

The holistic betterment of our community; reversing the effects of racism one person and cause at a time.

North St. Louis County's ("North County") current economic status can be traced back to racist federal and local laws and public policies in the areas of real estate and education.

A Red Circle's vision is to restore North County to a safe, vibrant, sustainable, and economically sound community that remains diverse, and in doing so, help heal the racial strife and division that threatens to ruin North County altogether.

Located in a federally designated promise zone, we have identified five areas in which we will work to combat North County's economic segregation—employment, education, holistic living, policy, and the arts.



Arts



Education



Employment



Holistic Living



Policy

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...because all blood is red



economic development
through a racial equity lens



Welcome to **A Red Circle**,
a collaborative, community-based
nonprofit in north St. Louis County.

PROJECTS

Regional Economic Development & Clusters 🐾 🏛️

By applying a modern day, grassroots model, A Red Circle promotes economic development in the following ways:

- Formed the North County Economic Development Oversight Committee
- Advocate for community betterment including street clean-up
- Engage the business community and local government in marketing the region
- Teach residents about community economics and taxation
- Local job development activities

Equitable School Funding Collaborative 📖 🏛️

Local leaders and policy interns determine solutions for school funding until North County experiences economic growth.

Healthy Food Access 🐾 🏛️

Using data analysis, we are writing a policy brief and state bill that focuses on man-made food deserts, racism, socioeconomic status, and the overabundance of the stores that sell the unhealthiest food.

EVENTS

Vote, Rule, or Run 🏛️

In February 2018, we will host a policy workshop for seniors of North County high schools and their families. It will focus on how policy affects everyday life and how everyone can get involved to increase the black voice in the community and the courtroom.

Connections – Healing Tables: ♥ World Café on Racism

This one day event will bring people together from various walks of life to explore the connections we have made from childhood, and that have shaped us into the people we are today. We will discuss influences, opportunities (or the lack of), and listen to one another share about our experiences with race.



PROGRAMS

Career Creation (IT or Legal) 📖

Job development, placement and opportunities for internships and apprentices throughout St. Louis.

Healthy Flavor – ♥

A Red Circle's Holistic Living Bistro & Garden

The Holistic Living Bistro & Garden introduces different ways of preparing foods, teaches the health benefits of eating well, and provides a place for healing and camaraderie.

Back to School Savings Account Setup 📖 ♥

In collaboration with Neighbors Credit Union, we educate community members on traditional banking, money saving, and the expense of school supplies.

Transitioning Well – 🐾 🎵 📖 ♥ 🏛️ St. Vincent Home for Children

In June and July 2018, we will host an eight-week course on transitioning out of state-sponsored (foster) care into the real world. We will transform portions of St. Vincent Home for Children to represent a small city and each week will cover how the focus areas apply to real life.

Entrepreneurship Training 🐾

In 2017, we received six apple trees from a generous donor. When they mature, we will produce all-natural apple butter! By engaging in local commerce, we will teach young adults business skills and create opportunity for economic growth in north St. Louis County.

Education Advocacy Coalition 📖

- Support students and teachers in pre-K through third grade
- Mentor, tutor and make recommendations
- Locate services and provide resources for children and their families
- Work to keep young students in the classroom and out of detention/suspension
- Promote restorative justice practices and train educators on implicit bias and cultural awareness
- Conduct Parent Cafes
- Research on equitable school funding

Parent Cafes 📖 ♥

Monthly workshops designed for parents of school-aged children; they occur onsite at local schools on the 4th Thursday of the month (except for the summer months and November and December).

Enrichment Seminars ♥

Guest speakers will discuss various topics such as credit, budgeting, nutrition and the brain, weight management, senior health concerns, family planning, and more.

