JOANNE CARTER:   
Sorry, greetings everyone. Thanks so much for joining everyone -- I'm -- I am director of RESULTS, and I'm excited to have a chance to hear from an amazing champion from Tanzania about why our advocacy campaigns on immunization and nutrition are so important in solidarity with low income countries and communities to reach the most marginalized children and women with lifesaving interventions.   
  
But first, I want to take a few moments to talk about how we are growing in our community of change. And as many of you know, we launched our year-long community of change campaign in January. And that was really to focus our powerful network on strengthening and expanding the community of volunteers, partners and allies, uniting behind the goal of a world without poverty and the oppression that causes it.   
  
Because the strength of our community, it is truly going to determine our ability to drive bold progress on every one of our issues. And frankly in this challenging time, also our ability to protect the gains that we have made and to not lose ground. And my colleague Alicia is going to speak more to this later, but I really want to thank everyone who has engaged in Oak Creek -- outreach and volunteers, and a huge welcome to those of you who are here for the first time, we really need you and we welcome you.   
  
Election years, and especially this one, tend to worsen divisions, drown out critical issues and exploit others for partisan gain. But we also know that election gears can be powerful opportunities for organizing. So let's keep using this momentum to connect with our communities, because outreach builds our collective advocacy power. And you know, just one piece related to that, it is really fantastic that almost 1/4 of your lobby meetings this year so far have included brand-new volunteers. And that means that congressional offices are hearing from more advocates for possessing a diverse set of lived experiences and we know how much meetings with members of Congress and their staff matter.   
  
Those are the moments when we bring more lawmakers into our committee of change as allies and hopefully as champions. And since the beginning of the year, you have had over 130 meetings with AIDS or members of cop members of -- aides or members of Congress, please keep pushing because you are the voice for why expanding and protecting SNAP and international return on child health and all of our issues matter and are top priorities for constituents.   
  
Just one example, we are deep, as many of you know, are deep in advocacy on our appropriations for international issues for fiscal year 2025. In this appropriations process determines US annual funding priorities, but most grassroots groups stay away from it because of its complexity. But the way that you engage, gives us such a powerful and unique impact. This year, there were really short timelines in the house for members to sign on to letters calling for both action in our global appropriations priorities, and yet even with that short timeline, we did amazingly well on these letters. Getting bipartisan support even in this divisive time, and getting more signers than ever for some of our issues.   
  
And that never could have happened, if you had not already built relationships with members and their staff and then educating them and making them allies. So thank you for your unwavering commitment and work. I am also really excited for the momentum that this week's, weekends Fellowship conference will add to this wave of advocacy. The results, the organizing and advocacy fellowship supports a cohort of amazing young leaders in our network, to come together to grow their advocacy skills and right now they are literally coming together here in DC to strengthen their connections, deepen their knowledge and take to Capitol Hill.   
  
As I understand, they have like 40 meetings already scheduled for DC, but if you also count district meetings, it is almost 80 meetings scheduled, so really amazing leadership. And their voice is going to play a powerful role in the impact we are creating right now for SNAP funding, for affordable housing, for fully funding international maternal and child health accounts that is vital. Primary health care services for families who may never have had access.   
  
For a campaign for the vaccine alliance, which is a global partnership that supported low income countries to vaccinate over 1 billion children, as they seek replenishment of their funding this year to support groundbreaking new vaccines, but also make sure that basic vaccines reach every child, US leadership and funding will be critical. Because we know even beautiful technology and tools do not guarantee that everyone benefits, unless we make equitable access a political priority.   
  
If the US government makes a bold pledge and also robustly funds other maternal and child health efforts, we can set an example for other donors and stand in solidarity with countries and communities in ending these preventable deaths. And again, you really are the ones bringing this to your lawmakers, and also to the media. So a big shout out to our RESULTS DC Maryland group, that recently held a meeting with the Baltimore Sun editorial board, kudos to you. In central to that conversation with the editorial board and to our larger conversation of global child survival is our very special guest today, Dr Theo -- Theo Jacob a Sangha, thank you for engaging on a whirlwind US advocacy tour alongside many groups, we are excited to have you join us today from Austin, Texas will I will hand over to my colleague to give Dr Theo an introduction, Dorothy over to you.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
Thank you so much Joanne, hello one, my name is Dorothy Monza, I am manager for global nutrition and child health policy so I have the privilege of leading up a lot of our global policy work on these issues and working closely with you all but also our partners in the US and around the world. Really excited to introduce Dr Theo who is a highly experienced pediatrician with more than 15 years of expertise in a child health service delivery. And she is deeply committed to improving the quality of care for children and ensuring their well-being across Tanzania and the world.   
  
So I am very excited to be able to hear from you, and Doctor Masenge serves as the chairperson for the national pediatric technical working group, and as Vice President of the pediatric Association of Tanzania. She plays a pivotal role in providing technical assistance to government ministries and partners, in order to make sure that these important initiatives like vaccination and early childhood development are reaching all the kids and communities to benefit from them.   
  
Doctor Masenge is the chief of part -- chief of party for the comprehensive Child care credit at the Christian services commission where she also provides leadership and guidance on delivering these lifesaving programs. As a pediatrician and a mother, of two, Doctor Masenge knows firsthand how important this work is, both professionally and personally, I have already had the privilege of talking with Dr Theo a bit in advance and I am grateful that you are going to have the chance to hear some of her amazing work as well.   
  
So Dr Theo, thank you very much and I would love to start off by just hearing a bit more about you. Could you tell us, how did you first become interested in being a doctor and how did your advocacy work grow about that that might grow out of that?   
  
DR THEOPISTA JACOB MASENGE:   
Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to share my story in coming here all the way to, kind of, share a firsthand information from a country that is really supported by GAVI to reach any children who are vulnerable and share -- save a lot of lives. I have a lot of things that are, really, where my turning point is to become a doctor, but I will talk a bit on what inspired me to be a pediatrician and to be a global health kind of focus, to make sure that over the world, life of every Child matters and governments are taking accountability and the responsibilities to invest in health programs that support child health.   
  
So, when I finished my MD, I was posted to a district hospital and fortunately I was the only -- unfortunately I was the only MD in the pediatric ward and that was an epidemic. That was a measles outbreak, by then, and unfortunately, I was not vaccinated because I was born two years after the introduction of expanded program for immunization in our country. And my mom gave birth at home, and there were no competitions so my parents who were kind of happy that they no longer have to go to the hospital, because I have no problem, so I did not receive the childhood immunization.   
  
The only thing that I got was six months later, I received a BCG and from there after, no other vaccination, nothing, and even my card is quite empty, even the weight monitoring was not there and I did not know that so during the outbreak I was saving the patients as if -- serving patients as if I was immune to measles, because I was exciting I must have been vaccinated because it is been like two years after the introduction of the vaccine, I must be vaccinated, there is no way I am not.   
  
So I got sick, and by that time I had a six month old baby. I was breast-feeding, and also my child got measles. And in our country, the vaccination for measles is around when the child is nine months, and so at six months, it was not a way that I could have got her to be vaccinated. So that was a terrible, terrible, terrible experience. To feel, I got sick, and my child was sick, and I was the only doctor serving patients so they had to call other doctors from other departments to come and support me. Because I am the doctor and all the tension was around me -- attention, and I felt so bad that a lot of children at that particular outbreak lost their lives because they could not have my support as a doctor.   
  
So from that particular moment, I felt, how patients will feel, I felt how the mothers will feel when their kids are quite sick, and they cannot do anything about it. And I said, from this particular moment, I want to be a pediatrician. I want to be a child health specialist, I want to be the voice for the voiceless. I do not want to see a mom going through what I went through, when there is something that you can do. And kind of protect all these problems in our committees, and things that we do to support and save lives.   
  
So that is how I became a champion, and really, I am very energetic and excited to move forward, to kind of making sure that we have so many people like me who can talk about investing in child health and saving lives around the globe.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
Amazing, thank you Dr Theo and I am so glad that you and your child were OK and that was able to be the catalyst for your amazing work as an advocate and as a pediatrician. Over the past 20 years, a number of new vaccines have been developed. I know you mentioned you were just kind of born right as the measles vaccine was becoming popular. And one that comes to mind, kind of that I've heard a lot in my career as an immunization advocate, is the rotavirus vaccine. Every year, hundreds of thousands of kids die from diarrhea and dehydration, and rotavirus is a virus that causes some of the most severe strains of deadly diarrhea.   
  
So I am wondering if you can tell us a bit about what changes that you have seen in your hospital and community over the past 10 to 20 years as these new vaccines have become available, to Joanne's point. We can have scientific breakthroughs, but how is it really reaching the community and being felt and implemented there? So I would love to hear your experience about.   
  
DR THEOPISTA JACOB MASENGE:   
Thank you for that question. That brings me to the top three causes of death in our community. By the year 2000, up until 2020, the most common causes of death were three things. One was rotavirus diarrhea, to his pneumococcal pneumonia, and three was malaria.   
  
I also had some outbreaks for meningococcal meningitis. These are the deadly diseases that we are every day seeing them. Talking about the rotavirus diarrhea, if you have 10 children coming in for consultation, almost 8 or nine of them will be due to severe dehydration. Rotavirus diarrhea kind of, by the time that you get the infection, by the time that you present with symptoms and rapidly go to severe dehydration, rapidly go to shock, in a day you will have three, four, five severe dehydration because before you resuscitate this particular child the other one is already in shock.   
  
You have a full ward and very few number of doctors. It was very terrible. Especially in our hospital for example we had to kind of open the diary award because everyone was coming in in such with severe dehydration and diarrhea.   
  
When you do the analysis you find out that it is mostly due to rotavirus. We are happy that the rotavirus vaccine came in despite a lot of interventions that we were doing around that time by using rehydration therapy, introducing zinc, but it was not possible to kind of prevent this severe form of diarrhea they were having.   
  
And dehydration. In 2013, there was three things that we are happening. After 10 years of advocacy and supporting us to kind of talk to our government and Gavi was around that time also supporting African countries to rule out (indiscernible), which came in hand-in-hand with rotavirus. From that particular moment, we went to the high rank politics, politician in our country who is the president and the First Lady.   
  
They took it to heart and we were able to rule out (indiscernible) and rollout the rotavirus vaccine. Three years down the line, the mortality went down. We were talking about 112 dogs -- deaths,, 10 years later it went to 81.   
  
Two years later, it went to 50, around 51 or 53. As we speak now we are talking about 33, 43 for the under five and even the infant's mortality rate has gone down.   
  
We are seeing a big change when we compare to the number of patients that we are surging in during the time were we did not have (indiscernible) and where we did not have rotavirus vaccine. Right now we have closer pediatric ward, we no longer have children who are coming in with severe dehydration, shock due to rotavirus.   
  
The attendance has gone down by 75%. I will tell you through my 20 years experience with child health, it has become, it is the most powerful intervention that I have ever seen to save lives to that extent.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
That is such a powerful story. Thank you. I think it is really, for me, so awe-inspiring and important to hear your first-hand experience of you know, in one person's career as a doctor, this amazing changes been able to happen. You are nowhere near being at the end of your career.   
  
I know there has been amazing progress and a little bit, we did lose some progress in our experiencing some backsliding after COVID-19 and we know that there are still some communities that are missing out on these really important health services.   
  
One area that we are really working to elevate and raise awareness of as RESULTS is zero dose children and those are children who have not gotten normally even the most basic vaccines.   
  
I was wondering in your experience in Tanzania, what challenges do you see in getting 20 dose children? What is working to reach those children?   
  
Is there anything to share on why immunization is especially important for these communities that might be further away from healthcare clinics?   
  
DR THEOPISTA JACOB MASENGE:   
Thank you for the question. I'm a positive person so I'm going to start with some strength that has helped us make this big progress.   
  
One is the political committee members who supported vaccination and immunization in our country and even our Minister of health has formed a specific department, we call it immunization and vaccine development department, this is really a department that just deals with the issues of vaccinations and immunization around the country trying to bring in national and international organizations to support the rollout and maintenance of vaccines in the country and making sure that we're addressing all the issues around vaccination.   
  
One is the political commitment. The good thing about the political commitments are the ones who kind of allocate badges, everything, so for us, it is been a good way of making things move and as a health specialist we are kind of connected to the reproductive health, child health department where we have indirect access, the professional association, an independent, we are not government-owned. We have direct access to the president.   
  
We talk about child health and investment and issues around vaccination and saving lives. They have been good at listening to us. It is just that we now have so many people who are willing to come out and talk about the issues. Seeing you guys, you have a lot of people who want to come up and talk about it it is very inspiring.   
  
I am so happy that I am among you and I would like to really bring some more people to talk about it. That was the major strengths but another area is the use of community health for so many years we have been having community health, we are supported by programs that are not government-funded.   
  
We have been able to bridge the gap between the health facilities and the communities and be trusted by the community because they speak the same language and live in the same environment.   
  
They can talk the language that the community understands, when you are a doctor you talk a lot of science and everything but (indiscernible) the community really understands like you are among us and if you are saying this I will trust you.   
  
Use of the two things that are really key. Also the awareness that we create on social media through radio and TV and even community events has been key to address the myths around vaccination.   
  
Also forming community (indiscernible), we really take that into the hard-to-reach areas. We still have some gaps. Among the gaps is around zero doses, and unfortunately before COVID, it was around 2% in our country.   
  
The survey commode last year and it is showing that zero goes" note to 4% of this is scary because in our nearby countries we have had some outbreaks of measles in polio, we really need to go back and see who is not vaccinated and all that and last year and this year a lot of community campaigns to read vaccinate for under five and I am not sure how far we have been able to kind of support to communities but I think we have reached some of them but not all of them.   
  
Because we have a lot of issues around infrastructures to kind of have all of the dispensaries and health centers be able to deliver, to get them to the community. We really need support around outreach programs for the health facilities to goad in the community and deliver the shots.   
  
We can say that we would have everybody be able to come into the facility due to poverty issues, they do not have transport access and all of that.   
  
I believe in a way, through the programs and the use of (indiscernible), we will be able to somehow address your dose but that is our big gap. However, around malaria vaccination, Tanzania is the top for countries that have contributing to the death of children due to malaria.   
  
We are not among the first countries that are rolling out the malaria vaccine. We are looking forward to future years to rollout and so we kind of looking for what the country is going to invest remove to be able to independently rollout and support the lives of children who are really in need.   
  
Those are the big things that I will say right now. Our gaps. We are looking forward to kind of working together with different stakeholders to address them.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
Amazing. I am similarly an optimistic person, but talking with you makes me feel even more optimistic. And hopeful about what we are going to be able to accomplish together.   
  
There is one question that I want to raise from the chat room volunteer Lawrence. They visited Tanzania, and was struck by the difference between urban and rural areas. Are there particular differences are challenges for the rural populations to be accessing healthcare services?   
  
DR THEOPISTA JACOB MASENGE:   
Actually, if you look at our mortality it is higher in urban areas as compared to the rural areas and this is because most of the rural facilities do not have kind of being supported to be able to provide specialized services.   
  
They are concentrated in the urban areas because we already have even the private clinics side in the urban areas. It is a big issue to be attended when you are living in the rural area and people will strive to get to the urban area and unfortunately the transportation system is not that much stable.   
  
Some roads are not possible throughout the year. We have like this connection between a district and the district between a village in the village and so access to the health facilities is difficult.   
  
Even the services that are available in the rural area facilities are not to that much extent that will cover comprehensively services that are needed for a particular patient.   
  
That would be the big difference and I am thankful to her government from last year, from 2022 actually, the president has come out and says this is the time where we want to be on track to reach the STG.   
  
They invested so much on the infrastructure, the district hospitals to make sure that they are on track on the universal health coverage. And also improving the primary health facilities.   
  
They have been neglected for so many years. 80% of the population lives in the rural areas. They have access to the building and not access to the service. That is a big change. Right now we need to have access to services and not to the building because the health facilities were run by medical assistance, public health nurses and not really the health practitioner that you would like to be there to address issues of the patients who are coming in with (indiscernible) diseases.   
  
That is been a really step forward and as I speak this week from this week also there is this thing that we call, our president is called (unknown name), there are these medical specialists. It is like drawing medical specialists from the urban specialists and taking them to the rural facilities to kind of support, identify, treat, and make referrals were possible for diseases that they will not be able to treat them at the district or from the primary health facility.   
  
It is a big and huge thing to access the rural communities, to make them come forward if we have anything that you need to be attended and if you can't attend it here, we will get you to a facility and also we transport to take you there.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
Amazing, it sounds like a lot of parts of what you were saying would resonate for people here in the US in terms of rural healthcare and being able to access care, so thank you so much for elaborating on that. There is one question, and this is going to be our last question before we transition to some campaign updates, but this one is coming from Leslie. Is Tanzania rolling out or have you rolled out the HPV vaccine? And what age are children getting that vaccine?   
  
DR THEOPISTA JACOB MASENGE:   
Good question. Yes, Tanzania had rolled out HPV vaccine back in 2019. But that was the two dose kind of vaccine. And it has been so slowly rolled out, because we had a lot of myths and we could not do a lot of campaigns to kind of recommend that. And right now, like three weeks ago, the single dose HPV vaccine was rolled out and at this particular moment, we are able, really, to come out and do a lot of community campaigns. Social media campaigns, and the political leaders like our Minister of health and the president came out and talked about it, and so we have seen a big mask bringing their kids for vaccination and even our Esther of health had two daughters -- Minister of health, came out and said she had been able to vaccinate her two daughters with HPV vaccine.   
  
People had to come and say that if the minister is doing this, I believe this is something that is safe, I will do it for my daughters. So all the schools now are supported to do the vaccinations. Parents have been informed, and our target is to reach around 5 million girls, 9 to 14 years and I think by now they have already reached like 50%, because it is a big movement, targeting the rest of the year to make sure that we reach the target but also we reach even the vulnerable population in the very interior part of the country.   
  
So we have rolled out, and I am happy that we have the single dose, because for us it was a challenge. A girl will get one shot, and she will not come for the next shot and so it was kind of first shot, first shot, and we missed a lot on the second dose. Right now, we are happy that we are going to have just one shot and it is done.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
That is amazing, and what an exciting and positive note to end on! I want to thank you, Dr Theo, for your time. Your expertise, and just your openness and your warm heart. It is so amazing to hear from you on these issues, and I am excited even more people get to hear from you before the tour is over.   
  
DR THEOPISTA JACOB MASENGE:   
Yeah!   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
Thank you Dr Theo, hello to everyone in Austin back there! I will now do a brief campaigns update on our global campaigns.   
  
So as you all know, we are in the middle of an appropriations push for FY25 in this work is so important as Joanne mentioned. Not a lot of people are doing it, so it is extra important that we speak up here, but also because, you know, these are the line items that fund this really important work that US aid and G AVI are doing in hand-in-hand with experts like Dr Theo. These are the asks that we have for our FY 25 campaigns. I am not going to read them all out right now, but we have this information available on our website on our appropriations memos and also in our blog. So I will be sure to drop a link to that if one of my colleagues does not beat me to it first!   
  
The house letters have all closed, and thank you so much for your quick work, that was a really tight turnaround and having everyone get mobilized and be reaching out really made a difference there, at the end. So stay tuned for the final numbers and updates on all of that. I know the maternal child health one off the top of my head because that is kind of my issue area, but all of the letters did well in such a strained environment where it is not a given that members of Congress are going to get on the record for these issues and so us really emphasizing the letters and following up with personal member requests really makes a big difference.   
  
The Senate letters are still open though, so be sure, thanks Lisa, for putting a link to the blog. All of the information you need to take action on the Senate letters, they are on the website. And we have, you know, a couple weeks to work these Senate ones and reaching out now is important because if we get a tight deadline like the house, we can do a flurry of follow-up. Normally the earlier the better to hear from us so that we can make sure that staff prioritize this for their bosses. Next slide please.   
  
I want to let you all know, before I handed over to TaShon, we have some exciting bipartisan resolutions for GAVI in the works, so stay tuned as myself and my colleagues are going to share about this new tune -- tool, we are not winding down in terms of getting on the record for GAVI, so make sure you are registered for national webinars and everything so that you can have all of the info you need to take action on GAVI this summer and keep doing your important work. So I will pass it over to TaShon, thanks.   
  
TASHON THOMAS:   
Thank you Dorothy, next slide. So, how much we can get done in one month? There is a lot of work ahead of us, but in the month of April, and the beginning of May, we have been able to do a lot in terms of outreach towards our US poverty campaigns. Of course, while the child tax credit is still lingering in the Senate, we are not giving up on it at this time. We do want you all to continue to help us get that over the finish line, as senators continue to have conversations about it.   
  
The next priority for us, of course, this week's, both the House and Senate Ag committees released their framework for their particular farm bills, while we continue to oppose harmful cuts to SNAP and other assistance programs, we are just at the very beginning of that fight. House will markup their bill later this month, and you will see an action alert for you all to help protect the benefits that are given through SNAP.   
  
The proposal that was presented by house Ag committee chair Gwen Thompson, is not some thing that would benefit all Americans. In fact, his proposal is to cut $30 billion from SNAP and that will not do, so we will continue to fight so look out for more information on that as we get closer.   
  
And then, last but certainly not least, for our housing actions, while the Supreme Court heard Grants Pass this week, we are also looking at other fair housing month items ahead of us. So look forward to that as we continue to move forward. Next slide.   
  
So here are your two key actions. The first is to continue to ask your senators to put the child tax credit bill on the floor. We know we have the support we have to urge our Democratic senators to ask leader Schumer to really put it on the floor in the next couple of weeks. And then for Republican senators to vote for it, and of course once again, when you see the action alert for the farm bill and SNAP, please do not hesitate to take those actions because it will be, it is very crucial to get our voices across. Next slide please.   
  
And yes, I am now handing it over to our expansion team, and for those that are still awaiting today, -- celebrating today, May 4 the with you.   
  
DOROTHY MONZA:   
Thanks so much to Jean, --   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
Thank you so much TaShon, I lead our global expansion team here at results and I'm joined by Alicia Stromberg also on my team and we are joining today for the grassroots section because this summer, our main advocacy goal is to strengthen our community of advocates. We are asking people to come together, in person, for powerful community action meetings that will give everyone in your community on the record in support of policy -- poverty solutions.   
  
In a minute we will dive into the details, but before that, I want to talk about the importance of community and relationship in advocacy. As a grassroots movement, we strengthen our community by investing in relationships with each other, with new advocates, partners and other action takers. And I know, I don't have to convince you that and advocacy relationships are key to influence and power because we talk about it all the time with our work with members of Congress. That is the whole goal, is to strengthen those relationships.   
  
The same is true for building power in our local groups and communities. We must be in relationship with each other, to sustain ourselves and our groups. Relationships keep people connected, when the advocacy gets frustrating. They encourage people to take action when our cynicism is high, and our self-esteem is low, and we can also use relationship to call people to take on even more leadership when the need arises. And this really allows us to connect on common values and also feel a sense of community.   
  
But it is not just important personally for our groups, building community power right now is a critical part of our short and long-term advocacy campaign timeline and you just heard from our policy team on the big things ahead and the key moments that we really need to be mobilizing on right now. As we wrap up our spring lobby campaign, the Senate still has not passed the child tax credit expansion. We continue to hear about threats to SNAP. Later this year, we need to convince Congress and the administration to invest in global Child health, and next year we have a new Congress that will take up even bigger fights, and as all of this is going on, soon our members of Congress and the administration will be turning their full attention to election-year activities and their reelection.   
  
We cannot let them leave the work on done this year. We can't let them leave the needs of our communities and people experiencing poverty behind while they are focusing on getting reelected in -- and their own power. So by showing up in our communities at this moment, right now, raising our voices together, we will devastate that our committee is willing to show up and get on the record in support of these really important solutions to policy -- poverty and we affect our members of Congress to show up and get on the record too.   
  
Our goals for coming together this summer, we need to strengthen our relationships with advocates in our groups. We need to build our power by engaging new people and partners, and we need to demonstrate that power to our elected officials by getting our community members on the record in support of these solutions to poverty and through that we will feel connected, hopeful and hopefully encouraged about the difference we can all make together.   
  
And all year, the expansion team, we have been working to build up a base of interested advocates in your communities through our recruitment work, to help you make this moment successful so I will turn it over to Alisha to talk a little bit more about that.   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Thank you so much. It is great to be back again on the National Webinar to talk about ways that we can grow our results movement and community advocates. To share an update about how recruitment is going so far this year, we are absolutely feeling the buzz and energy startup from elections in our recruitment campaigns.   
  
We have heard from over 720 people since the beginning of January who have reached out to us wanting to learn more about volunteering and how to get involved in our recruitment campaigns.   
  
We hear from more people every single day. Folks have come from all 50 states so no matter where you are in the country there are new people in your state you want to be contacted and wants to learn how to get into action which is super exciting.   
  
We have had over 100 people who attended an introductory webinar this year and doesn't have joined our volunteer network. What we are noticing this year more than ever is that people are looking for community, inspiration, and connection out of their volunteer engagements.   
  
I know many of you on this call have been working with us the last couple of years to establish connections with our online community and invite these people into action, some of our warm leads work if you know that term.   
  
I want to thank everyone for your partnership. I see the ways that you make an impact with new volunteers who are joining our network. It is truly transformational. I am really excited to continue this work again this year.   
  
I just wanted to invite everyone on the call to take a moment and reflect on when you first got involved in RESULTS, it may have been earlier this year, a couple of years ago, or maybe even 30 years ago. I want you to think about what got you to stick around and affirm that there is a place for you in this organization and that you felt you could make an impact.   
  
I bet if you think about it it probably had something to do with another person in your group, a genuine interaction that you had with someone, maybe receiving support to take action or encouragement.   
  
I know what my moment is. And advocacy would not happen without those relationships and that community. It is such a key component of organizing.   
  
We can do a lot together virtually and we can be so powerful behind our computers. There really is true power in investing in our relationships and that will sustain our advocacy movement for years to come.   
  
That is our intention this summer, getting together and being in person together. Facilitating meaningful relationships amongst our existing members and hopefully new people too.   
  
We know that showing up in person can catalyze new volunteers to take powerful action with us. I am really excited to invite Chelsea Li from Lexington, Kentucky, who is a new volunteer who attended an outreach event with us earlier this year, she found this online, a few months ago, and has jumped into action since then.   
  
It is been truly exceptional to see Chelsea's growth as an advocate this year and she is now working to mount requests from a senator's office. Over to you.   
  
CHELSEA LI:   
Great. Thank you. Hi everyone, my name is Chelsea Lee and I am a RESULTS volunteer in Lexington, Kentucky. I first signed up with RESULTS last year but I didn't start volunteering actively until the beginning of this year in February.   
  
I received an invitation to attend community partnership for change event. This event was an opportunity to connect with others in the community who also wanted to make a difference. It was held at Beaumont Presbyterian Church in Lexington on February 13.   
  
I am so grateful I attended this event where I met people from church (indiscernible) United. They gave a presentation at that morning and there speech showed me the work that we do with has a significant impact touching the lives of many people. It was also inspiring to see people from all different groups come together to build a better community.   
  
After the event, Lisa and (unknown name) reached out to me and provided their support for me to start my first project in the senator's office. I remember feeling a mix of excitement and nervousness as it was my first stab into the world of volunteering. As I started working, I quickly learned that my efforts also seemingly small were part of a much bigger picture.   
  
It wasn't just about making phone calls or sending emails, it was about building relationships. Contributing to a cause that was greater than myself. I encourage everyone here to find their own way to contribute.   
  
Whether it is through advocacy, direct service, or any other forms of engagement. You never know where it will lead you.   
  
Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak. I am excited to continue my journey with you all.   
  
SPEAKER:   
Thanks so much for that, Chelsea. I love your examples there. When I was listening to you, the reminders of some of those benefits and things that we get out of being in person. In community with other people. It is not... sorry.   
  
Could you guys hear me? Oh my gosh. OK. It is not just about taking online actions but it is about being in community together, working towards that same vision and that feeling that you get especially as a new person coming in and how powerful that can be.   
  
Just a reminder for people on the line, new people coming in really over the last four years, we haven't had those kinds of opportunities like we used to do at RESULTS of coming together for community because of the disruptions we have had with COVID and being virtual and all that stuff.   
  
We really want to help you take advantage of this moment now as a movement and support your community to come together to be in action and so today what we are doing is we're launching our on the record community action campaign.   
  
Throughout June and early July, what we are asking is that all of our volunteers and groups plan in person action activities or members of your group can come together or you can invite new people to join you. New people who have come in over the last few months or years.   
  
You can connect with other partners to really bring your community on the record in support of poverty solutions. We are really asking groups to do three things. One, commit to being together as a group. Within in-person action gathering. That is fine and meaningful to you.   
  
This is not just for a longtime advocate, you heard from Chelsea, we hear from you advocates all the time but they have never met another RESULTS volunteer in person after being involved for months and sometimes even years.   
  
Don't underestimate the power of just doing that one thing this summer, coming together and making your relationships a priority. The second thing, once you have that on the calendar, you might as well invite new people to show up with you. You are already getting together. We mentioned we have heard from over 700 people across the country this year. You know other people who are here too. Let them know why it is important to prove that our communities care right now so that we can leverage our power for change this fall and beyond.   
  
The third thing, think about where LC will be with people in the community. Where will you be with friends, with family, with other social groups? See if you can incorporate an action into those places to you.   
  
I will give you an example of that in a minute. We have some things to help you with this. First, we have a RESULTS on the record postcard action that you can bring to these activities with an action sheet, you can use to help people read powerful messages. The postcards are engaging, colorful, easy to use, and bring into any activity that you are doing. Your group can deliver your community messages on these postcards that upcoming congressional meetings, you can use the model action events.   
  
You can mail them and as a follow-up to your lobby meetings that you have already had too. The second is a social media action. Part of her goal this summer is to show our leaders that their communities are showing up to call for solutions to poverty. We also want to show new advocates and potential new advocates that we are the kind of people that are willing to show up to and we have a community here that they can be a part of.   
  
Get together and take a picture while you are together. So that we can showcase our community across the country. We will also have some social media actions that you can use throughout the summer to mobilize your online network, to take action and show up with you and community as well.   
  
We already have a wave of community action going so we want to share what is already been happening so you see that you are building onto something that is already started.   
  
This past weekend was my daughter's first birthday. In honor of the gratitude that I really strongly feel for this first happy and healthy new year that we have had together, I set up a postcard writing station at her party and I asked my friends and family to take action to support our campaigns because we don't need anything for her first birthday and I want to make sure that moms can celebrate and really happy and healthy first years with their kids too.   
  
Here in our country and around the world. At the party, people took action and the messages that people wrote were so personal and powerful. I think it is because they were so meaningful, when I was talking to people I was able to bring out their meeting. I'm hearing that you don't have to have a big formal event to mobilize people to action.   
  
Where else you might be getting together with people that a quick action like this could be meaningful to you and your people too? Advocates from all over the Gulf South region came together for the regional conference. They were inspired by Dr. Theo stock and to collective action on child health together using the postcards. The groups also organize gatherings as medical professionals at a library.   
  
They had two events with medical students at local universities. After all of that, a total of 51 actions were taken as a result of those gatherings. Finally this past week are one of our fellows in Louisiana, connected with two student groups that she has been a part of to host Dr. Theo at her university with this action too.   
  
There is not one right size or community action. Whether you're getting together one on one with a neighbor or friend, having a small group of friends over, or bringing together a formal group in your community, what matters most is that you are building connection through action. There is time to make this happen. We are talking about this summer. It is only May right now. We are asking you to plan your community action activities.   
  
Think about what you want to accomplish and what you want to do and then in June and early July, do them. Do the things and get together. Have fun and get your community on the record taking action. This way, in the fall you can leverage the power of community as we continue campaigns and put our members of Congress to task.   
  
We want to help you get a head start. I'm going to turn it over to Alicia will get us started on thinking through some...   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Thank you so much for that, Amanda. We have some time now folks to just speak together and ask questions like Amanda said.   
  
I would love if anybody has done outreach or education action meetings in the past. If they want to share about what their experience was like bringing their community together and unique ideas you may be had.   
  
Even, we can just brainstorm together on what would be meaningful or fun or how can we do this in our communities.   
  
I would definitely open the line, feel free to put things in the chatter come right off of mute. We can have a big group discussion today and start brainstorming together around the stuff. Colorado is coming together on June 15. That is exciting. We would definitely love to help you fill that room, Andy.   
  
Does anyone have immediate questions about what we're doing? Or things like that?   
  
SPEAKER:   
Hello! This is (unknown name). Right now, we're just going to, we talked to her community about getting more support, is that what we are going over with?   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Yes. You want to repeat your question?   
  
SPEAKER:   
Yes, right now what we're doing is you're going to reach out to her community about RESULTS, people joining RESULTS and to help with our campaigns and stuff, yes.   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Exactly. We want to do outreach on our community, we have people who have reached out to us online who are primed to be doing outreach as well. We can also invite other community members or community partners or folks that you have a relationship with that you think would make you want to come take action.   
  
We are asking them to come take action with us and hopefully we can build a relationship with them and they will take action with us again down the line. Great question.   
  
SPEAKER:   
Thank you so much. Thank you.   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
If anybody also questions, feel free to come off mute and share.   
  
SPEAKER:   
This is Willie (Name), I want to say that we are in the process of getting our congressmen to come to a meeting at the library to share about his trip to South Africa. We actually did this once before with the same congressman, when he had been to Rwanda. So it is also a chance to do exactly what you are talking about and I hope we have the postcards in time.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
When is it happening?   
  
SPEAKER:   
We are still in the process of getting a date so we are not sure.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
Let's chat and make sure you get what you need to make that successful with the postcards.   
  
SPEAKER:   
Thank you and thank you both for doing such an inspiring job.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
Same to you Willie.   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Every group is going to be receiving postcards and they should be coming within the next couple of weeks, so keep your eyes on your mailbox.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
Go ahead Lynn.   
  
SPEAKER:   
That was going to be my question, how soon? One of the things I had left with on the CTC, I am now a retired schoolteacher and there is about 30 of us who text message each other and pick one Monday a month that we have lunch together. So it is not all 30,, it is usually around 10 to 15, but we are in the middle of our results campaign about putting the CTC in the house so I just made out a little action sheet, really simple for them. And just, at the luncheon said "I know we all had students" because we worked at title I schools, "I know we all had students we saw had families that struggled, would anybody mind taking this little tiny phone script and just calling the Congressman and saying her name and that you want this to happen?"   
  
That he supports the CTC, and nine of the 10 people took it and made calls and some of them got really jazzed, that they were doing, something and a couple of them asked me since, "what else can I do?" And that was just a group I already belonged to, that I think you listed as one possibility. Look for things you are already doing and ask those people, and it was easy. Postcards would make it even easier, because I had to make them a phone script, that was harder.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
I love that example, Lynn. I think sometimes when we think about outreach and connecting in the community, we can get one idea of what that looks like, which is that we have to find a space and find lots of people to come here. But it can be as simple as thinking about who we are already connected with, it is likely that people, who we are already can act with, share our values and share the kind of future that we want to see together and it is giving them an opportunity to be in action so I really want -- identified with "some of them were really jazzed when they took to action" because that was how people at my daughter's birthday felt, to do something meaningful that they don't usually do day today, so thank you for that great example.   
  
What other ideas you people have, or questions do you have that we can help you with as you are thinking about how to get your communities on the record this summer? Go ahead, Beth.   
  
SPEAKER:   
I put it in the chat, but I just want to say that we are planning on having a big summer barbecue in the front yard. We can put as many as 100 people up there and cook them hot dogs and hamburgers and veggie burgers. And groups from, are going to help do this and I think of it as a fundraiser, that is how I started thinking about it. But to me, it is actually a friend-raiser also, because many of us, including myself came to Results -- RESULTS because we went to a fundraiser first. This is a way to bring people together to hear.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
I love that idea, Beth, because when you are talking about it, I wanted to go to that, it sounds fun. That is part of the challenge about getting out of the house and connecting, a lot of people just are not used to it anymore and you have to think about, what would actually make me want to get dressed and leave my house today? When I thought about a barbecue in your front yard, I wanted to sign up and be there!   
  
So that is part of this, thinking about what kinds of things are meaningful or fun for you or your group, that you would actually look forward to? You can build relationships that way, and hopefully convince other people that it is worthwhile to leave the house sometimes.   
  
SPEAKER:   
Amanda, you are invited!   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
Me in! -- Count me in, what else are people thinking about? This is great, I love this.   
  
SPEAKER:   
This is Eloise in Austin. When we had redistricting, all of us on our team ended up with the same member of Congress. But all around us are other districts, so I think, I would like to try to do some outreach that will bring in volunteers that are constituents in the adjacent districts to Austin.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
That is a great idea, and the thing I like, I mean I like that so much about that, but it is so meaningful to you. You can just tell when you are talking about it, how meaningful it would be to be able to expand and build power in those other places, so I think that is a great way to go.   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Other questions or ideas? Amanda.   
  
AMANDA BEALS:   
I was going to ask if anybody has been inspired by what somebody else has shared and is now thinking of something you want to do in your community, too.   
  
SPEAKER:   
Is it fair for me to go again while everyone else is thinking? The idea that I saw in the chat about the park, and also Beth's idea about a barbecue. My family actually puts on an art festival, it has gotten to be pretty big, this is the 12th annual. And it is kind of fancy, but I know they have one little corner of the park, that they were trying to figure out what to put there. Maybe I could put up a table and do postcards?   
  
I will ask, I have to get permission from my mom, but I will ask to see if they might let me do that, even though it is an art focused Festival. A lot of community people show up there and that would be a great way to get lots of involvement.   
  
(Multiple speakers)   
  
  
SPEAKER:   
High Lynn, this is Brazil. I hear what you are saying, I would love to, I'm hearing different ideas about barbecues, to get results. Maybe, our group could come up with some idea... (audio issues) probably a barbecue or something but just ways, because I am the outreach coordinator, so I have to, I want one, to invite people to results. -- RESULTS   
  
ALICIA STROMBERG:   
Excellent everyone, take you so much for participating in that brainstorm. This is not the last opportunity we will have to talk together about this. And continue to support each other, to be creative, and to show up in our communities together. So I have already got some ideas buzzing about how we are going to do this in states that I will be supporting this summer.   
  
So now I just want to take a couple of minutes and show you some of the resources that we have put together to support you all to do this campaign. So, on the results websites -- I am on the RESULTS website right now, and this is our community of change campaign landing page. I am sure some of you visited this page before this year, we are going to be using this all year to collect all of our resources and things related to the Community of Change campaign.   
  
What I'm going to do is scroll down to this yellow section of the website that is called "grow the number of advocates in our community of change." This is where we will put all things outreach and community action this year. If you open up these outreach resources, you can see that we have resources relating to planning your action, communications resources, and our solidarity actions as well.   
  
The first resource that we have is this how-to, basically everything that we went over today. What we are doing, how we are going to do it, the timeline of what to expect and then the resources that you have got at your fingertips to help you to do this. So this is a great place to start, when you take the next steps and want to start working on your action.   
  
The next resource we have is an action sheet, y'all are familiar with this, we do these all the time for that this is an action sheet meant to guide you and the attendees or anybody you do the postcard action with and how to do that and how to be effective. There are some fast facts that people can use, and there is also a formula on how to take action and some prompts for writing, for writing your postcard. So this is meant to be printed out and bring it with you to our community actions, or to the coffee shop or to the barbecues or to your birthday parties, wherever you are going to be showing up. With results this year.   
  
So the next thing that we got, is our inspiration guide. This is meant to guide you in your planning, when you get together with your groups to start to hash up some ideas. A lot of the questions we went through in our group discussions show up here, so this is meant to help you in your group figure out and percolate on some ideas and get the juices flowing on how you could do your outreach this year.   
  
The next resource we have is an invitation toolkit. A lot of you have used invite toolkits with us the last couple of years to do outreach to our warm leads and our online action takers, inviting them to attend lobby meetings or attend regional conferences. This is a very similar toolkit, we have email templates, text messages to invite people to your event, and then a phone call script and a voicemail script.   
  
We know that calling people is one of the most effective ways that we can get in touch and start to build those connections with folks. Even if it means you are only calling five people collectively as a group, that is still meaningful outreach and I encourage you to take the time to do that. We have a sample flyer for you, this will download as a word document so you can customize it to use for your specific event or action or whatever you decide to do.   
  
And then we also have a social media guide, which I am really excited about. I am so excited that we are going to start to use social media to advocate -- amplify our advocacy. There are some how-to's and nuts and bolts and permission but how to maximize social media and then sample social media posts for you to do before and after your action, as well as information on what kinds of content to collect during your action because we want to take fun pictures, show people getting on the record, and then put that online. Take our members of Congress, and show our committees that we are going to be in action.   
  
Then invite online committee to take action with us by sharing the solidarity action. That is a lot of resources, I encourage you to visit the webpage after this webinar to familiarize yourself with everything that we have and start to use it as we plan again in May.   
  
To wrap this section up, I just want to share with you a couple of other support and webinars that we have two help you all do this. So we have a week of drop in coaching happening the week of May 20, we have four sessions happening, sign up for a session, get some one-on-one time with staff, to brainstorm and get plans together for your community action. I invite you to come that week.   
  
We have two webinars happening next week related to this work, first is the community partnership training. This is a workshop on how to find local partners, connect with them and explore opportunities to work together. So that one will be super fun, and a great way to build your relationships in your community. And the next one is on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 PM Eastern time, it is the outreach and partnership coordinator meeting that we are opening to the entire grassroots network that will be a brainstorming and planning workshop for how to do community actions and make it happen so all are welcome. We would love to see you in and the RSVPs are linked on the slide.   
  
As we mentioned, every single results group are going to receive your postcards this month, so group leaders, keep your eyes out on your mailboxes. And I encourage everyone to start to make your plans after this meeting, your next remaining with RESULTS, talk about this stuff, start to think about what would be really fun for you and your group this summer and get out in the community. If you have any question settle, please reach out to me or my team, we would absolutely love to talk to you and support you to take action the summer with us. So thank you all for your time today, I am stoked to do this work with you as always. And now I'm going to pass things over to my fabulous colleague Sarah Lyons to wrap up the webinar.   
  
SARAH LEONE:   
Can everyone hear me OK? We are going to see how many amazing advocates we have with us here today.   
  
I'm going to launch our attendance pull. If you wouldn't mind responding to this and letting us know how many people are in the room today.   
  
It is going. I see a lot of folks coming in so we will give this a few seconds for folks to respond. It looks like we have one group of advocates where there is five involved, that is exciting.   
  
We love when you meet together for these national webinars and any webinars that we have that is RESULTS related. Keep them coming. We are getting there.   
  
I see some of you are putting your attendance and the child, that is OK too. Definitely enter the pool if it does lunch for you. -- Poll   
  
We will keep this moving along. He can go to the next slide, just to recap what Joanne had mentioned at the beginning, in addition to starting to plan for your committee meetings in June, let's finish up May with a strong lobbying push.   
  
Continue to meet with as many offices as we can possibly cover. Our goal is 350 and I believe that you will have met with about 104 offices.   
  
We have had lab reports come in. If you do need support with requesting lobby, you can reach out to Katie and her information is on the screen. We will go ahead and continue on.   
  
Awesome, please join us this coming Thursday, May 9 to meet with your candidates for the grassroots director position. Thank you to everybody who committed nomination to fill the open seat on the results board.   
  
On Thursday evening you will get to meet them for the first time. The current grassroots board members will host this town hall with Kit boots that will provide information about how and when to vote. -- Candidates   
  
There is no need to register, click to zoom link in the sides which will also be available in the weekly update. Next slide, please. This spring RESULTS is urgently working to raise over $350,000 to employer work on behalf of the estimated 350 million children worldwide who face undernutrition. Two longtime results volunteers have stopped up in a huge way to help us meet that goal. Thanks to a generous challenge from Alan and Ellen Newberg of Washington state, your donation to results will be tripled until we reach our goal. These 350 million children deserve not just to survive but to be healthy and thriving and reaching their dreams and contributing to our aspirations for a better world.   
  
We used a pub in support of our children interpleader impact by making a special tax-deductible gift today? You can find more information which we will have available at the end of the call.   
Next slide, Please.   
  
On Tuesday, May 7. The essential role that community partnerships play in advocacy, you will have time to map of community connections, create an action plan, practice on talk with divinity partners. These are essential and valuable skills for growing the movement for the end of poverty.   
  
You can also register at the link in the slides and in the chart as well. Next slide. We wanted to highlight that we will be having a special global policy forum this month, we know that gravity plays a critical role in helping vaccinate people around the world against deadly but preventable diseases. Gavi is up for replenishment this year. To help you understand what is at stake, please join us this Wednesday, May 15, 2 PM Eastern, it will be recorded.   
  
You need to register but you can find the link in the slides which you will have available to you. You can see through the ongoing slides that we have the trainings and support and partnership calls that we have this month. I won't review each one. Please check them out. There is a likely training out there for you.   
  
If I'm going too fast, remember that you can download from our website and they will be available to you as well. You can find all of our events on our website events calendar page on our website, it is actually, you don't have to click anywhere when you live on the website page, go straight up to the top two events.   
  
The next RESULTS National Webinar will be June 1 at 1 PM Eastern as we kickoff the June meeting campaign we heard about today.   
  
Last but certainly will at least, may the force be with you, I know a lot of us are Star Wars fans here so please enjoy this Saturday and do all things Star Wars. Thank you for joining us from wherever you are joining us from, we appreciate all that you continue to do. With that, you can go ahead and unmute yourselves and we will unmute the lines but please go ahead and say your well wishes to one another and we will see you next month!   
  
Thank you, everybody.   
  
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