

to help with every aspect of your life. It's not just about financial freedoms and a better quality of life. It's about a never ending support system that challenges you to be a better person and achieve your goals. They see your worth and believe in you, when you can't see things as clearly yourself. This group will go out of their way to help you and come up with solutions. Your problems are no longer just your problems. They now belong to all of us and we will figure them out as a team. Everyone has something to offer to the group. Even if it's just a few hours of volunteer work. We can all do something to be a part of the bigger picture and that's what Circles teaches."

SPOTLIGHT ON PAM MCKAY



The Pipers beam when you say "Pam". In normal times, the boys greet her with a hug at meetings or on their front porch. You see, Pam McKay is their Ally and has been from the beginning. They first met at the Connellsville Library during a weekly meeting. Pam has

raised five children of her own as a single Mom, so this has been a natural match in many ways.

In addition to being an Ally, Pam is active in Circles as the Community Team Chairperson. She also jumps in to organize fundraising events, help with meals, or work drive through events.



In her personal life, Pam has always valued education by earning her two undergraduate degrees while her children were young. Later, while employed at US Steel she earned her Masters degree in Business. Currently, she works at Boeing. One of her hobbies is sewing, which she has transformed in to a personal business selling at craft shows. Pam is a caring, selfless role model for all around her. When I told Krissy we were spotlighting Pam this month, she said "Good, she deserves it!"

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 start dates of new classes, please contact Sue Ann Priemer, Circles Coordinator 724-437-6050 x3216.

COMMUNITY TEAM

The Community Team has been hard at work compiling exciting things to share/do/experience at your next meeting. They are also exploring new ways to engage all members of your family.

RESOURCE TEAM

The Resource Team met in our virtual meeting in December 2020 and planned fun topics for the next 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 masi@fcaa.org.

LINKS TO SHARE

More and more of our readers are receiving our monthly newsletter through electronic venues. It is our focus in the new year to share more interactive links to resources, supporting agencies and collaborators. If you have "Links to Share" please submit them to Sue Ann for the next issue.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/promoting/protectfactors/>

<https://www.popsi.com/story/health/find-hope-make-change/>

<https://fcaa.org/>

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