

KEN PATTERSON:

I have the top of the hour here, what I will do here. I will note you well and Joanne will give you a Q to hit the record button, when you started.

Reminder for everyone speaking, if I need anybody, if you are a cohost you will be able to unmute.

Let me do this real quick.

Joanne, I'm going to highlight you. Then I'm going to hit the record button momentarily.

(Recording in progress)

JOANNE CARTER:

's welcome everyone, Joanne Carter, executive -- executive director of results mac. As always I'm energized to see all the faces I reckon us from our work, but also brand-new folks. I have the pleasure of being in presenting folks in Santa Fe and Albuquerque just a week ago, that was really wonderful and you look -- I look forward to seeing more of you in person in the months ahead.

Today, I have to say, I join you with a mix of emotions which I'm sure is the case for many of you as well. But to begin, we have several things, wonderful things to celebrate.

First, he will just wrapped up a really successful media campaign. Exceeding the original target and publishing over 170 pieces of media in just the last three months.

Critical antipoverty issues got the spotlight thanks to you. From the child tax credit to a new Renter Tax Credit, to tackling tuberculosis. We know how member offices track local media. And frankly what an outsized effect that can have.

He also reached your communities. You know you may be the only ones highlighting these issues. You lived experience and your voices show up in the media, without you help to reshape the narrative around poverty, dispelling harmful views, showing what works, and also moving members of Congress to action.

And another exciting chance to celebrate and share our work, we are really excited to announce that our 2022 Annual Report is now live. In this resource put on paper or virtually your amazing work, and effectively the progress and the journey we've experienced together.

I think someone is going to pop that link into the chat now, and I really encourage you to go look at it, but also really encourage you to share it as a way to share your work and our collective work and our impact over the past year.

I also want to really celebrate our newly elected Grassroots Board Members.

The first, a real huge thank you to the outgoing Board members, Lindsay Saunders, Blake Callaway (?), it's been a pleasure and honor to work with them, and we are grateful for their service and leadership on board.

And thanks to all of the great candidates, and a career, Allison Gallagher and Andy Russell.

We are pleased to announce (Name) and Alan Gallagher are our new Board Member's. The Asian body the spirit of Grassroots Leadership, and bring a rich cross-section of skills and background and lived experience that I know is going to help shape the future of that organization. So congrats to the new board members and I really look forward to working with both of you.

But, as I said earlier, I know many of us also come together today with some heavy hearts as well around recent Supreme Court rulings on race conscious college admissions. The ability of the government to enforce antidiscrimination laws. And on student loan forgiveness.

You know, higher education can be such a gateway to economic freedom, to growth and power, but when systems of power and access like Higher Education have racial prejudice built into their history and structure, ignoring race as a factor in admissions only allows those imbalances to continue.

The admissions through loan forgiveness program would have just proportionally benefited low and middle income families, and actually help advance racial equity.

I think we all know the increasing targeting of LGBTQ communities makes the recent Supreme Court decision on antibias laws all the more alarming.

So, this moment has lots of challenges, but I know this network of advocates. And in no that we don't let setbacks define us on our work to end poverty and oppression. You know, this is the same group that helped secure annexation of that Child Tax Credit amidst a deadly and frightening pandemic, and continues to fight to make that permanent.

This is the same group that just in the last few years secured literally billions of dollars to end pandemics and to advance health equity colloquial. And since the group to help set the agenda for Congress earlier this year, feeding over 200 meetings with congressional offices, results mac advocates know how to harness outrage and fear and grief and turn it into action and hope.

And that's also what we have the chance to do this month ahead. In August, members of conversely in DC, and as you know, go back to their home districts and states. And while they are at home, it's our chance to see them face-to-face and move them on our issues. We can show them what the Child Tax Credit and the Renter Tax Credit means to their constituents. We are helping lead the charge for bipartisan action on the CTC, so that millions more low income families can see the full benefits.

You know, this year, this moment, can be an inflection point for the purpura doses and shape how we tackle pandemics. By being bold, and building equitable health systems that reach everyone.

And as you know, each meeting with your member of Congress is not only a chance to amplify these calls to end poverty, but also build crucial relationships and sustain the movement.

And these August Recess meetings are such a powerful opportunity for new folks who want to engage or reengage in this work. To show them what's possible and to see the difference that they can make.

I said it before, but it really can't tell you how often want to meet there is of Congress and staff, and same for RESULTS, that lawmakers voiced support and creation for our work not because they know me, but because of their connection with you, and they very often know you by name. And that is really the power of face-to-face meetings and building relationships, and pushing for more action.

So that spirit and to support that work, I'm going to hand the mic to an agreeable advocate leader and 2023 RESULTS fellow, Chinyere Azike. Chinyere is a second-year PhD student at the school for (Indiscernible) inclusion associative element at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She's also the founder of the comma foundation which is a grassroots organization and major raising awareness of disability infighting stigma. She is here today to moderate a discussion with a very special guest, Neesha Suarez, that key tips for navigating (Indiscernible) was a member of Congress.

So thank you for everything you are doing, and continuing this fight, and Chinyere, things are much for being here and over to you.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Absolutely, thank you so much Joanne.

Hello everyone, once again, and welcome to July will motherly webinar. When he missed Chinyere, and it's with great delight I will be facilitating this session today. We have a very special guest with us today. Her name is Neesha, not sure if she is here...

JOANNE CARTER:

She is, she's with us.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

OK, hi!

(Laughter)

Hi Neesha. Great, thank you for joining us today. I was reading through your bio and I see that you were also a graduate of UMass Boston, if you could share a little about yourself that would be great.

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Of course I was just going to say fellow member, and can obviously thank you for ringing on today. Ken had mentioned you are from Massachusetts too, so I think that's absolutely wonderful to have you here to moderate.

So I'm Neesha, I work for commerce in Seth Moulton out of Massachusetts sixth district. If you know Ceyla Massachusetts, that's basically the bottom half of our district, and then going up to the New Hampshire border.

I worked for the commerce and for just about five years, it will be five years in a month. And so from the beginning I was an enumeration caseworker, I have... Oh hi! (Laughs).

I was a liberation caseworker, I still do immigration casework. But really the past five years have been quite a challenge, I think for everybody. From the pandemic, the former president, as well as just the amount of international and global crises that you are definitely very familiar with.

We have seen it on our end, and I'm happy to talk about that today, what it looks like from the districts perspective and how we can work together to engage with members. Thank you.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Absolutely, thank you so much.

So before we dive right into the conversation I would like to say that during the course of the conversation, if there any questions, please feel free to drop your questions in the chat.

To begin our conversation today Neesha, and I'm glad you talked about having meetings at the district.

So I would just like to know, are there any distinct it's between the meetings that happen in the Washington DC office and the ones that happen in the district? What are the distinction's, and what distant opportunities do they offer in terms of advocacy?

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Sure, so I mean first I want to just be clear. I've worked in Congress for five years, I've been in the district for all five of those. I know Deputy Chief of Staff, so I go back and forth more frequently for I've been meeting with market Scituate and advocacy groups in DC.

I am not the expert here, I'm going to provide more context of what I know. But really RESULTS has been around for decades doing this work, so I definitely don't want to say that I know more than anyone at RESULTS, what I am going to give us a perspective or hopefully a lens into how our offices operate.

So I guess we will start there, from a district perspective. We in the district staff, we are staffed where – really entering we are supported by people that are within the community. So similar to the values page of RESULTS, or use a movement of Pashman -- passion and commitment to everyday people, that's all congressional district offices are. DC offices may be passionate in a different way, we at district offices are based by and for the district that they represent. In particular in the house side. We hire from within the district, we want to make sure our district staff looks like, acts like, has grown up

like the different members of our communities. And we make sure that we are continuing to keep those relationships in our district.

So district staff again look more like the district that they come from the other DC counterparts, so when you're meeting with someone in DC, it's more likely that you have to explain where this map is on a map, like someone mentioned in the chat. Versus me, I'm on the board for the YWCA in (Place), have to go there quite frugally, my mom just bought a dress there (Laughs). Very connected with the community and from.

That lends itself to what I was seeing upfront, in terms of the relationship building.

So district staff, who drive across the same decaying bridges that other people do. Maybe we also have a family member that works as an engineer to evaluate those bridges like I do. I have a brother who works for Mass Daughter, and he sent me pitchers and I say, "Please fix them." (Laughs).

District staff, also missing by the same hospitals that you all are. We have nurses in our families like I do, who work in these facilities and have the back and experience and express their frustration with healthcare access and other policy decisions that impact their patients.

So all members of the DC team are knowledgeable on policy and how the way the building works, it's critical to develop and foster relationship with the district staff because we are one of you. We are people that have to engage with the same systems and often in a frustrating manner. We advocate the same way that you do to our DC staff. Our DC staff really relies on us, because we are the people on the ground. Doing the workforce Tupperware selected by the member usually. So our DC teams really do rely a lot on what we say. Who we are paying attention to. We are bringing to their attention as well.

I would say the pandemic is actually lent itself to further collaboration between the two offices. Our office has always been extreme the collaborative among the DO and DaSy staff, but a lot of members had to take their operations to the cloud or online, and that lended itself to more working together, collaboration, so even more a relationship with the DC team are extremely special and we've built those through these past three years. Passing these massive packages, funding packages, and us on the districts I having to explain to her constituents what is in them, as well as advocate to fix things, to continue important services like the CTC. Among other things.

I will stop there, I know there are going to be questions. I'm very passionate about the district (Laughs) will stop.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

That's great, that's great, and I think it brings me very – it segues perfectly into my next question.

Being a staff in the district, could you share with us what the Members of Congress typically are hoping to achieve in their time – when they spend their time here in the district during the August Recess?

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Members really want base time. Just like you would want base time with them. They want to hear from people, like she was saying upfront, with lived experience. They want to get stories while they are on the ground. This is their fact-finding time.

Get a temperature check of the district, and be everywhere all at once, as much as possible. But the thing that may be other offices would not say, but I am a very candid person, so I will say, is they want price.

They want to be able to -- press. They want to be able to build relationships with you and part of that is going to be showing the district that they are doing that relationship building.

Because members and their staff do a lot of work. My team is constantly busy around-the-clock. Not as much as during (Unknown Name) from Afghanistan, and was insane. But it is really busy for us.

It has been really since the pandemic. So, we do not get a lot of credit. You know, that is part of the territory. I think probably everyone on this call understands that. But when we do great work, we want the public to know that we are able to do this work and that it is because of your advocacy in some situations that we are able to do this work.

Again, local press is always wonderful for us. And then another thing that we are hoping that advocacy groups and people from the district will be able to do, is to help us instill information to our constituents. So, we like to hear information from advocates and funnel it in through all of you.

So that these individual stories come through data and the report and so on and so forth. And like wise, we have a lot of information that we would love your help with.

Distilling into, hopefully day -- digestible information to our constituents. So, I would say those three things. Based time, hearing from local people, lived experiences, press, we always loved press (Laughs).And helping us to distill information back out to our constituents.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Awesome. Yes, that is really good to know.

So, I know that I have personally had a situation where I was advocating for particular policy and a member of Congress does not really understand or agree to the policy, in your experience, you know, how can advocates best navigate the situations? You know, where they are able to find common grounds.

Are there communication strategies or you know, approaches you would suggest based on your experience? Yes.

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Yes. I was at the complement sandwich would never hurt (Laughs). -- I would say. If you write it up, save the things you think the member is doing right and then get right into the heart of where you may have some differences and where you may disagree.

And maybe give some examples. And at a nice complement at the end. Like, we appreciate you even wanting to meet with us. I know in terms of our office, our staff is told by the member, and we also tell him, if he wants to meet with people who do not always agree with him.

And it is because he spends all day hearing from people who do (Laughs). It is very easy for him to just get into this echo chamber. And he really wants to stay out of that. He wants to try to figure out what people are saying that maybe he does not agree with, or maybe we do not agree with.

So, he can make the best decision as possible. But I recognize there are going to be times where it is just not negotiable.

In Congress, we are seeing more hatred. And a lot of other negative things with other member offices.

So, to the extent possible, being able to find common ground is incredibly important. But there are going to be times when it is obviously understandable that you cannot even be in the same room as someone. I cannot imagine what it is like to have to advocate for - in a district with a member who is aggressive or, you know, racist, or all of the above.

But I would say, again to the extent possible, to try to find common ground. Again, making these positive relationships with staff is going to be important. Again, we go to the same schools that he rested.

Like, we send our children to the schools. There are going to be connections no matter where. It may be a little bit harder to find them, but. I would say, yeah. It is going to be tough in this climate (Laughs).

I think also, for my own personal perspective, it is more important than ever for your voices to be heard. If you are not in a district where you feel like your member is entirely aligned with you.

So, I do think that the way, like, there are constituents who do not necessarily agree with stuff on every single thing. There are two define types of approaches. One is to write a letter to the editor and say everything that (Unknown Name) is doing is wrong. Or there is another approach, which I tried to do before the letter to the editor goes out. Which is to try to reach out to these groups who may not agree with Seth.

And want to - I just want to establish a relationship, try to get the temperature, try to figure it if there are any places that we can align. And so, for me, is a lot of work to do that.

I am one person and there is plenty of organizations in our district. So, any chance that you guys can get to do that, I would say to get.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Great, thank you so much for that. Speaking about scheduling meetings, what would you recommend as, you know, scheduling strategies? And also, what practices would you also recommend to ensure that, you know, they are impactful? And also, what would you also recommend as, you know, follow-up strategies as well.

So that we are not to, you know, there. And we are not lagging. Just to have that kind of balance. Any helpful tips would be very helpful.

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Yes, scheduling can sometimes be the most difficult part (Laughs). I recognize of course that everyone wants face time with the member.

In my example, Seth wants face time with every single person in our district, it is just not possible. So, we do have to be extremely judicious about what time the member is able to commit to different meetings like this or events.

So on and so forth. So, I would say the number one tip is to be flexible. And it may seem like - in some ways, I feel rude even saying that. You know, we should be accessible. We work for you kind of thing.

And we totally agree with that. But at the end of the day, it is not going to be feasible for us to meet for an hour with every single individual in our district.

It just would not work. And I mean, in terms of like being more effective, it may be more effective to meet with a member of staff. You never know what meeting the member has to go to after the meeting that you are having. Or what meeting you went to before.

If his mind is still on that. So again, it is important to be flexible. As much as possible. I would say, what we try to do in other offices too, is like a step in.

I will meet with someone and then have Seth step in for an important 10 minutes of that chunk of time. And what I really like to do before then with the people that I am meeting with, is to say, "Seth will be here in 15 minutes or so. Let's get through all of the data into the boring stuff. And let's strategize on the way I think you can deliver this information to him. That he will be connected with you and engaged with the information and we can move forward."

Because we do not want to waste your time, we do not want to waste the members time, and we want to make sure that you are being able to advocate. That is your job. To advocate to us. And our job is to listen and digest that information.

In terms of, like, so number one, be flexible please (Laughs). I appreciate that. Number two I would say is, this is may be also going to sound silly (Laughs). But, swag. If you have swag, bring swag.

This is for two reasons. One, there is the old business card trick, look if you give someone a business card and they leave another death, they will just number your name, your face, when you met, that kind of thing. We are going away a lot from business cards.

But our office, especially district offices, will put out facts or information. So, when we have people come in the office, we will present them with some data or we have found fidget spinners that say, "behavioral health." On them. Different types of swag we can give to our constituents.

But also, remind us of the resources you all provide. It is top of mind. It is a good memory for us.

And then, I would also say in terms of the follow-up, back to distilling information or helping us distill information.

And we - a lot of offices use social media, I mean I think every office uses social media. And we all usually send out newsletters. There are downtimes when we do not have a lot to say.

Like, we do not have input on something or if a member is away or something. And being able to set a report, like the one that was just posted.

And being able to mention that we have met with you all is really important for us. But also, if you have a newsletter that you can shout out as income it is a good relationship built. If we do a joint Town Hall or an event that follows up the meeting, like to us, it is just more valuable.

And it is super helpful in terms of solidifying a relationship and developing that relationship as well. I think there was a question in the chat, or are we waiting for questions?

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Ken, do we have any questions in the chat?

KEN PATTERSON:

Yes, there is a question. She said in terms of scheduling, the scheduler often asks for the names of people can address as who will be attending the meeting before the time set for the meeting, which makes it hard because people go to work, to school, all that stuff. So, how do you negotiate that?

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Yes, that is definitely difficult. Our office does not do that actually (Laughs). Which we probably should. But I think it is important for us to know who we are meeting with.

And again, like from the time, the value time, Seth would like to meet with every single person in our district. If he is meeting with people outside of the district, it is time away from people in the district.

There is a whole - there are real, ethical rules, about the amount of time and money and energy we spent outside of our district. And so, it is not just as being finicky about, like, who is voting for us. It goes back to the way that our MRAs a lot -- Is allotted.

As much as possible, we would ask that if you are going to send a group of five, you at least give one or two of the names and addresses.

Sorry, the MRA is - I actually do not remember what it spells. That is basically our budget. It is the member something allotment. So, Massachusetts district gets that money specifically for - like, by and for our taxpayers.

So again, that is where it gets into, we cannot take casework from outside of our district. Etc., etc. But yes, I would say, give at least one or two of the names and addresses if possible.

And I know that schedulers can be a little gatekeepy, that is their job to be a gatekeeper. It is much as possible, to give the information that is requested make it easier for us.

And if not, trying to just explain the situation that people are bound by. Again, the schedulers are real people.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

OK, I see a question in the chat. I have one final question. And if we have more time, we could take that question. Neesha, so speaking about meetings again, what key action would you recommend that, you know, RESULTS advocate focus on to make a memorable impression during a meeting with a member of Congress?

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Sure. We have had some memorable meetings for not good reasons (Laughs). So, just trying to make sure that you are not one of the people who is making a bad impression (Laughs).

I know that you all are a great organization and a part of something that you are obviously trained to not behave inappropriately, so please, continue doing that.

But I would say the lived experience, for us, we do see a lot of people, we hear a lot of cases, we hear a lot of stories.

But it is always going to be the most compelling and most memorable for us to hear directly from people who are impacted. By certain policies. And I think back to CTC. In particular, the Child Tax Credit, because it was not even a case that I worked on, but it was a photo of a child who had multiple illnesses. They were not able to get a CTC because of a male move, they changed addresses, it was a whole thing. And one of my caseworkers was able to fix it and get the CTC allotment released. The photo of him at the hospital from his wheelchair thing thank you, he had a sign that said thank you, I will always always remember that. And it seems like such a natural, are probably thousands of kids who were – I know there were thousands of kids that were positively impacted by the CDC in general, and that should continue it. But that picture will always stand out in my mind.

So real life stories cut through in ways data and fact checking rhetoric and all that kind of stuff. So for

us, hearing those compelling stories and sing it with our eyes is really important.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

That's great, I'm always moved by real-time personal stories as well. So thank you for sharing that.

We have a few more minutes, and we take one more question from the chat?

KEN PATTERSON:

Sure, there is a question here about what about meetings when we don't have constituents, then I think are some people who also want to hear about things not to do just briefly.

NEESHA SUAREZ:

OK, so if you are bringing – so this would be a district meeting where the members are not from the district. Is that the question?

KEN PATTERSON:

That's what it sounds like there in the chat.

NEESHA SUAREZ:

I would be... I would advocate for finding individuals who are within the district of the member. I'm not even sure that... I don't think we would take meetings with people outside of our district.

We have, we do when individuals come to us on a specific issue that Seth is able to speak on, because he's on the committees for HASK (?) is able to take meetings with people outside of the district. And work on cases for those types of matters sometimes. But I would really advocate for finding somebody in the district who can share a personal experience or ask for the meeting with a member, you can have others tag along if needed.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Awesome.

I don't think we have any more time for questions, but thank you so much niche. This was really great.

NEESHA SUAREZ:

Sorry Chinyere, did somebody really want to hear about what not to do in meetings?

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Yes, if we can take that real quick yes (Laughs).

NEESHA SUAREZ:

This is going to be in a truly personal thing that happened in our district (Laughs).

First of all, if you do want to meet with members of the staff and have a relationship built, or be able to develop that, I would not just walk in off the street to have that meeting. I would ask that you call in

advance, and I know that may sound obvious but sometimes it's not.

The second thing is we've had constituents who will post on Facebook they are going to come to the office and bring a bunch of petitions, and then show up and want to have a meeting with us.

So again, same as before.

I do see Ken's face, he felt he would never tell people to do that (Laughs) will that's why create working with you all today (Laughs).

But there are definitely times when there's little bit of... Again I want to be respectful, abusive staff time kind of thing. So I would again just ask that you call in advance.

I would also say let them know, but the staff or member know in advance if you're going to be recording, if you want to record, if you're going to be bringing a journalist or someone from the news. Again all may seem fairly obvious, and I apologize if they are not, but for us – we can be as candid as we'd like to be. We have to run things through columns, every office is different. There's a lot of things, after runs or members first or comms first, support and we're able to do that, otherwise it seems like we are being a little guarded and that's not the oppression we want to give. But there are policies in place, so on and so forth.

I feel like those are going to be the main once. There are times when people bring – we had somebody walk in and ask if we are a gun free zone recently, and that was very nice. It made us feel a little awkward.

They had called in advance to ask for a meeting with us, but then asked that as soon as we arrived -- as soon as they arrived, so we said OK, Roy to put the walls up a little bit more (Laughs).

If you like we may be our more guarded because of things – instances like that, so it's possible that we make the request that somebody had just asked about of knowing who's going to be at the meeting and if they are a constituent.

And it's not for us to be more gatekeeping or try to keep you all away from the process, is really for our safety, for the members safety. We know that this is a real thing, so just if you could be respectful of that as well.

CHINYERE AZIKE:

Thank you so much. Thank you for the insight and the information, personally I found it really really helpful. Thank you also for taking the time to be with us today.

I hope, we help (Laughs) -- we hope you enjoy the rest of your day and the rest of your summer.

And I will pass it off to David.

DAVID PLASTERER:

Great, thank you both so much. That was incredible, incredibly helpful, insightful. I think that will be really helpful for all of us that were able to hear that today.

In case you haven't met me yet, my name is David Plasterer and I'm a senior policy associate focusing on expanding the Child Tax Credit.

Today I want to just give you a quick update on the current (Indiscernible) play in Congress regarding CTC expansion. Additionally, I request to members of Congress on the CTC, and share a new leave behind that that you can use in any congressional meeting we have coming up.

I will start by covering the current state of play in Congress regarding the CTC. If you were able to join us last month, we celebrated the introduction of the American family act or AFA. Which because of your credit advocacy was introduced with 204 original cosponsors.

The AFA was introduced by representatives Rosa DeLauro, Suzan DelBene, and Ritchie Torres. It expands the CTC back to 21 levels. Including increasing the credit amount, bringing back optional payments, and will support only making the credit available to families with low or no incomes.

Since then though, there have been two other pieces of -- to other pieces of legislation introduced that will greatly affect our CDC advocacy for the rest of this year.

First, the working families tax relief act was introduced in the Senate by Sens. Sherrod Brown and Michael Bennet, the working tax relief as a companion bill to the AFA, it also expands the CTC.

Even with only 36 hours notice, or extreme effective average help to secure for 41 original cosponsors, so I really want to extend a massive thank you to all of you who helped secure those sponsors for the AFA and Working Families Tax Relief Act.

Because of you, we've proven there is -- there is significant congressional support for expanding the CTC and making dramatic reductions in child poverty in the US.

These two bills are powerful statement of values that note child to grow up in poverty.

They set the stage for negotiations this year, as these bills clear that the CTC is a top priority to be included in any tax legislation this year.

The second piece of legislation that was introduced that will have a major impact on advocacy is a Vulcan lead tax packages -- Raquel lead tax package. This package provides benefits to primarily to high income earners and corporations, but is next to nothing for families. Special those with lower or no incomes.

Most families would average a tax cut of only about \$40 per year, and some would receive none.

Of the estimated \$118 billion in annual tax cuts proposed by this legislation, only 1.4 billion would go to families making 28,000 per year or less. All this while the richest 20% of families and foreign investors rake in nearly \$85 billion in annual tax cuts. In fact, foreign investors alone get more than families in the bottom 60% of income.

But more important than what this bill includes is what it does not. Which is any kind of expansion of the Child Tax Credit. This was a huge missed opportunity by the (Indiscernible) committee.

I look at this tax bill and presented AFA or working for me to actually fact, there's one word that comes to mind. That's contrast.

You could see on this graph were all the tax dollars flow. Jos would you go back one slide.

On this graph as we been looking at, all the tax dollars on it goes straight to the top. But then when we contrast that with this next graph, that will show where the tax dollars go further CTC expansion. And the priorities of each piece of legislation becomes quite clear.

That brings us to what we need to do now over the August recess and pressure are members of Congress to expand the CDC and any tax authorization this year. I know Democratic Republic of have made their divergent tax for priorities clear through the perspective tax proposals, it is our job to push them to an agreement that includes the CDC.

I cannot stress enough how important it is we are reaching out to our congressional offices.

I have been fortunate to be part of a lot of lobby meetings over the past few months of cushion partners advocating for the CTC, and what we have been hearing from offices on both sides of the aisle is that they are not hearing from any constituents about the CTC. But they have been hearing a lot from large corporations bucking them for more tax breaks. That needs to change starting now.

We need to make sure that Democrats stay united in their support of CDC expansion and not accept any corporate tax breaks like those included in the GOP tax bill without also expanding the CDC.

We need to make sure that Republicans understand how many of their constituents are left out of the CTC, Sibley because they may work in a low-wage job.

So here is the request for the August Recess:

Urge your colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee or Senate Finance Committee to expand the full benefit of the Child Tax Credit to as many families as possible, prioritizing those with low incomes.

If you are advocating with conservative offices, I recommend you listen to the recording of the June National Webinar for the conversation were my colleague Ken Patterson and I showed you last month on how to make the case for CDC extension to those offices.

The recording of that is, we can post here in the chat, along with a link to some resources to guide those important conversations.

So conduct your offices now to set up meetings during the August Recess to let them know you demand action on the CTC. We have an updated leave behind that can be used for any office, Republican or Democrat, that urges them to expand the CDC.

While you are waiting for a response or scheduling a new meeting, amplify this message by submitting letters to the editor about the CTC, and plan to send your published media to your represented as office or bring it with you to your meeting.

Writing about the contrast between the two tax proposals that I just mentioned would be a great hawk. Another probably even better hope you could use is that this month is the two-year anniversary of the CTC expansion, on July 20. There will be an event led by representatives Rosa DeLauro's office, and I'm thrilled to announce today that two expert on poverty, Sarah Izabel and Kali Daugherty will be featured speakers.

The event will be live streamed, so provide time and a link to the livestream as soon as we have all the details ironed out. Again that is going to be on July 20. If you want to pencil something on your calendar, it would be great to have as many people tune in on the livestream as possible to show our support.

And remember, you can always reach out to me via email or phone with any questions you have regarding the CTC. I am also happy to set a call with your group to strategize for a meeting with your member of Congress. So please never hesitate to reach out.

In closing, I just want to thank you again for your advocacy to expand the CTC. I know we didn't cover anything on the Renter Tax Credit today, but we will do so in the July policy form, and in August. So hope to see you all then.

Now I'm happy to pass it to McCulloch Ken Patterson to talk about our global policy parities for the August Recess.

KEN PATTERSON:

Thanks so much for that, David. I appreciate it. Happy Saturday, advocates. I will spotlight myself there again, apologies. Happy Saturday, advocates.

As you know, for this global section, I will highlight the issue of tuberculosis that we have been working on so hard for the year 2023. But I want to start by saying, asking a question. Why do we work so hard on the issue of tuberculosis?

Well, it is because if you can advance the slides there, it is preventable, it is curable, and it is treatable. You know, 1.6 million people die of TB annually. And 10.6 million people develop new cases of TB

every year. So, what is going on with this? You have to ask yourself, why can we do away with with tuberculosis? I will tell you why, because 90% of the cases and deaths happen in low income countries.

Low and middle income countries. It is plain and simple. It is not that we cannot eliminate TB, it is that we have not chosen to do more.

We have a perfect example of how the response to pandemics are different depending on who is being affected by them with COVID. You know, all of the resources that went into addressing COVID when it was affecting people over the countries. Because TB affects people in countries that have fewer resources, we seem to care less and there is less urgency to address it.

Our values as an organization, RESULTS calls for more just and equitable world. Which means we cannot allow neglect to win. Neglect is not a good reason for why TB continues to take lives.

That is why we continue to work on tuberculosis. Every few other people are doing this. You have really done incredible work on multi (Indiscernible) plan for TB this year. You have a record number of representatives to sign up. You can advance the slides here, Jos.

You had a record number of representatives sign onto the house TB appropriations letter calling for \$1 billion. For US TB funding for fiscal year 2024.

You have been pushing for cosponsors on the End TB Now Act and the House and the Senate. We need to continue to do that until it passes. And you have been calling on your representatives to sign onto the bipartisan letter to the Biden administration, calling for US leadership on tuberculosis.

As the UN high-level meetings that are happening in September. The UN meetings on TB in September are an opportunity to point out the injustice and neglect in the world around tuberculosis and call for the world to do more.

So, here is your call to action. We had just a couple more days to get representatives to sign onto the house letter to the Biden Administration, as it closes on Monday, July 10. That is the day after tomorrow.

So, can you well, please, with passion in your hearts, your representatives to end the neglect around TB and sign on to the letter to the Biden Administration.

Here's what I suggest in terms of doing this, write and send an email to the foreign policy aide representative today. Do that today!

Follow-up with a phone call first thing Monday morning. And then follow up at noon and at 2 PM and until you get an answer from the office on Monday. I guess our no answer on the sign-on of that letter.

I will let you know also that we are working to have the letter extended for a day or two. Given that

there were so many people out of office in DC this past week on vacation.

But, there are no guarantees. But if you do not hear back on Monday, then send it Monday -- email Monday night and follow-up on Tuesday and keep following up until you get an answer back.

Do not stop until you get the answer no. But, take action assuming it will still close on Monday. Again, we will do our best to see if we can extend it for a day or two. There are currently 81 signers.

On this letter. We would like to get to at least 110. So, can you get your representative to be one of those additional signers? That is the question. I have sent a sample message to use with your foreign-policy aids come into the group leaders, and to Regional Coordinator's.

Over the past couple weeks. We can send a copy of that with a follow-up email. But if you need a copy of that message because you cannot find it or you do not have it, is contact me directly. Email me at KPatterson at Results.org and say you need a copy of the letter and I will send it to you directly.

I want you to know that the work you're doing on this letter is already making a difference. Negotiations on the September meetings are already happening. It is happening right now as we're talking. We have been during the letter to the right and at a ministration as new signers are added with various delegates and representatives, letting them know that U.S. Congress is pushing for bold leadership on TB.

Your work on this really does matter. Every member of Congress should be able to sign onto this. It should not matter if they are new to Congress, if they have been out for years, if they are Republican or Democratic, letter does not call for money. Which is sometimes what people bring up. It calls for leadership and action on the leading infectious disease killer in the world. It keeps the US safer by state! Strengthening the global pandemic infrastructure. It is an opportunity for bipartisanship.

We have the Republican chair and the ranking Democrat on House foreign affairs committee leading on this letter. That should be assigned to your representatives that this is something they should be getting behind as well. So, that is this coming week.

Get your representatives on that house TB letter. And then regarding what is next, so after the house letter, please continue gathering cosponsors for the End TB Now Act.

This is a bill that every member of Congress should be able to get behind as well. It calls for effectiveness, accountability. It does not call for specific amounts of money. And then next, keep your eyes open for Senate version of that TB letter to the Biden administration around the UN meetings.

There will be a Senate version of that coming out. We want to get all of our centers -- Senators to sign onto that. The fact that TB kills and affects so many people is really outrageous. Particularly, given that we can do something about it. We have all of the tools.

That is why we need all of you to work to create more supporters and leaders and champions in

Congress on TB. We can beat TB if we decide to.

Sometimes, I think about the future. I think 50 years from now we will look back at this time and people will say, "what were they thinking? Why didn't they do more about something that they could take care of? How horrible is that?"

But you will know that you are doing something different. You are not allowing neglect to win. If you can move Members of Congress into action on tuberculosis, part of their legacy will also be ridding the world of TB as well. So, I challenge you to inspire them and call them into action.

So, thank you for that. I am going to transition a little bit. The next thing we will do is, take a quick poll. We will transition to the Grassroots Cafe.

We will take a quick poll. I want you to let us know how many people are in the room today. Include in you, how many people have gathered for today's webinar? You should be able to see that on your screen. We will take a moment to gather that information. -- Including.

Great, keep on going there. Excellent, a lot of great responses. A couple more coming.

Good, anyone else? Alright, very good. So, I will end this poll now. Any last responses? Great. You can see the results now. What I will do is, I will hand this over to my colleague, Karyne Bury, editor of Grassroots Impact. We have been talking about recess meetings. She will help us get prepared for powerful meetings with the member's of Congress during the August recess.

So Karyne, are you on the line there?

KARYNE BURY:

I am, thank you, Ken. Hello, everyone. And good afternoon, or good morning, wherever you are joining us from. My name is Karyne, and I'm a manager with the Grassroots Impact Team at RESULTS. Happy to be with you all today. Advocates, I am very excited. We are gearing up for next exciting round of lobby meetings.

We are going to be with her Members of Congress while they are back home in their districts during August recess. I have a couple of slides to share some tips.

But before I do that, I would like to get you started on singing about two things.

Number one, what is a success that you have had in scheduling or preparing for lobby meeting? Perhaps, this was a time during our Set the Agenda Campaign a few months ago. Or a time previous to that.

Were there any pleasant surprises during that process? And two, what challenges have you faced in scheduling or preparing for a lobby meeting and how did you overcome them?

Next slide. While you are thinking about responses to those two questions, I would like to share some tips to help you prepare for an epic August recess!

First, meet with your group and determine your goals. Reflect on how your past lobby meetings have gone and which offices you may want to meet with now. Perhaps there are some offices you did not get to meet with earlier this year, or there are others who have met with, would still need follow-up.

Once you have determined which offices your meeting with, make your request as soon as possible. You can do so today! We have already had a sample meeting request letter ready on her website under meeting your member of Congress. In our chat monitors will drop that link to the page directly in our chat.

Next, researcher member of Congress. Where do they stand on the issues? Can you make them the next champion on ending TB? Or perhaps on ending child poverty through the Child Tax Credit. Check out the congressional scorecard and see how they voted and then take a look at the champion scale.

Can you move them up from neutral or uninformed about an issue to a supporter? Or perhaps, they have already signed onto a letter voted a certain way. And you can move them from a supporter to becoming a leader.

If you need more guidance, I invite you to join one of our upcoming lobby prep office hours. He will soon have a schedule posted for these meetings. Or you can opt to request a lobby prep meeting if those times do not work for you.

Next slide. Reviewed the issues. You have wonderful campaign videos up on the issues paid -- page of our website for the Child Tax Credit, the Renter Tax Credit, and TB. Prepare your epic laser cats now. Talk to them so you will be able to speak powerfully and provide more information on these issues with your member of Congress.

You can also spend this time continuing to write and submit letters to the editor. As well as share published media. You can also collect handwritten letters from your community or share stories that you can share during your lobby meeting. August recess is also another great opportunity to reach out to potential partners, members of your community, to join these meetings and to learn.

Invite them to join you in the highest level and engagement and advocacy. Abby meetings tend to get everyone energized and excited about making change. You will hear more from my colleague, Lee Alicia Stromberg, leader on in the webinar on these sources to help you get these invites out.

Please see our August recess checklist for more tips and links to resources. And our chat monitors will drop the link to the checklist in the chat.

Now, I will pass it over to my colleague, Lisa Marchal, who will guide us and share on her experience with scheduling and preparing for lobby meetings. Over to you, Lisa.

LISA MARCHAL:

Thanks, Karyne. Hi, everyone. I am Lisa Marchal, manager with RESULTS.

And we will do it some sharing based on the questions that Karyne raised just a moment ago. And thinking about the August recess and in district lobbying, we all come to this lobbying opportunity differently.

With a variety of experiences. For some of us, this may be our very first chance to lobby. During this in district August time. For others, we have experiences, but this is slightly new context, doing something in district.

Because we are used to lobbying in DC. For others, this is familiar, but it is going to bring a fresh set of challenges. So, we know that sharing our experiences and insights are really powerful. You all are fantastic coaches for each other!

And you are great encouragers. So, for this section, we are posing to questions. Karyne has already mentioned them. First, and if you can advance the slide, Jos. What is a success that you have had? There we go. What is a success you have had in booking and prepping for a lobby meeting. Maybe it is something that you were surprised by.

That went really well. And then, what is a dilemma that you faced in booking your, or prepping for, a lobby meeting? And how did you overcome it?

So, we will have a few minutes for each. So the first one, what is a success you have had in booking or prepping for lobby meeting? Something that may be surprised you. In order to share, go down to your reaction section in Zoom.

Raise your hand. Get in the queue, we can recognize you and unmute you. Or feel free to put your response in the chat. So, if you have something that you would like to share, go ahead and use the raise your hand function.

In the reaction section of Zoom and we will get you going. Karyne. Ken will unmute you.

SPEAKER:

I want to say that we had planned to meet with her presented of Adam Smith's staff one time, and we were very surprised when Adam Smith came into the meeting himself and said, "I want to be in this meeting." So sometimes you can get even more than what you asked for.

LISA MARCHAL:

Absolutely! Absolutely.

And be prepared for that. Be prepared for that wonderful surprise, that eventuality that a member of Congress may walk in, and you may have your moment. So that's wonderful, thanks Karen.

Anyone else? Feel free to use the raise your hand function. Or put something in the chat. -- The chat.

I see in the chat one of our successful meetings, one of our volunteers was offered a job on the congressman's staff, wow, doesn't get much more oppressive than that!

Carolyn, hi.

SPEAKER:

Hi, thank you. One thing in terms of successes we've been finding, of course we always have a planning meeting before the meeting, but usually then the rehearsal we would do right before we had the meeting, but that turned out to not be enough time often for people to get feedback, incorporate the feedback and change what they were saying. So now we actually have a meeting, a planning meeting, and then usually around a day before the echo meeting we do our rehearsals and. And that gives people more time to get feedback and actually responded to it and then work -- and then prepare more. That has really upped the quality of our meetings, I just want to share that.

LISA MARCHAL:

Brilliant tip, thank you so much.

Fantastic, who else? Ken.

KEN PATTERSON:

We had a meeting earlier this year with our member of Congress, entering the meeting someone spontaneously invited the member to join the following day. We had tickets, Marie said they couldn't make it, but then ended up showing the next day.

I mean this was the thing that happened by chance, she said she was going to have those tickets available. But something you cannot think about, is there a community event that might allow – you might want to invite the member to or the local staff to so they can see what is happening in the community? Get to know folks better. Having something like that could be really interesting.

LISA MARCHAL:

Thanks for that.

Alright, who's next? Beth! Beth Wilson. Are you there? You may be frozen. We will come back to Beth.

Oh Beth, you are unfrozen. Feel free to share.

SPEAKER:

Yeah, my Internet is unstable today, so I hope this works. I apologize for the barking dog.

One time we had a meeting with a member of Congress, the district, it I took a picture of our good

friend – I'm sorry. I'm going to tell the story another time.

LISA MARCHAL:

Or feel free to put it into the chat.

Rhonda.

SPEAKER:

Yes, what I will share is here with our group, our group leader had us organize the practice sessions the person shared earlier. And part of it has worked well for us with using a written script that we go over.

And so with the script, and sometimes the person that's assigned or accepts a certain role may not be able to participate on the day of the meeting. But, all of us who can participate in the practice, so that whoever can join in that day is prepared to step in. Share whatever role or information.

Know what it seems like what's happened is as we progress with various meetings, some of us have been able to develop more of an expertise kind of in an area, and we can help out with others and sort of -- and sort of understand the issues Heather – make the issues better and talk it out. It doesn't always have to fall on our group leader where local sort of expert person. So that seems to have worked out well.

And I noticed that the more we've done that, we seem to be really improving at getting better. I know it's been helpful to me as being somewhat new to RESULTS, so that practicing is really important. And also having the written script out of what we want to say. It also helps us be disciplined on the time. With the member. Because we may not have 30 minutes like we thought, or we may just be 15 minutes, 20 minutes, so they sure appreciated when we stay within our timeslot.

LISA MARCHAL:

Great tips, great insights, thank you Rhonda.

Alright, I'm full of time. I want to move to a second question again, see your hand Lisa, we will have your share as well.

Thinking about also, what is a dilemma you faced in booking or prepping for a lobby meeting and how did you overcome it? Some of your comments have Artie been alluding to that.

Did we lose you Eloise? Would you like to share? Go ahead Eloise.

SPEAKER:

OK, well I was responding to the earlier question.

I think it's really important that we are prepared for stops sometimes we don't have much lead time.

A few years ago there was a representative that we had asked for a meeting with repeatedly, had been turned down. Out of the blue, we got a call from their office saying he would meet with us for a few minutes. He had about 15 minutes, and could we meet him at Wendy's at four W., that they would be between two different events that he was attending. So we had to get prepared really quickly for that.

It turned out to be a really great meeting. They arrived late, so they were already late to their next event even when they got there, but the representative bought himself a hamburger and sat down and started eating and listening to us, and we know we only had 15 minutes so we limited our ask in our presentations to 15 minutes. But he kept sitting there and listening, and he kept asking questions. So we moved onto another issue that was important, and he was fascinated with that and asked questions about that. And he still wasn't moving so we went on to 1/3 issue.

45 minutes later, his staff member finally got him to get up and leave, but all of that had to do with us being prepared even if we didn't know we had a meeting. Yes, it happened at the last minute.

LISA MARCHAL:

That's so good, be prepared with your laser talks, because you never know when you have to give one. We have an opportunity to give a laser talk over a frosty, you just never know. It's so good (Laughs).

Thanks Eloise.

Hi Lila, what would you like to share?

SPEAKER:

I just wanted to tell you within the last week we have tried to reach Doctor Marshall who is the center from -- senator from Kansas, he always bills himself as the dock. And when we ask him for a meeting, and I talked to his scheduler, the scheduler has a canned answer, I'm sorry, the senator will not meet with you. The senator does not have time to meet. And we got that from three different people, I happen to know someone in his office, was at the high school I taught at, I went through him and he said I'm sorry, they will not meet, but I will meet with you. The doc Marshall.

I got a good I think smart answer from Joss Lynn who said then asking, what would he do about this and that and the other thing? when we say we are here to talk about the CDC, we're here to talk about Renter Tax Credit. And if he can't meet with us, what would he be willing to do? And that was a good pointed question. We left with it but didn't get the meeting we wanted, so I was frustrated about that. Should be very interested in world health in my opinion.

LISA MARCHAL:

Was thank you for your persistently creative approach. To trying to connect. Speak my feeling a little defeated.

LISA MARCHAL:

It can feel that way, so I think that's why it is good we are together to encourage each other, because the dorsal -- the doors don't always swing open right at the moment we want to, but our persistence makes a difference over time full of the fact we're standing up for these issues and gently not going away makes a difference.

SPEAKER:

I call it chipping away sometimes. I have a little bit of help with chipping away.

SPEAKER:

That's right. That's right. --

LISA MARCHAL:

-- Our final sharer will be Laverne, welcome. What would you like to share?

SPEAKER:

(Indiscernible) was stopped

LISA MARCHAL:

Clostridium.

SPEAKER:

Can you hear me? Good afternoon. I had the opportunity with this platform, with thoughts mac.

I have another advocacy platform. I have been invited by two different parties, congressional leaders for the South Carolina area to speak on their platform for different causes.

They called me back again to ask me if I was free, and that was the house (Indiscernible) and Senator Tim Scott. They both faxed me on different occasions to come and speak about the platform I was representing.

I'm kind of like, I'm in there a little bit, just a little bit.

LISA MARCHAL:

Well that's a celebration. That's a celebration. I know you haven't been advocating for us very long, he saw breakaways you are -- your becoming known as a person who is knowledgeable about these issues and brings so much value. And that's really what we hope you will feel that you are and know that you are.

You are persistent, committed, knowledgeable, and such a value to these offices. Connecting with them actually brings them such benefits, as we heard from Niesha, they need to hear from us.

SPEAKER:

I think you, yourself, Karen and Ken for mentoring me, I really was kind of lost. I wasn't familiar with what I was doing. As much as I am doing now. I think you offer your help, you helped educate me to

the next level.

LISA MARCHAL:

You very kind, what we are all in it together and we all learn from each other.

This has been a wonderful segment, thank you all for making this so wonderful.

Now it's my pleasure to hand it over to my colleague Alicia Stromberg who is actually going to talk about how we can extend this opportunity of advocacy to more people. Alicia.

ALICIA STORMBERG:

Hey Lisa, can you hear me?

LISA MARCHAL:

Loud and clear for

ALICIA STORMBERG:

Awesome! Hi everyone, it's so good to be on the webinar today for for those who don't know me my name is Alicia Stromberg, I missing a Grassroots extension associate here at RESULTS. Iraq to bring new people into our movement, and I am joining you today from hot sunny Atlanta.

We have been talking about the August Recess webinar, we got a big opportunity this summer to do outreach and to show our informants with members of commerce by bringing more people into our lobby meetings. So we want to invite people from our community and from our online networks to attend these meetings with us in August. And by bringing more support from the community, we're going to demonstrate to our members (audio issues) that there are a lot of people who care about these issues and who want to see change. So you can consider inviting your action network, community partners, warm leads make more leads from exception in our online contact or even your family and friends.

And we've got all the resources for you to do this. We have created invitation templates. You can go to the next slide. We have created invitation tablets with sample phone calls, emails, text message scripts for you to really easily make invitations to your communities.

Will set people for you to reach out to. It's 2020, with lots mac has heard from nearly 5000 people who wanted to learn more about our organization and learn more about volunteering. So these are great people to reach out to and invite to attend our lobby meetings, because at one point they were interested in being a volunteer with us. And you can contact your RC or RESULTS staff to get your list. You have them organized by state.

The next National Webinar happening in August is going to be lobby 101 training, so I would encourage you to vent -- invite any new partners you might think -- what you might think would be lobbying with you in August. I tend that webinar, get a primer on lobbying, help them get prepared and know what to expect. That's a huge thing. Just having up the expectations for these folks.

Finally there is an August Recess toolkit that has all these resources in one place for you. All the templates, so best practices, things like that. And I might ask one of our chat box monitors to pop that into the chat for us. You can also ask URC for this link at any time. We have learned things along the way that I want to share with you today to keep in mind with these indentations. The first one is, be friendly. Being friendly goes a long way. I consistently get new feedback from volunteers about how friendly RESULTS advocates are and how it encourage them to get into action and beat those narratives and beat those barriers.

Another tip is to be as direct and tangible as possible when you are making your invitation and your ask of these folks. We are simply asking them to attend lobby meetings with us. We are not asking them to be a volunteer long-term, or do other things. We just want them to attend lobby meetings.

And hopefully, through that experience, they have a great time. They feel empowered and they will continue to volunteer with RESULTS. Let them know we are focused on the month of August. Them know how many lobby meetings you want to do and what it will entail. Having that clear ask will help people evaluate whether or not they can commit to this action.

Another tip is, share your local. People love hearing from folks in their community and they get energized if they know it is a from their local area versus someone out of state or solicitor, things like that. So, definitely share the city and state you are from when you're making these phone calls or when you are making the email invites.

Finally, try to have concrete meeting dates to invite people to. Whether it is your next group meeting, a lobby prep meeting, something like that. Having a tangible time and date on the calendar helps people follow it, make the next step, and make it to your meetings with having a sense of action. We found phone calls work really well. You might start with emails and text messages, but phone calls are the best way to get in touch with people. They like to hear your voice.

It humanizes you and it is a really good way to share about what we are doing and give them the scoop on the exciting opportunity we have for them, you know, to be in community with others. Who have the same values as them and also raise their voice for issues they are passionate about. So, thank you in advance for making these indentations this summer.

I think it will go a really long way with her Members of Congress to have more people from our community showing up and saying, "yes, I support these issues, I want to see change." It might feel insignificant, but even bringing one or two more people might bring us power with more Members of Congress. More people means more pressure and that is what we are aiming for, especially now more than ever, it is important they are hearing from us about these issues. If you ever need assistance with recruitment or want to talk about strategies to get people to attend your meetings, I am always available.

I would love to chat with you. It has been awesome to be on group support calls and connecting with you guys on this stuff this summer. So, it is really great to be in touch with you and I will drop my email

in the chat. If you have any questions, I am here to chat with you. So, thank you so much, everyone. With that, I will pass things back over to Karyne, who will share some web -- updates on our website.

KARYNE BURY:

Thanks so much, Alisha. I want to take a moment in case you have not seen it yet, unveil our new homepage. You may see a few familiar faces. Engineering. Next slide.

I encourage you all to explore the new user guide is menu, you can select from a variety of options. Whether you are a potential new advocate, wanting to explore more about us, or brand-new or current volunteer getting more information on one of our programs, such as the RESULTS Fellowship or the Experts on Poverty program.

Once you have made a selection, you will then find some select -- suggested pages for you to explore. For example, here is listed, I am a brand-new volunteer. And then the next option, you will see options that you can explore the website, orientation and training, sign up for the weekly update, or receiving active campaign briefs.

Next slide. On our next slide, I wanted to share some additional tips on navigating the website. Please note that although our homepage has changed, the navigation will still remain the same. The options under the volunteer hub, where you can find things like the action Center, legislator lookup, reporting and other menus, are still the same. You can navigate to our issues page on the top left side of the homepage.

To find more resources on our domestic and global poverty issues. For example, if you are looking for more information about the Child Tax Credit, it is now found under issues page under economic justice. In the tax code.

And if you or someone you know are interested in donating to RESULTS, you can find that information at the bottom of our homepage. Next slide.

And last but not least, the... Even Wednesdays. As Neesha mentioned earlier in the webinar, branded so I can help you become more memorable your local office. And keep RESULTS top of mind. Be sure to stock up if you can.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email communications at Results.org. Have fun exploring the website and the helpful resources for both new and seasoned volunteers alike. With that, I will pass it over to my colleague, Joanna. Who has a few announcements and will be closing at today's webinar. Over to you, Joanna.

JOANNA DISTEFANO:

Thanks, Karyne. Hello everyone. In West Virginia, I am Joanna DiStefano... On the RESULTS team. It is wonderful to share this time with you today. Before we bring our National Webinar to a close, I want to quickly scan a few announcements for the upcoming month.

The July policy forum will take place on the evening of Thursday, so I 20th. The U.S. Poverty Policy forum will take place first at 8 PM Eastern time. -- July. This session is continuing the conversation on the Renter Tax Credit and what to expect this Congress.

The global poverty forum comes on just after at 9 PM Eastern time and it will be covering a preview of the all equity and impact campaign. Registration is required for both sessions.

Next slide. The free agents webinar is coming upcoming US Poverty free agents will meet on Tuesday, July 18, from 1 PM Eastern time and 9 PM Eastern time. Your choice which at times but suits your schedule the best. Please send an email to Jos Linn for more information. The global poverty free agents will meet the following week on Monday, July 24, at 7 PM Eastern time. You can touch base with Lisa Marchal more information on that.

The global allies program return piece corpse volunteers will have their monthly webinar on Thursday, July 13, at 8:30 PM Eastern time. The registration link is there on the slide.

Together women rights partnership is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, at 8:30 PM Eastern time. Again, registration is required for the session and you can access that via the link there.

On the support calls, we have Jos Linn leading media office are on Wednesday, July 19,

At 2 PM Eastern time. There is no need to register for this one, but you can join via the ZOOM link on the screen. You can also join the action network managers webinar led by Sarah Leone on Wednesday, July 19, either at 12:30 PM Eastern time, or 8 PM Eastern time.

Again, no registration required, but please do see the separate links for each session in the slide.

Karyne Bury and I will be hosting event planning and outreach office hours each Thursday this month. By 1 PM Eastern time. No need to register for any of these drop-in sessions, just join via the link there on the slide. There is also an anti-oppression earning committee meeting on Friday, July 28, at 12 PM Eastern time. More information and registration information are available via the link in the slide.

And lastly, we hope that next month National Webinar is already on your calendar. That is Saturday, August 5, at 1 PM.

So, with that, I want to invite everyone to come off of mute. To say goodbye to our friends and fellow advocates from across the country.

SPEAKER:

Bye, everyone!

(Multiple speakers)

SPEAKER:

Keep on keeping on!

(Laughter)

SPEAKER:

My video is not working today (Laughs).

KEN PATTERSON:

I thought you were sitting in the dark, maybe.

SPEAKER:

No, it is actually sunny California here, does not working. But, hi, everyone! So nice to see you, even if I cannot be seen (Laughs).

Can't wait to see you all sometime soon!

SPEAKER:

Absolutely!

SPEAKER:

Bye, everyone! Have a great weekend.

KEN PATTERSON:

By, all.

SPEAKER:

Hello, Andy from Washington.

SPEAKER:

Hi, Andy! Good to see you, Andy.

SPEAKER:

Hi. Who is that?

SPEAKER:

This is Cheryl in Washington.

SPEAKER:

Oh, hi! Hi, Sheryl.

SPEAKER:

Were you joining us from?

SPEAKER:

Cairo, Egypt.

SPEAKER:

You get the award from the farthest away webinar participant.

SPEAKER:

(Laughs) Yes, it is 9:30 here now. 9:30 at night.

SPEAKER:

Bless your heart. Did you know the Seattle ENA is going to be tomorrow night and they are inviting people? Because I think have a special guest.

SPEAKER:

What time is that?

SPEAKER:

I will look on my calendar.

SPEAKER:

Probably seven, right?

SPEAKER:

Yes, probably.

SPEAKER:

OK, that is like five in the morning for me.

SPEAKER:

Never mind (Laughs).

SPEAKER:

What they is that?

SPEAKER:

Monday. -- What day is that.

SPEAKER:

Tuesday at five in the morning, I think I have another meeting.

SPEAKER:

(Laughs) You are amazing!

SPEAKER:

Yes, Monday night is Tuesday morning here.

SPEAKER:

Oh, gosh.

SPEAKER:

But thanks for connecting, Sheryl.

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