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Dear CircleTalk™ Colleague,

Feedback from our wonderful CircleTalk™ leaders always excites me. Some leaders say they sign up for our course as a leap of faith and hope we can teach them how to create a deeper sense of belonging and connection for older adults. They wonder, is it possible that real bonds can be formed in small groups that begin as a group of strangers? How can conversations be elevated to the extent that people feel known and valued by others?

We have always believed, given the right resources, support and training, new leaders will offer up a unique and rich experience for all to be known for the stories and experiences of their lives.

You know what they say, the proof is in the pudding. Feedback from CircleTalk™ leaders says it all to me. If you put a group of strangers together, offer opportunities for connection through deeper conversational themes, magic happens right in front of you. Read on.

"This course is not just about leading a group of elderly people in conversation. It's about helping them feel connected and valued,

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"I would recommend this course because it's a great way to bring something different to our elderly community. The curriculum is as simple as it gets and the support you get from CircleTalk™ is fantastic!" Kelly, Burlington, CO



"I would recommend this course to others because I believe that everyone can really benefit from the skills taught in the CircleTalk program. Wouldn't we all benefit from being a better listener and having structured (and wonderful) conversations with others?!" Kelsey, Castle Rock, CO

"If you have a desire to enrich the lives of older adults, and to create real connections between people, then this program is for you. The CircleTalk management team is clearly very passionate and well-informed about the content they have created. It's clear to see how much time and effort they have put into it. They want to see you and their program succeed in deepening the relationships we have with one another through sharing personal stories, thoughts and feelings." Kris, Chapel Hill, NC



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"Circle talk puts connection at the forefront of everything. It is fun and grows important leader skills. It is a strong way to make a difference and change lives while having a good time." Lara, Sierra Madre, CA

"Anyone can talk to seniors, but creating deeper, more meaningful connections requires skill. I believe that Circle Talk teaches their leaders how to make a difference in the lives of those within their "Circle"." Jen, Alexandria, Ontario, Canada



"Through the technique and the thoughtfully selected topics, it offers participants the opportunity to reclaim and redeem their treasured memories and to share them with CircleTalk is a genuine endeavor to bring people together in a non-threatening setting. While transformation is a tall aspiration among senior adults, this medium represents the possibility of reaching a new awareness of self and the ageless ability to bond with other human beings." Bernie, Denver, CO

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## Open Office Hour for CircleTalk™ Leaders

Join us on Wednesday, 11/17/21, for Deb's "Open Office Hour" from 1-2pm MST for our community of trained CircleTalk™ Leaders to join, hear from each other, and get updated on new ways to hold Circles.

Contact Fawnda@circletalk.org for the link.

Please get in touch and let us know if there are other ways in which we can support the excellent work that you do. May we all find sources of peace, health and love each day.

Warmest regards, Deb





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