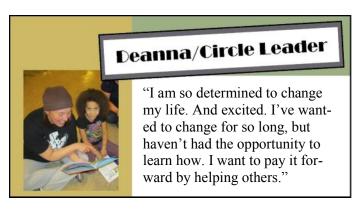
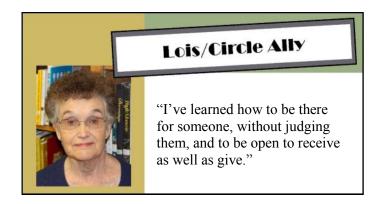


## **2014 YEAR IN REVIEW**

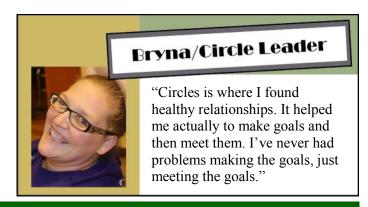
Building relationships, resourcefulness & resilience





- **New executive director.** At mid-year we honored long-time executive director Myrna Krehbiel upon her retirement and welcomed Jennifer Rose as the new leader.
- ♦ VISTA volunteer. In July, Danny Barrera of Newton was assigned to Peace Connections as a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) for a year, to help build sustainability. He has proven an excellent asset to the organization and we hope to secure another VISTA to take his place in July 2015.
- ◆ Circles of Hope makes a difference one family at a time. The eighth and ninth Circle Leader training classes graduated in January and August, bringing the total number of participants who have taken the class since 2009 to 76. About 75% of graduates go on to commit to 18 months in Matched Circles. Economic impacts for those who have reached 18 months include a 131% increase in income, and a 45% decrease in dependency on public assistance.
- Pass it on. The 9th Circle Leader training class included the third trainee to be a second-generation graduate; all three have had a mother precede them through the initiative.
- More multi-generational impacts. A richer and more disciplined child care program began to evolve at Circles of
  Hope under the skillful guidance of Kristin Neufeld Epp this year and has continued to grow with leadership from
  Kathy, Kalyn & Shannon Leininger and other dedicated child care volunteers.
- Summer Enrichment Activities (SEA). SEA served 46 children from 23 families, and volunteers coordinated by SEA staff helped USD 373 provide close to 10,000 free meals through the Summer Food Service Program.
- ♦ Parent satisfaction is high. According to the first-ever exit survey, parents listed the top benefits of SEA to their children as friends, meaningful activities and building social skills. Parents indicated a high rate of satisfaction with the activity program, with 90% giving a rating of 9 or 10 (out of 10).





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Bonnie Krehbiel's Pretzel Making	Karen Dickson	Carolyn Schroeder
Breydan Meyer	Jerilyn Ediger	Dan Schroeder
Callie Unruh's Mobile Dairy	Kay Ediger	Curtis Stubbs
Caring Hands Humane Society	Kristin Neufeld Epp	Marian Stubbs
Harvey County Extension Nutritionists	Joyce Flickinger	Jeannette Stucky
Newton Fire Department	Janie Fowler	Don Swender
Newton Police Department	Judy Friesen	Sue Swender
Newton Recreation Center Pool	Larry Goering	Toni Thompson
	Roy Goering	June Thomsen
STORE & OFFICE VOLUNTEERS	Margaret Goering	Janet Voth
Ron Bachman	Sheralyn Goering	Marva Weigelt
Stan Bohn	Rosie Hake	James Wenger
Christy Brenneman	Marjean Harris	Jim Wickiser
Kylie Brenneman	Gordon Houser	Susie Wickiser
George Dyck	Trianna Jones	Kathy Wiens
Roy Goering	Sherie Klassen	Cathy Woodward
Sheralyn Goering	Sheila Kumar	Cynthia Wyss
Arnita Haury	Kalyn Leininger	Deb Zeiner
Ruby Moore	Kathy Leininger	
Leah Mueller	Shannon Leininger	CIRCLES MEAL PROVIDERS
Sari Pouch	Phillip McPheeters	Coordinator: Lea Ann Reber
Kathy Randall	Roxanne Miller	Bryna's Matched Circle
Roger Ratzlaff	Jason Mueller	Chisholm Middle School Student C
Gloria Rediger	Leah Mueller	Circles Guiding Coalition
Steve Richards	Elmo Newman	Circles Resource Team
Laurie Robinson	Andy Ortiz	Craig's Matched Circle
Joe Smucker	Tina Payne	Deanna's Matched Circle
Marlene Smucker	Marvin Penner	Farm Bureau Board of Directors
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Sarah Wallace	Dwight Ray	June & Amanda's Small Group
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- Henry Ford

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Amount	Household	Church	Business	Institution
\$1,000+	15	4	4	5
\$250 - \$999	33	10	5	2
\$100 - \$249	68	7	4	1
\$50 - \$99	71	1	0	0
Less than \$50	74	0	0	1
Total (% of giving)	261 (60.6%)	22 (12.1%)	13 (9.1%)	9 (18.2%)

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- Shafiq Hasan for 16 years of service on the board of directors.
- Myrna Krehbiel for 14 years of investment in Peace Connections as executive director.
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- Rosi Reimer for 3 years of service in her most recent stint on the board of directors.
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- Richard Rutschman for offering a free two-day training in Motivational Interviewing for Circles of Hope staff and volunteers.
- Sue Elder, Angela Altum and Cathy Willis for once again providing a top-notch Summer Enrichment Activity program for kids.
- ♦ Kansas Leadership Center for a rich array of training opportunities for staff and volunteers.
- Chef Tom Basore at Water's Edge Restaurant and local celebrities Vicki Adame, Angie Baur, Ashley Bergner, Timothy Connor, Roxana Koch, Leroy Koehn, James Krehbiel, Susan Lamb, Kim Manring, Bobby Rose, Matt Schmidt, Teresa Strausz, Todd Tangeman and Chris Zuercher for making our Celebrity Server fundraiser a success.



Increasingly we realize that peace, if it's going to get a foothold in the world, has to start at the local level. Over half of Harvey County school-age children are in economic distress. That should wake every one of us up and point toward a place to begin: build resilience one kid at a time.





