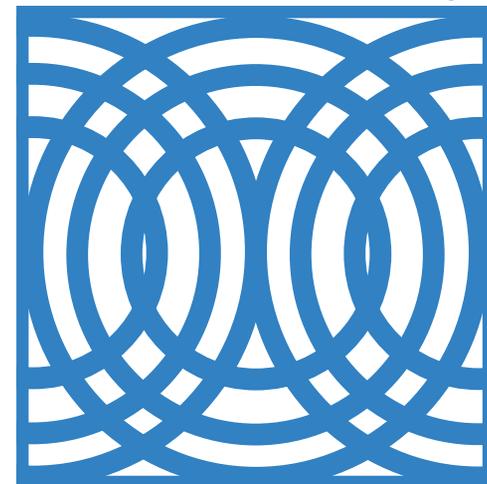
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CommunityActionUC.org/Circles



"I hope that someday I'll be able to help a family who is in the same situation that I was in."
- Circle Volunteer



Circles Utah Valley



Thriving Families, Thriving Communities



Julie's life was changed forever

In September 2014, Julie was a single mother supporting three children. After losing their rental home in an electrical fire, Julie and her kids endured weeks of homelessness.

Eventually, Julie was able to find another rental, but sought Circles' help to permanently break the cycle of poverty. Through Circles, Julie learned skills like budgeting and goal setting. She gained a support system for the first time in her life. Julie has been recognized as one of her company's top employees; opened her first checking and savings accounts; and married the love of her life.

Julie achieved Circles' highest honor in February 2016, when she graduated with her household income exceeding 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.



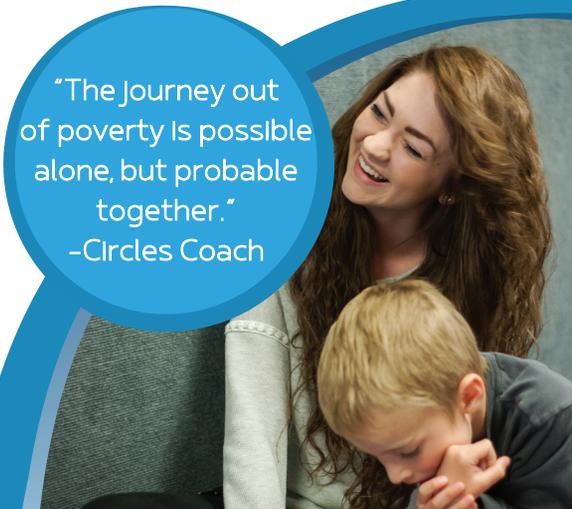
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"The journey out of poverty is possible alone, but probable together."
-Circles Coach

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