JOANNE CARTER:
Welcome everyone joining us today, I am Joann Carter Executive Director of RESULTS. I hope back to school is going well for those of you on back to school or your families. Before we jump into our efforts for the critical next few months I want to take a moment and celebrate the growth in this community and the exciting in person community actions that took place over the summer.

So, longtime and new advocates came together in 22 states to take more than 450 actions. And those messages you sent to Congress matter. The matter for what needs to happen in September and also to elevate poverty issues in the election. And growing the number of advocates in our movement means that we will have more power to drive action against poverty in 2025. Thank you to everyone who helped plan the events and a special welcome to those of you who found us through the summer outreach and are on today.

Also congratulations to the powerful Texas, Oklahoma and regional health in Dallas and it is a great model of the strength we gain being in community. You have also been growing this movement by cultivating congressional allies and relationships over the summer during the August recess raising timely issues and building relationships.

New results advocate and results follow malachite Gillespie had one of his first meetings just last week. And thank you for letting me share about it. The representative might be described as someone who is been neutral and not deeply knowledgeable about nutritional issues. He took a power. Discussing why snap benefits matter but shared his own personal expense with the program as a County Commissioner and the representatives district. Coming out of the meeting they not only pledged to bring it to the boss but asked for more information on RESULTS and the work we do.

We all know that building congressional relationship since working action is work over the long haul but interactions like this seed connection, awareness and maybe transformation.

We are all acutely aware of the election and the next 60 days are critical window for us to get candidates and districts to get to them and making addressing poverty one of the issues of the election and of the administration. The bold target we will talk about later today to generate 300 media pieces by the end of the year is also a key part of the strategy. And the advocacy has made a difference, it's helped create real opportunities in this. Both presidential campaigns as you have seen, have been elevating action on the child tax credit in a bit of a bidding war and also the vast majority of the house on record for expanding the child tax credit benefits for families. They been speaking out on affordability and a big issue on congressional races as well. Reaching congressional candidates now helps set priorities and build relationships for the new Congress not to be... In the lame duck session in November. Elections themselves are incredibly important and they are part of larger action needed to deliver equity and a key part of that includes advocacy to drive ambitious policy action against poverty for 2025 and beyond.

And now, in line with all of what I have said I am honored and excited to welcome a very special guest, a congressional leader and ally's relationship with the results for over a decade has been deeply impactful and honestly a model of what we aspire to in our advocacy work. Derek Kilmer has been amazing partner in RESULTS work. He is a senior number of the appropriations committee who has tirelessly fought for increased funding in global health, education and other antipoverty programs. Unlike RESULTS Congressman Kilmer believes in the power of bipartisan ship and has worked to change the ways that Congress operates to reduce divisiveness. One example in 2016 he let us strongly bipartisan letter to the White House in support of the global fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria and plot cuts to Medicaid and SNAP and expanded the child tax credit. He has also been a responsive, kind, committed partner to his Washington state constituents and his dedication to representative democracy and bipartisanship serves as an example to everybody in government.

To say Congressman Kilmer joins us as he prepares to transition out of his role as a member of the house and is now running for reelection. It is a special opportunity to get his perspective and advice and to thank him. We have wonderful results, Washington state advocate and the constituent Andy Clark to facilitate a discussion. Welcome and we would love to hear some opening thoughts from you and then really look forward to a discussion with Andy and you. Welcome.

REP DEREK KILMER:
Thank you so much, it is great to be with everybody. I am struck though when you showed a photo of me from my first term is how much six terms in Congress ages our guy. (Laughs) It is great to be with you this morning and for any of you on the east coast this afternoon, and you mentioned I get to be here with my constituent Andrew Clark who I consider my friend, and I will tell you, I know a lot of the names on my screen because the team at RESULTS here in Washington state's six district and frankly around the country have been a near constant force for good when it comes to making a difference.

What I appreciate about RESULTS is that you follow one of the favorite slogans on team Kilmer, we say don't agonize, organize. As RESULTS we need to do more to make sure kids don't have to worry about contamination in the water, or their air, and that they can have good health and that we have tax policies that make sure that kids can learn, can live good and healthy lives. You understand the opportunities need to be there for every child regardless of their color, regardless of their home, regardless of the country of their birth. You recognize across the world, and even in the United States too many kids are hungry, too many kids are suffering from curable diseases. Too many don't have the opportunity to capitalize on education. And importantly, you want to do something about it. And while we have made rate progress together, there is still a lot more to do in your presence today and the work you do really gives me hope. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once said (Indiscernible) and optimism are not the same. Optimism is the believe things will get better and hope is the belief that if we work hard enough together, we can make things better.

It doesn't take courage to be an optimist but it takes a great deal of courage to hope. You all give me hope will stop there is good work being done by people to make things better. And the task ahead for each of us, myself included is to be a part of that, to have hope and work together to make things better. Lord knows we have plenty to do. Thank you for RESULTS and I'm happy to answer whatever questions you've got.

ANDREW CLARKE:
Well thank you Derek.

Of script here because Joanne said something that struck home to me. She used the word kind when she describes you. That is who you are. That is how I have known you, all of us in the Washington district that you represent have seen you be kind to even people you don't agree with. So, I am honored to introduce you. To our Saltz family, I've known Derek since before he first ran for public office. When he first ran for a Washington state office he worked so hard knocking on doors throughout the district that he wore a hole in his shoe, a leather shoe. And I can tell you, he has been consistent in his whole public life working hard on RESULTS issues. He has helped people experiencing poverty. We are lucky he moved to Congress where he makes a difference to our whole world.

As you can imagine, this campaign season is the focus of our groups and we are currently working to make poverty and election issue by engaging with candidates during election season based on your experience, how effective are these with candidates and asking questions at town halls and swaying candidates stances and opinions?

REP DEREK KILMER:
I think they are really effective and effective for a few reasons. First, you are getting our attention. When my team and I prepare for town halls, we are thinking about the broad questions we will get asked. From my experience I've always known that RESULTS volunteers show up so I was always prepared to speak to your concerns. It was valuable not just to be able to say I agree but to know that I needed to outline the progress we have made and ultimately, nature we continue to make progress for the next time and next time after that. For me, my number one priority is representing the interests of folks back home. Beyond that I think it helps remind the community that we live in, that these are issues that people really care about. And it helps raise awareness about the need to address these issues at home and abroad. It creates discussion which I think is really important.

As I have shared, with the results volunteers in our neck of the woods, I had for years I would have Townhall meetings where inevitably, someone would stand up and say what are we spending money on assistance for? What is the deal with this program or that program? And to have the question framed by a RESULTS own tear in a way that leaves out here is a legitimate problem statement and here's how we are using public policy to solve for that problem is profound.

So, I can't encourage you enough to keep showing up and speaking up.

ANDREW CLARKE:
OK, thank you. We will. Can you think of a moment or something creative a group or individual did during an election campaign that stood out for you? Something that caught your attention about a particular issue?

REP DEREK KILMER:
I think I challenge the root of the question a little bit. I think some folks may get the wrong idea about this, at least for me, I don't just want to hear from folks during election season, I know that is the focus today because we have an important election coming up, but candidates, the campaign season is basically the job interview process. And the rest of the time is basically doing the job and when you do town hall meetings it's like your performance review. Candidates and elected officials don't just want to hear from you during election season just like you don't only want to hear from your elected officials during campaign season. I think RESULTS does a good job at that. Folks like Beth Wilson was EMI screen and you, Wendy of others that I could name, they show up all year round and they are present on a consistent basis both online and in my district office and back in DC and that really makes a difference. I can't say that, I can't say obviously trying to elevate the importance of an issue during the job interview process matters. Showing up at candidate forms and the like and making sure issues related to poverty and mobile wellness are being raised, that matters because it means that in essence, when you talked about something in the job interview process you are more likely to focus on it when you are in the job.

ANDREW CLARKE:
OK, thanks. As you know, results uses media to draw attention to issues like poverty. Based on your experience what role does generated media play and in how you campaign and what you do want selected?

REP DEREK KILMER:
I think it plays an important role, not just in campaign season but all year-round. I think it is important to reiterate that my team and most representatives put a huge emphasis on local news. We communicate through it on our own and every day our team and I digest it. To that end I think it is worth thinking about how you frame what you are writing and what you want out of it. Our team is a little more receptive to a message that may say broadly here's a problem and here's how we think we can solve it together and let's get it done. Or encourage your representative to work on this rather than just call somebody out. To me the best practice and how to advocate is how you approach it. You start with articulating a problem and sometimes that is done through the use of data and facts, sometimes it's done to these of compelling stories. But you do a great job of saying, there is a problem, here is what it is a legitimate problem.

Here is how we can solve it and why our approach is a legitimate solution to the problem. And really looking at the elect officials as partners and that. That can be done in private meetings with your elected officials, it can also be done through the use of media.

ANDREW CLARKE:
Right, OK thanks. Well, this is a question I wish I didn't have to ask but you are no longer running for reelection. You are not running for reelection this year, as you look back on your career in Congress, is there a program, a bill or achievement you worked on while in office of which you are particularly proud?

REP DEREK KILMER:
Yes, I will tell a little story here because you know, to me, I would hope it makes clear the power of Public Policy. I grew up in my district. I was in high school right around the time the timber industry took it on the chin. I saw a bunch of my friends parents lose their jobs in my neighbors. Absolutely altered the trajectory of my adult life. When I was an undergrad my senior thesis was how you help timber towns in Washington state. I the chosen for a scholarship, went to Doctor -- Oxford. In Washington, I came back home, I will make development professionally and to make a long story short, I ran for office. Those reasons for studying what I study, the reason why work in economic development, for the to be a big part of my mission as a public servant. Now, about two or three years ago, I actually took the findings of my doctoral dissertation and turned it into legislation called the We Compete Act, it's to provide long-term, flexible support to communities that faith presents the economic distress, like the one for which I grew up. Amazingly, we got included as a pilot program in the chips and science act.

When that program was still up but economic development, it was the most popular program in the history of EDA, more than 560 applications from 49 states. Apparently everything is going well in South Dakota because no one applied. Other than that, we have 565 applications. They chose 22 to get initial planning grants to get some help from the economic development ministration. Really thinking about how can these communities that praise economic distress turn things around? Almost exactly a month ago, the EPA announced six implementation grants which are very substantial, large dollar multiyear grants to six communities around the country and one of the six was where I grew up. So that, I'm really proud of. Is an indication of the power of public policy and perhaps how slow I am at getting something done, having started working here.

No as a 15-year-old, I'm pretty happy that that is the end, perhaps a pretty good and to the sentence of my time in public service.

ANDREW CLARKE:
Thank you for that story, for sure, I have some more questions but I would like to turn it over to anybody who posted a question, I guess, Lisa, is that you?

JOS LINN:
Edith Martinez has a question. I do not know if you are able to unmute and ask the question yourself, otherwise I can read it for you.

SPEAKER:
I was writing a second question., So, I thought you were â€“ first, thank you for being here, I appreciate to have you on a Saturday and appreciate how you are walking us through your process so you got to the office and also as you may hear, very inspirational, I like the idea of being in office and also bring the Academy into the so thank you.

Back to that, I was not sure if you continue to run for office, I think I heard later the notes?

REP DEREK KILMER:
I don't know what I'm going to do next. Mime mom is starting to get worried, so were trying to get a bunch done between now and the end of the year.

SPEAKER:
So, that goes to my question, so, if you were to run for office or continue, what would be the policies that you will prioritize and how you will have those policies to make a meaningful impact? If you find a couple to share that you are passionate about.

REP DEREK KILMER:
Let me just say this, the people who are most affected know there why. They know why they're doing the work. For me, the one I was, trying to create more economic opportunity for people and to lift people out of poverty, part of the reason I consider RESULTS to be extraordinary partners, so thank you for that.

The reality is, when I got elected to Congress, we wrote a strategic land for my office and it was really focused on two things: one trying to create more economic opportunity for more people in more places and two, just try to make government work better for people, I'm conscious of the fact that satisfaction with Congress is really low.

I am conscious of the fact that people feel increasingly distant from their government and so a big priority for me is just trying to make it work better, but of that is being available and accessible and accountable to the folks that I represent. Or whether that is on a zoom oven Saturday or shortening up at community events or hosting town hall meeting so I can be accountable to them.

Some of that has been through policy work. Actually, proposing things to try to reduce the role of big money in our political system and trying to lick a committee in Congress, that Speaker Pelosi asked me to run, Congress to work better for American people. There's more work to do on that front, were able to get a lot done. I think those are two big issues that matter to me. My observation is different people come to elected office for different reasons.

They don't have to come for the same reason I had, but I think them folks that are most affected come for a reason that they actually understand and appreciate and articulate their wine.

JOS LINN:
Next one is from Diana from Washington state.

SPEAKER:
Hello Derek, I'm going to miss you so much. I just finished math investments poverty by America and I could not put it down. As RESULTS volunteers were called to put poverty in the discussion in the selection, how can we raise this issue at public forums without making us look like socialists? By putting the word poverty and not making shame, the discussion?

REP DEREK KILMER:
Yeah, you know it's interesting. My observation, I saw Roxanne has sort of different version of that question specific to foreign assistance, I find different people respond in different ways. I tried to sort of focus my response to the in a comprehensive way, in hopes of scratching somebody's itch, right?

Sometimes I speak to my faith, Matthew 25. In essence, what we owe one another. Sometimes I speak about the value of making sure that people can be participants in our economy rather than victims of our economy. What that means, not just for that person but to everybody, if you talk to employers in my neck of the woods, the number one issue that they raise is that they cannot find people right now. We are missing out if we are leaving people on the sidelines of our economy. Sometimes, Ari articulated in that way. We have seen how crises in foreign nations, when there is illness, whether there is famine, can create instability and how quickly that can create problems for us here in the United States. So, even if you are not compelled as I am just as from a standpoint of our common humanity, come to the position out of selfishness, what it means to us as Americans and the potential of crisis in foreign shores to end up on hours.

And so, my observation is different people respond to different things, my sense is that you may have more traction, with one argument when you are in the office of a progressive Democrat. And with a different argument, when you are in office of conservative Republican.

I will try to come to those conversations loaded with all of your best arguments and prepared to â€“ to become a part of charge of the advocacy, you got this giant toolbox and have to figure out what is the best tool to use in the particular situation. I think, RESULTS is really good at that.

SPEAKER:
I really like your remark about being participant rather than a victim.

REP DEREK KILMER:
You bet.

JOS LINN:
I think we have time for one last question and actually, Joanne, posted one on the private chat, so Joanne, do you want to ask a question?

JOANNE CARTER:
Congress has got increasingly divisive, you have lived through that. They lead efforts, I wonder given the work that we try to do in working in a bipartisan way, can you share some lessons you learned around bipartisan work?

REP DEREK KILMER:
One of the big ones is what I said, people â€“ sometimes people come to the same position from a different angle. I will give you a quick story if you want it. Do we have a couple of minutes?

JOS LINN:
Yes, go ahead.

REP DEREK KILMER:
It pertains to the subject of helping to lift people out of poverty. It was in my first term. 10 years ago. And the genesis of it, I was talking to a friend of mine who work for a nonprofit that was focused in lifting people out of poverty. They have been working with a Harvard economist who had found a few things, wonder that disproportionately did not have savings accounts. If they did, they disproportionately work making deposits into the savings account. And acid poor people disproportionate Lee gambled and play the lottery.

This Harvard economist found the if you can just find a way of taking the excitement out of gambling and playing the rock really and apply to saving money that you can influence saving. And the way it were, if you made a deposit, you would have a chance, the chance was for cash prices, your money would never be at risk but the financial institutions with whom you made deposits, would use the marketing budget, rather than running TV ads or radio ads, will do some of that marketing budget to offer cash prizes. Here's what they found, it profoundly influenced savings behavior. They were far more likely to open up an account, are more likely to make deposits, the other thing they found was that it was illegal.

Not for any good reason, it was just that, you know, policymakers never thought about anything like this. So I said to this friend of mine, who is focused on helping people ask and lift people out of poverty, I am a policymaker now! We can work on the next that so I was like, I have to find someone that I can introduce this bill with. Is there in the majority. Ideally, someone on the financial services committee. I decide to go to a guy named Tom cotton, he is a very conservative Arkansas Republican. He had worked for the same firm I worked for for a few years. I said "you worked for this firm and I have worked for this firm". I told him here's the Harvard economist in the data. I finished the pitch there was 10 of the most unusual seconds of my life where he sat and stared at me for 10 seconds. Literally, for 10 seconds. If anyone of you has had someone stare at you silently for 10 seconds, I can tell you it is either the most romantic moment of your life or the most awkward moment of your life.

In this interaction I'll be honest, it was both. But, that was a joke, but when he broke the 10 seconds of silence he said to me something that stuck with me, he said "what you're saying is you want to introduce legislation that would eliminate unnecessarily onerous financial regulations that keep financial institutions from offering innovative products it would make people more self-sufficient and less reliant on the government?"

And I said "sure." For me it was about helping poor people save money and for him it was about limiting unnecessary financial regulations that keep people more self-sufficient and less reliant on government. And it was the cause and bill and it passed the house and Senate and signed by the president and other thousands of people that have these things called prize link savings account would never had a savings account before. I tell you that because Tom and I had entirely different reasons for sponsoring the legislation but we worked on it together. To me, one of the key learnings I've had for my time in public service is people can come to the same place may be for different reasons. It is why I said, there are conservative Republican colleagues I have that may not be compelled by some of the arguments that compel me but may be compelled by their Christian values or by some other set of values. Whereby the sense that down the road that it may save money, or something like that. And again, I think RESULTS does this really very well.

I would just encourage you to keep talking to everybody. I think too often there are groups that say I am not going to knock on those stores because I don't think they will agree with me. My approaches, I may disagree with Tom on 99 things but I found the one that we could work on together. I would encourage you to talk to everybody and they may not agree with you on this thing that they will agree with you on the next thing.

ANDREW CLARKE:
Wow, thank you. Thanks.

REP DEREK KILMER:
You bet.

JOS LINN:
I think that is about all the time we have, Congressman Kilmer thank you so much for your time today, sorry we didn't get to everybody's questions but thank you for your service in Congress and your previous work as well and we wish you the best of luck with what is next whenever you and your mom figured out. I know the Washington state folks will do their best to say that by in their own ways over the next couple of months as well. We appreciate you being on and wish you a good rest of the day.

REP DEREK KILMER:
Thank you and thanks to all of you participating in RESULTS. Take care.

JOS LINN:
Now I will turn it over to ColinSmith.

COLIN SMITH:
I'll give an update today on our global poverty campaigns and as I was hearing the Congressman's talk I realize both issues he is paid a key role on and what is in front of us is rallying more colleagues to join him. As a lot of you know we are in the midst of a year-long campaign to get the US government to step up and lead on child health locally.

And this year, world leaders are being invited to make new commitments for two of the most powerful tools for child health. One is access to vaccines and one is access to nutrition. We want the US to step up in a big way on both. On vaccines, you already made it happen so folks, probably remember this if you've been around, three months ago the First Lady announced an historic pledge from the US government to the vaccine alliance for access globally.

And I want to emphasize that earlier this year, that was in no way a given. That we would get an early pledge like that and it would be a big one. Your work with Congress is what made it possible. Now we are turning around to do that again, this time on child malnutrition.

Malnutrition is the underlying cause of nearly half of all child deaths around the world. And for me, the only thing more horrifying than the scale of that problem is the fact that it doesn't need to be that way. Because the vast majority of malnutrition can be prevented and can be treated. This isn't just about access to food although that is important but when it comes to nutrition, calories alone aren't enough. We need the right kinds of nutrition, especially at key moments in our lives in order to thrive. Things like prenatal vitamins, support for breast-feeding, access to vitamin A, for people and children with the most severe malnutrition, there are very simple but specially made therapeutic foods made with peanuts, powdered milk and nutrients that can have a transformative impact on nutrition and health in a matter of weeks.

So, the nutrition for growth Summit, is an event every four years for governments all across the world are invited to get up on stage and make new commitments to reaching everyone with these kinds of quality nutrition. It has traditionally been hosted alongside the Summer Olympics. So Francis getting ready to host the summit after the Paris Olympics last month. And that it is coming to the US in 2028.

Long before 2028 we want the US to step up with the bold pledge, we want them to do it now." For a new financial commitment but also to find new ways to create even more impact with the money the US is already giving. And to send a powerful signal globally that the US will not back down on the issue.

So right now there is a letter circulating in Congress that calls on the Biden administration to do exactly this. So, we are asking them not only to step forward in a big way on nutrition but to do it soon. The UN General assembly coming up later this month is a perfect time for an announcement. This letter is bipartisan and is bringing together members across the house of representatives on the issue.

We have almost 50 members of Congress already signed on including representative Kilmer but we know we can get the number even higher. The time is short here, we have just until September 12 before they hit send to the White House. But I was looking back a couple hours ago and another letter like this that we worked on last year at this time. In the last five days before the letter close, so the same period of time that we have now, you all got 30 more members of Congress to sign on. That is six per day and I'm confident we can do it again this week.

So, what do we need? If you haven't already, give a call to your foreign policy aide and alternate calling and writing emails to them until you get the clear answer. Even if it is a no, they owe you that.

As we were hearing about from Andy and Representative Kilmer, if your member of Congress has a public or campaign event in your town this weekend, later today or tomorrow, you can show up and raise your hand and asking them. Numbers of Congress hate to say no to constituents publicly and this is truly an easy yes. Finally if you're working with others, Joanne was talking about all of the amazing outreach you have done this year, you can get them to weigh in with your representatives as well. We have an easy action on our website for folks to reach out and asked for the member of Congress to sign. I am looking forward to see the list of signers click up. I'd like to hear what the White House does in response to make sure we are doing our part to end malnutrition. Thank you and I will hand it over to TaShon Thomas.

TaSHON THOMAS:
Hello everyone, I am here to make a few updates in regard to the campaign. The first thing to know is that during the recess every year we get a report from the USDA in regards to food and security across the nation. Unfortunately we saw an increase in terms of food insecurity. Weaning, families as well as individuals who are unable to sustain themselves in terms of buying groceries and things of that nature. So, we saw a spike this year going from 12.8% last year to 13.5%... Excuse me in 22, to 13.5% last year because prices increase across the board for everyone but if you had a family with households with children in it it spiked the most and nearly a decade and you can see that for African-Americans and Hispanic Americans it was twice as high. And as we are discussing the farm bill and we were talking about that shortly, we have been telling folks that this is not an urban or rural issue, it is an American issue and the statistics show that. There is no significant difference between living in a rural area or urban area and being food insecure, it is about the same. Where does the least in the nation is if you live in the suburbs. As more grocery stores are located in the suburbs, we see less food insecurity. And of course, with the South being one of the most food insecure for decades, is still remains that way at 14.7%.

And so, what are we doing about it? So we have been working this past summer around the farm bill and SNAP, unfortunately we don't know if a full farm bill will come up for a vote this year even in a (Indiscernible) session.

Or than likely any vote that occurs will be after the federal packages are passed. That means the current farm bill that expires at the end of the month will expire but we do know that programs that are funded through this bill have enough funding in some cases to go through December of this year or January next year. More likely a continued resolution will begin during the lame walk session and a continuing resolution meeting so the current version of legislation last passed in 2018 will now continue to move forward as the Farm Bill.

There are as you all have been talking to your members, we have been asking you all to talk about not cutting, there is the $30 billion cut to the thrifty food plan which is how we calculate SNAP calculations, and it has started, it has continued as we move through what we are working on to ensure that no CR has any cuts and is a clean CR meaning there is no amendments. It is just a clean CR and moves through.

We are hoping for that. But one great thing to note is that we've been asking you all to advocate against SNAP Choice. It was an amendment that was being proposed that would limit the types of groceries a person on SNAP could select. That amendment has been repealed in the appropriations process but those efforts have not died down in terms of actually adding it onto a new Farm bill or another appropriations bill. And while we applaud the house's decision not to include chair Thompson's SNAP choice amendment, we know the fight will continue into the next Congress. Appropriations, we are closely watching and how they play in regards to many of our initiatives. One of the things that we are looking at is a $7.7 million that was included to protect WIC. WIC was mentioned early this year in the $7 million, Congress had to pass to increase it. We now have the 7.7 billion to supported. The goal is to ensure that no woman or infant, meaning a child under the age of five is on this week list. There are some that have already started were trying to reduce the amount and reduce the number of space. The problem in our way is something that is called the safe act. It is a safeguard, American voter eligibility act. This is an amendment that speaker Johnson as well as their trying in Texas are trying to attach to the annual appropriations bills. If it passes, it will require voter ID for all federal elections. So the goal there again is to safeguard our elections from those that are immigrants to our country and voting in our elections. Which we, as RESULTS know the truth around that situation. But, the issue there is if this amendment is attached to and passes out of the House, which it could, and we have a problem because both the Senate and the president have said that they will not be supporting it. So we could be at the verge of a government shutdown if this is included. But, when the House returns on Monday, we will know further about that and how that looks for us. We are asking all of our advocates to contact their members. It to tell them to protect SNAP from any other reckless cuts. To contact to ensure that the federal appropriation bill continue to move without the act as well.

The $7.7 billion in funding for WIC is needed immediately and we really want to have the done. If you get to do to contact your members, that will be great. If you have questions, you can always contact us and we will all be for you all. I saw some activity on the chat but I know we are short on time so I will answer those questions on the chat and we can move on to my colleagues.

MELISSA M STROBEL:
Good afternoon, good morning my name is Melissa Strobel, I served as Director of Development at RESULTS, I work with many of you and friends across the country in the world who sustained our work to their generous donations and as many of you know, RESULTS depends on the donations from the large network of supporters to continue our great work. Last year, about $900 supported the work, so, we are grateful for all of these gifts. Of time, and treasure, and talent invested in RESULTS which contributed to a significant decrease in worldwide poverty, more equitable and just society and given countless people and communities the tools to thrive over the last 44 years of our organization.

Next slide please I want to talk specifically about the funding we received from Planned Giving, also called legacy gifts and share a new campaign that I'm very excited about. We are grateful to be the recipients of Planned Gifts who wish for their support of RESULTS to continue beyond their lifetime, these generous friends are part of RESULTS legacy society. Planned gift result is extremely precious to us and we are grateful for the 39 individuals in our community who already notified us that they have included us in their own estate plans. As we prepare to celebrate the 45th anniversary next year, the development team has set a bold goal to ensure it is her birthday wish that we welcome 45 new members to our legacy society before the end of next year. For the people who are passionate and wish to include RESULTS education in their own legacy plans in whatever ways meaningful to them.

We want to celebrate our birthday and your love for results back with a special gift, all new and existing members of RESULTS will receive a special custom RESULTS note book. If you don't know what it is, is a charitable donation that is created during your lifetime as part of your overall plans for your assets beyond your life.

RESULTS educational fund can be named in your will, or beneficiary of a retirement and. Anyone can make a planned gift, you do not need to be at a particular age or have a certain income in it can be in any amount you choose or a percentage amount of a an account or asset might have. Planned gift is able to sort out, you can change it at any time, your planned gift may be larger than what you are comfortable doing during your lifetime which will allow you to contribute even more to ending poverty and depending on the type of gift, you or your loved one may receive financial and tax benefits. You can talk to a financial advisor to discuss how this might fit into your particular plans. Can we go to the my last slide. If you have included RESULTS in your estate planning, thank you very much. I want to confirm your address to send your legacy society notebook. You may wish to alert us that you have made it land gift but not shared the specific asset or amount, totally fine.

If you would like to learn more about Planned Giving or legacy society, just no commitment, question and answer time, I would love to hear from you. Please reach out. We can talk individually, I can answer any questions, and please also visit our Planned Giving page at W WW.results.org/Planned Giving. You will find more information on specific types. There will be more information about this over the next year and 1/2. Thank you, back to you.

JOS LINN:
Thank you Melissa. OK folks, going into our Grassroots Cafe section, if you don't know me, my name is Jocelyn, I am the Interim Director, next slide. As you know, as we talked about with representative Kilmer, we are in the middle of an election campaign, and why we continue the campaign, it's important to remember that while talking to lawmakers and candidates is important and we are still placing a premium on that, it is not the only thing you can do to help make poverty and election issue. We talk about the issues with campaign staff, we talk about the issue with people in our circle of influence and we talk about issues in the media and the last last one is the one that I want to focus on today. As you can see in our timeline for this campaign, media is a key component in our effort to make poverty an election issue this year, it is no secret that the results media plays are large role and influence of public policy, as Congressman Kilmer said earlier, they pay attention when making decisions on policy. And so, also it influences your community by educating people, that live in your community on the issues. That is why, RESULTS has been putting such emphases on generating media from the very beginning, always part of our advocacy, commitment here at RESULTS and that commitment it has only gotten stronger over the years.

Since 2070, you, the RESULTS volunteers has gotten nearly 5000 media pieces published. You can see here, just a few of the 300 media pieces that you have gotten published just this year. And they made an impact, do you think the Biden administration pledged $1.5 billion without your letters about vaccines? You think Kamala Harris and JD Vance would be talking about â€“ calling for major expansions on the Child Tax Credit without your letters? On the CTC? They would not!

That is what political will looks like. So we have 59 days until the election, that is plenty of time for all of us to use the media to educate lawmakers and our communities about child poverty, healthcare, housing, and nutrition. Remember, election advocacy does not end on November 5. Congress still has a lot to get done before the end of the year which will all happen in the section â€“ after the election that TaShon was talking about. Thus, a new Congress added new admission are coming in January. The advocacy after election is just as critical as our advocacy before the election. So, next flight is. I am issuing a challenge, as I mentioned Emma through August, we have gotten 300 media pieces, that is excellent work, my challenge to you is, let us double it. Let us go from 300 pieces to 600 pieces by the end of this year and during that time, let us get at least one media piece published in all 50 states, the double 15 media campaign. The campaign will run from September 1 through December 31 and that way, we can influence both the election, and the new Congress coming in. Here is my commitment to you from us, to help us get to that goal. To help to support you, to support you we are going to have new media templates, dated letter, every week on several issues that will provide you with fresh language that you have been using we will also provide you with regular media hooks to help you with your new letters we will provide you weekly updates on the progress including media map that celebrates victories and help us target where we most need media published and far finally, we will provide regular media office hours, special trainings for those both beginner and season advocates.

Next slide please. This coming week, is an excellent week to get started on our double 50 media company, on Tuesday, the U.S. Census will release the annual poverty data for 2023. The census data is one of the few times that the media outlets across the country actually talk about poverty. With it being an election year, it couldn't get any more attention. That is your hook. Use that data release, to tell lawmakers to make any poverty a top priority, that take advantage of this. Blue Ford detail about the poverty data in this Tuesday's weekly update, we will send the data after that data comes out and we will update the â€“ armor online media templates to reflect the new data as well. Of course, if you have any questions, about any of our work on this campaign, don't hesitate to contact you or anyone else on RESULTS staff.

In 2023, you did a great job getting media published at the end of the year, you have just hit the ground running in 2024 and issues especially the Child Tax Credit. With even bigger states and possibly groomers on the horizon, the do it again this year. Let us fill up that map.

Now let me turn it over to my colleague,

LAKEISHA MCVEY:
They will talk about the special media training opportunity that is coming up as we kick off this double 50 camping.

LAKEISHA MCVEY:
Thank you Joss, hello everyone, my name is Keisha, Senior manager of Lived Experience Engagement at RESULTS. Not only will I be talking about a webinar later on, first, I want to share with you all and exciting up an opportunity for folks on the network with lived experience of poverty that will be interested in.

Yeah, we have partnered with the Institute for Policy Studies to amplify experiences and expertise of RESULTS volunteers with the lived experience of poverty through publishing up as. This project is an opportunity for anyone in our network who has lived experience to help challenge poverty stereotypes and to ensure that the antipoverty solutions that we need and now will help make our experiences better and ensure that other people never have to experience poverty get the media attention that they deserve. You do not have to have previous writing experience, if you apply to it and accept the to participate, basically, I will get an op-ed interview scheduled with you with the Institute for policy studies, timelines can vary a lot is on editor schedule but they will go right the op-ed for you.

That is published under your name on the Institute op-ed distribution website. You don't have to be a policy expert and even better, this is a paid opportunity. RESULTS they recognize the value of compensating people with the expense for their time and expertise. So, IPS will pay you $200 to participate in this project. There are a lot of benefits to it. The first and one of the most important is that this is an opportunity for folks with lived experience to get to share their experience and tell their story the way that they wanted to be told. Nothing gets published without your approval and while the Institute will write the piece, and have their editor reviewed, you ultimately get the final say on what is published in your name and about your life. Paragraph that is a lot of power that people would lived experience often don't get especially because of all the problematic The Institute does all the work for you and include of writing and publishing the piece they will pitch it for you across the nation. To get it republish as many times as possible. They are very good at what they do. So far this year alone, we've had nine op-ed

That have been published by RESULTS volunteers lived experience. The most recent being from West Virginia advocates, Christiana and Tia Simmons which if you haven't read those yet, I highly recommend them. One of my colleagues will drop the links in the chat soon so you can check those out. Those nine have been republished over 120 times in 66 different national and local papers in 23 different states. These are papers that thousands or even hundreds of thousands of people read every day and that is phenomenal reach that these pieces have. We know what policy changes we need to end poverty but we have to break the political will to make it happen. Books of said multiple times throughout the webinar media plays a huge role in influencing public policy and this project is one way for you to get to contribute to that.

So, how do you find out more information? If you go to the volunteers help on the website, and you click the working with media, you will be able to find more information on the project. You will find an information sheet that gives you background on the project, explains the qualifications, how to apply and how you get it published, step-by-step and things like that. And my colleague will drop the link to where you find that as well. Even if you aren't someone with lived experience you can support the work by responding to the op-ed's through LTE

And if you want to take it a step further you can help to get them republished in your local papers. And maybe you're wondering how to do that. Well, you've got to come to the webinar to find out (Laughs). This Thursday we will host a webinar on centering lived experience in the media. it's at 8 PM Eastern time and I'll share more specific details about the project dimension and how you can support it and our partners will join us to talk more about their work and training on how you can build relationships with your local media. It will be in amazing webinar that will strengthen a new media skill set. If that is something that excites you like it excites me, I hope you will join us. Paragraph and if you have any questions about the project, if you have any questions about the project or webinar please don't hesitate to reach out to me. But I'll turn it over to Sara to wrap us up for the rest of the webinar.

SARAH LEONE:
Thank you so much. I am really excited to see how many op-eds we can get published with this new initiative coming up. We are going to go ahead and take attendance.

Thank you again so much for joining us, but we want to know who's in the room today. Please list the number of people in the room with you today including yourself. We will let it run. If for whatever reason it's not working for you you can posted in the chat.

JOS LINN:

If you answered before, please enter again because it stopped and I had to relaunch it.

SARAH LEONE:
I love how quickly everyone responds.

Well, we will continue on, feel free to continue taking attendance. So, first up we will go ahead and go through quickly some upcoming events we have will stop we are bringing back our live motivational interviewing series and it will begin September 11 at 8 PM Eastern so if you have taken the training before, this will be, there is some updated serial included in the new trainings that will run for six months. One training per month over the course of the next six months beginning this month. Again, really excited to do so and one of my colleagues will drop the link to register in the chat.

Continuing on, we will have some election support office hours so feel free to take a look at these once we're done with the webinar. We wanted to have a special mention, a few of these webinars, first as a building science as advocates for my trauma informed care approach. This will be facilitated by Doctor Fordham and Doctor Larano from the greenhouse foundation. Will talk about how we navigate stress anxiety and frustration on September 25 that 8 PM, it is a two hour session so keep it in mind. It is helpful to see as many advocates on as possible.

We will have a policy forum in September on the 19th in a few weeks at 1 PM Eastern time and will focus on the persistent issue of food insecurity and discuss our current government dietary guidelines compared to the economic reality of what people are currently facing.

Lastly, the RESULTS Fellowship recruitment is underway for the next class, the 2025 two fellowship class which is really exciting. You can learn and apply@results.org/fellowship and there will be an information session on September 18 at 6 PM Eastern so if you have questions, these feel free to join us then and ask as you see fit.

We also want to know all the amazing things you are doing. These let us know by reporting your actions. If you go to the volunteers hub and go to the action center or working with Congress, there is a portion at the top that says report your actions. We are wanting to hear from you all about what you been up to because often times just remember, what you put in your lab report forms what's comes out of the meetings is what dictates our policy and who we decide to work with next within Congress.

Again, want to reiterate that. Lastly, there are a lot more events that will be coming up over the next several weeks. Apologies if I'm going to quickly but you'll have access to the slides after the fact.

You can always find the slides in the volunteer's hub if you go to webinars and training resources, they will be available to you at all times as well as in the events calendar which you can find on the results website at the top under events.

These join us for the October National webinar, will have a community organizer Grecia Lima who will be October 5 at 1 PM Eastern.

Thank you all so much for always joining us on the Saturdays. We know a lot of you are busy and have lives that you want to get back to but we really appreciate you always coming on. Have a good rest of the weekend and thank you to Representative Derek Kilmer for coming and speaking to us. With that, we will open the lines for you to say your goodbyes to everybody. Thank you everyone.

(Multiple speakers)
Thank you everybody! Goodbye! Goodbye!

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(Multiple speakers)
Goodbye, goodbye! Miss you. Goodbye and thanks. Great work Andy.

SPEAKER:
That was awesome Andy! See you in October.

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