

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### Circle Leader Testimonials:

L.R. -- "Circles is like a rescue team. They came into my life as it was dying and revived it. I was broke, broken and homeless with three kids, but now I have a home, money in the bank, attend school and most of all a purpose for my life." (L.R. now works for Greenville Tech and lifts up at-risk students by connecting them with resources.)

C.C. -- "Circles helped me realize there is no barrier or obstacle that I can't overcome. As long as I am willing to try, I will eventually succeed." (C.C. moved out of public housing and into her own home and started her own business.)

T.F. -- "What I accomplished in circles was learning that I am not alone. I may be young, but I am not dumb and I can do anything I put my mind to. I accomplished being more aware of resources, being a better friend and mother, and also getting not one but two higher paying jobs. Circles is the beginning of my accomplishments, but it is not the end!" (While raising two small children, T.F. attends college working towards her B.A. in Marketing.)

### Ally Testimonials:

K.S. -- "Being a Circles' Ally is like being Spike Lee or Jack Nicholson in the VIP seats at a NY Nick's or Laker's game. You see the 'Thrill of Victory' up close and personal."

K.B. -- "Circles has taught me the deep complexities about poverty and has made me more aware of the critical issues that people in poverty must deal with."

J.B. -- "Great program that empowers people through relationships."

E.J. -- "I volunteer my time to Circles because it empowers individuals to take control of their season of poverty."

B.M. -- "Circles has exposed me to economic and social circumstances which I knew existed, however I now realize I did not really understand all the personal implications of generational poverty until I got in the Circles Program. Money alone will not break the cycle, it takes a community."

G.K. -- "Prior to Circles, I knew poverty from an intellectual perspective. Certainly I cared; I gave and I prayed for those in need. Circles connected me to poverty emotionally. Now, I've made a life-long friend with my Circle Leader... a friendship that I will cherish for the rest of my life."