

Have Fun, Help the Hungry at Complete the Circle FOODRaiser!

Caring Neighbors Needed! Britepaths and Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) invite community members of all ages to be part of Complete the Circle FOODRaiser, to be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Fairfax High School.

According to Feeding America, on any given day in Fairfax County, nearly 60,000 people do not know where their next meal will come from. Complete the Circle is a joyful community service project to help the hungry in our community while also raising awareness that even in our affluent area, there are those who struggle.

The event is also a unique public art project, where participants create a "living picture" that will be photographed from 100 feet above by artist Daniel Dancer of Art for the Sky. The picture is surrounded by the food donations that participants bring that day. A celebration with live music featuring musicians from Cancer Can Rock, children's entertainment, and refreshments will precede the photo shoot. All proceeds will benefit Britepaths' and LCAC's efforts to assist struggling residents of the Fairfax County area.

Britepaths' Executive Director Lisa Whetzel said, "Participating in Complete the Circle is a joyful way for community members to come together to be part of the solution to the very real problem of hunger and need in our midst. It is also a tangible experience that shows

children how their community works together to help those in need. We welcome community members to join us that day, and to make the event even more meaningful by bringing a team of family, friends, coworkers or community group members. Another great way to help is to run a grocery store gift card or food drive in advance to 'Complete the Circle' of giving and sharing."

"LCAC is excited about our partnership with Britepaths on Complete the Circle!" said LCAC Executive Director Linda Patterson. "We can, through this event, put a face on those who face hunger daily in Fairfax County: Donna, the single mom of four; Chris, the homebound senior; or Jim and Eve, the senior couple living off their Social Security. The donation of food and gift cards will enable both LCAC and Britepaths to help the hundreds of families we see each month who struggle to feed their families. More than 28,000 children in Fairfax County are food-insecure. We can change that through Complete the Circle, and I believe we will find that we ALL can make a difference to families in our community."

BE A PART OF COMPLETE THE CIRCLE

Participants are encouraged to register as teams or individuals/families by September 28 at www.CompleteTheCircleFx.org. The \$10 admission fee includes the event T-shirt that will color the "living picture" we create at the event. Registration will be available up

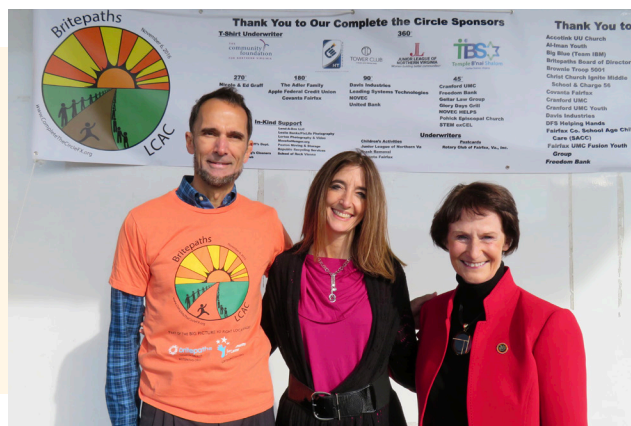
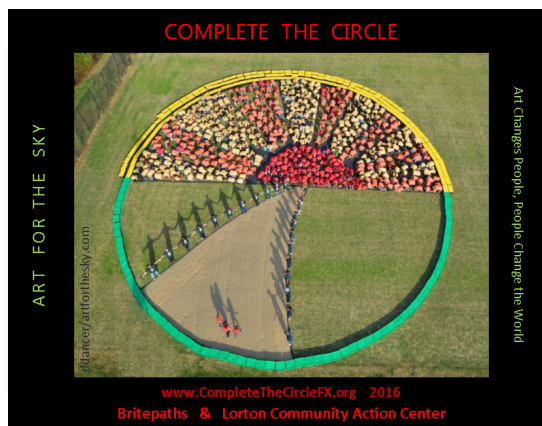


The Art for the Sky Design that will become a "living picture" at this year's Complete the Circle FOODRaiser

through the day of the event, but T-shirts are in limited supply.

Attendees are asked to bring a donation of at least three food pantry items or a grocery store gift card. The pantry donations will create the perimeter of the Art for the Sky picture and will later be distributed to families in need who are served by Britepaths and Lorton Community Action Center.

Teams, event sponsors, in-kind donations and volunteers to help organize and run the event are greatly needed. Visit www.CompleteTheCircleFx.org for registration, sponsorship information, and many details about the event.



Left: The Art for the Sky photo created at the 2016 Complete the Circle FOODRaiser. Photo by Daniel Dancer.

Right: Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck, Virginia Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova were part of the 2016 Complete the Circle event. Photo by Catherine Read.

Left: Food donations are placed in the outer perimeter of the Art for the Sky design at the 2016 event. Photo by Catherine Read.
Right: The Burke-Fairfax VA Chapter of Jack and Jill of America was one of 47 teams that participated in the 2016 event. Photo by Leslie Banks.

