

# be a friend

Help a family one-on-one

*Circles™ of Hope connects community volunteers with individuals —Circle Leaders—who are ready and willing to do what's necessary to move from limited resources to greater stability.*

*By becoming an Ally, you can provide friendship and encouragement to a Circle Leader while you:*

- Receive free training
- Learn more about the realities of poverty
- Create a better community

To learn more, contact us at

**316.284.0000**

or at [info@peaceconnections.org](mailto:info@peaceconnections.org)

or stop by Peace Connections

612 N. Main Street, Newton

Monday – Thursday 10-5 p.m.

or mail the form at the right.

## What Allies say about Circles™

**Q.** What were your first thoughts about being an Ally?

**A.** I was captivated by the audacious idea of ‘making poverty history in our lifetime.’ Whether possible or not, I wanted to support and encourage one person or a family who was making a concerted effort to become fully self-sustaining. I wanted to make a difference for someone else, as others have contributed to the achievements of my life.

**Q.** What have you learned since becoming an Ally?

**A.** I found out that we have a lot more people struggling to make it in Harvey County than I expected. Many individuals in poverty work hard just to survive. I learned that relational capital is even more important than financial capital in setting a new course in life. I have also seen that long-term thinking transforms self-defeating behaviors and opens things up for a more fruitful future.

**Q.** What is it like to be an Ally?

**A.** Being an Ally is just like being a friend: listening, encouraging, staying connected. I am inspired by my Circle Leader’s hard work and life changes. I receive encouragement and resources that benefit me in my vocation. It is fulfilling to team up with other Allies as we watch our Circle Leader aspire to and work toward new possibilities for the future.

# be an Ally

I am interested in talking to someone about becoming an Ally.

Please call me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

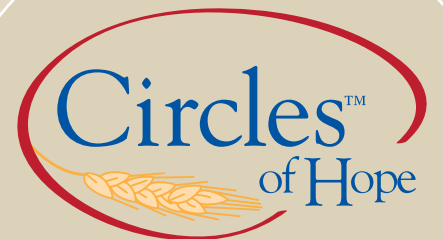
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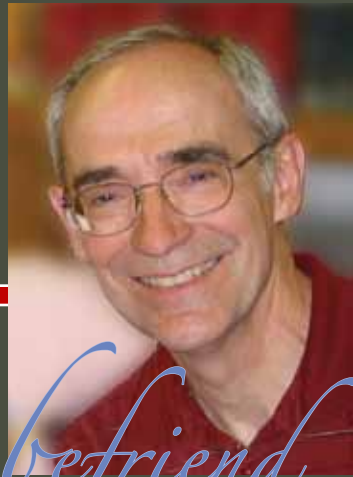
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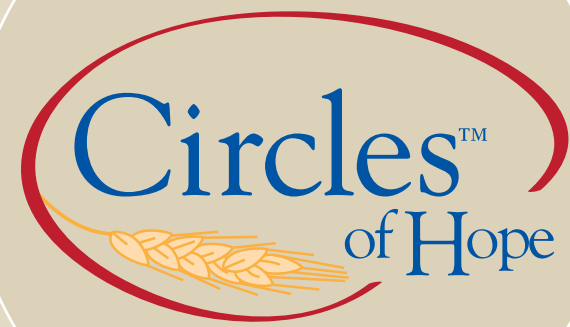
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**Move the Mountain (MTM)** initiated the **Circles™** campaign. The goal of this nation-wide initiative is to end poverty in 1,000 communities in 10 years. **Aha! Process** partners with MTM, sharing its **Bridges Out of Poverty** concepts through **Circles™ Getting Ahead** classes and Ally training.

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Working to end poverty one family at a time.

**Make Poverty History.**



**Make a REAL and LASTING difference in someone's life!**