



# KEEPING IN THE LOOP WITH CIRCLES

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♥ Our Heart is Our Children

Circles Laurel Highlands

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## ☀ GREAT NEWS

2019 has started with great news! We are pleased to announce our expansion of Circles Laurel Highlands Region for the new year. In addition to the Uniontown and Connellsville locations, we are in the planning of stages of adding two more locations! They are Markleysburg and Penn State Fayette!

## RECRUITMENT TEAM

The Recruitment Team is currently recruiting for the new class of Circles participants. We are looking for people who are ready, willing and able to make a better life for themselves through training and better employment. For information on the application process or dates and locations of new classes, please contact Al Ambrosini, Recruitment Team Chair 724-366-4243 or Sue Ann Priemer, Circles Coordinator 724-437-6050 x3216.

## COMMUNITY TEAM

The Community Team has been hard at work providing venues and food for our meetings. Email Team Chair, Tina Shaffer, at [tk34@zoominternet.net](mailto:tk34@zoominternet.net) to find out how you can help.

## BIG VIEW TEAM

Led by Chairperson Becky Ambrosini, our Big View Team focuses on systemic barriers that prevent individuals from moving out of poverty. Our Big View Team is currently recruiting volunteers. Please contact Becky at [bambrosini@zoominternet.net](mailto:bambrosini@zoominternet.net) if you have an interest in addressing issues such as affordable housing, transportation, or the Cliff Effect.

## SERVICES TEAM

The Services Team met in January and planned fun topics for the entire year. Come visit Circles on the second week of every month when this team presents resource information in a very dynamic way! Contact Rita Masi for more information at 724-437-6050 x3213 or [rmasi@fccaa.org](mailto:rmasi@fccaa.org).

## JOBS AND EDUCATION TEAM

On January 16<sup>th</sup> the Jobs and Education Team presented information on the FAFSA. The topic on February 20<sup>th</sup> will be insights to local post secondary opportunities. Please call Maria if you would like to serve on this team. Maria's contact information is 724-437-2721 x255 or [mlovat@fayettecti.org](mailto:mlovat@fayettecti.org).

## OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN OF CIRCLES ♥



Our Heart is Our Children!



**SPOTLIGHT ON JUDY'S CARING HEART**

Of course, it is our responsibility as parents to care for children. There are, however, times when we must entrust their care to others. Judy Zheng is the person who we consistently count on at Circles meetings. Fortunately, I'm able to take great comfort in knowing that, after our weekly meals, she is keeping my "mini-leader" safe and happy. Judy says "Seeing their smiles and excitement at learning things gives me great joy when I can contribute to their learning process." And, the children have taught Judy a few life lessons as well. "They taught me having kids is a lot of work, but also very rewarding." With her quiet, calm demeanor, Judy seems to speak a language that the children readily hear. It doesn't hurt that she also happens to be Trilingual! Perhaps (most importantly) the children have taught this former NYC resident, CalU grad and aspiring Physician's Assistant how "to be more carefree". Despite this statement, the comfort she provides our little ones, and us, can only come from a completely caring heart.

By April Yeager

**MEET A "MINI-LEADER" ❤️**



Hi everyone! My name is Maya and I am five-years-old. Wednesdays are my favorite day of the week because, after school, my mommy brings me to Circles meetings! I just love the friends I make there. I call them *all* my cousins. After I eat yummy food and potato chips, I get to learn and play. Judy reads books with me, and Makhi helps me color. We make really cool bugs, but they are the kind you can eat. I draw nice pictures for mommy

even if she does not understand them. She says they are so special because I make them with love. I wish Circles was every day and sometimes, I think it is. Mommy is a Community Leader and she said I am a Mini-Leader. She said that means I can control my future too. I think that is awesome. Come join me! I want more cousins.  
By April Yeager (Mommy)



Sue Ann being blessed with cuddles from Maddie

**SUCCESSES**

Nicole is now employed with the Connellsville Canteen. Her part time position is a great transition for her while she still keeps Gina as top priority in her life. Stop by the Canteen to say "Hi" to Nicole!

April is pleased to announce she has found the perfect home for her and Maya. It is a rental, but is perfect in size and location until she attains her goal of owning her own.

**UPCOMING**

**Markleysburg:** Union Chapel Church, Flat Rock Rd.  
 Open House Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
 Orientation Tuesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
 Class #1 Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM  
 Class #2 Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

**Uniontown:** Adult Rec. Center 137 N. Beeson Ave.  
 Orientation Wednesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
 Class #1 Wednesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM  
 Class #2 Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM

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