

RESULTS/RESULTS Educational Fund 2013 Grassroots Board Member Nominees

Frank Gilbert

Biography

I became a RESULTS partner in the fall of 1989 due, in large part, to the quiet persistence of Louisville Group Leader Keith Wilhelmi. I wrote my first letters to editors and Members of Congress, spoke on local news programs to promote our work, and helped to organize a Candlelight Vigil for the 1990 World Summit for Children. Much like the Schweikert “Spaceship Earth” quote Sam Daley-Harris has often recited, I began to feel my power as a citizen—a member of the “crew,” now, and “passenger” no more. In the time since, I have served as Group Leader and Regional Coordinator; supported and led outreach meetings, fundraisers, media campaigns; group starts/re-starts/outreach in many cities; and planned and attended regional conferences, regional coordinator retreats, and International Conferences. With my group, I’ve spoken to Members of Congress and their aides—in DC and in district; written letters-to-editors, op-eds; met with editorial staffs and spoken with local media at local meetings about our issues and events. Presently, I am working with other RCs on expansion efforts into new districts, and will be mentoring students in the Global Health Scholars program through the AMSA.

More than anything, being a RESULTS partner has helped me to become educated on issues and trained in leveraging action. I have been supported through relationships with like-minded partners—in Louisville and throughout our organization. Currently, I am Regional Coordinator for the Heartland Region, supporting global groups in Bloomington, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Columbus (OH), Columbia (MO) and Louisville. I am also fortunate to be part of a thriving group in Louisville. Like all of you, I remain committed to a world without poverty and am grateful for the experience of doing this work.

Statement of Intent:

It is an honor to be nominated for the board. We have renewed our efforts as an organization, setting bold goals and working harder (and smarter) than ever to reach them. We are expanding, growing groups and partners, raising our profile in the media and in Congress; we have increased our rigor and are energized and intentional about the end of poverty. As Grassroots Board Member I will work with the leadership and other board members in supporting our current policies, assist in the development of those policies that will keep us on the leading edge of our advocacy work, and draw from the brilliance of our grassroots as we move our work and organization forward.

I owe much to RESULTS. Not only has it given profound meaning to my life—it’s connected me to the most amazing people on the planet. Some new—some not so new—some, my very best friends in the world—but all, amazing people who have enriched my life beyond measure. My commitment to RESULTS, to a world without poverty, will continue to guide my voice and actions as your board member--much as it does now as partner and RC. I am excited for our future and eager to grow in leadership.

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Roger Hudson

Biography

Hi, I'm Roger Hudson. I've been a RESULTS partner for over 30 years, having attended every IC except the first one, as well as over 20 wonderful NW Regional Conferences, and the 1997 Microcredit Summit. I've been to see the work of Grameen first hand, and also travelled in other developing countries. I've been a group leader much of that time, and also done a stint as an RC. I've helped put on many fundraising events, large and small, a sizeable 1990 World Summit for Children event, staged numerous UNICEF press conferences, tabled at community events, networked with other organizations, done public speaking, generated editorials and op-eds, and generally done the work of a RESULTS activist through periods of both group health and shrinkage. I'm personally heavily invested in the end of poverty, having donated over the years several hundred thousand dollars of my own funds, and helped raise more from others. And as a small state citizen, I've been privileged to meet face-to-face with my elected Rep and Senators dozens of times, and helped nudge them into leadership actions, especially around the TB issue. Over the years I've formed warm and highly valued friendships with many RESULTS staff, board members, and volunteer leaders. I'm what you might call a "lifer." I'm humbled by my nomination, and the encouragement of several respected friends to run for a seat on the Board. I would be honored to serve.

Statement of Intent:

I'm proud as hell of what RESULTS has accomplished, but also aware of the potential for even more impact that would come with greater scale and visibility, and presence in every state. I'm encouraged that RESULTS has developed a solid strategic plan, and I expect to support continued focus on implementing it, especially around the issues of expansion and fundraising. As a U.S. Department of the Interior lawyer, about to retire, I look forward to having more time and energy to invest in the health and sustainability of the work of RESULTS, which has brought me rich personal rewards. I know from my own life that friendship and personal relationship are key to sustaining our engagement with this work, and I want to make sure that continues. My day job has given me experience and some understanding of employment and other organizational issues, and an insider perspective on the federal government and legislative process. I also have an almost "from Day One" perspective on the evolution of RESULTS, and the challenges for partners. I would like to contribute these to the Board, along with my [usually irreverent but sometimes undetected] sense of humor. But as an old white guy, I also see that RESULTS has generational succession needs, so I would be an advocate for strengthening of the Real Change program, internships, and engagement of the educational community. [Come to think of it, maybe you should elect someone younger than me to the Board!]

Another opportunity I would like to work on would be strengthening our relationships and joint efforts with Bread, One, Returned Peace Corps, and our other natural organizational allies. I'd also like to sustain an emphasis on expanded fundraising, to hire more brilliant staffers like the ones we have, to support more

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brilliant grass roots lobbyists. There are more than enough obvious opportunities to further the RESULTS model of providing resources and inspiration and support for grass roots volunteer citizen activists; just not enough folks working on realizing all of them, all at once. I expect to lend a hand, whether I'm elected to the Board or not.

Thanks for your partnership and the work that you do in service to others.

Lydia Pendley

Biography

I have been an active member of RESULTS since 1998 and Co-Group leader of RESULTS-Santa Fe (domestic) for 14 years. I have attended most of the International Conferences through those years. I and my Co-Group Leader, Kitty Sherlock, have worked together to expand and strengthen our group, to grow our fundraising for RESULTS, and to develop partnerships and collaborations with a variety of local and state organizations to support our national RESULTS domestic agenda as well as local and state legislation and policy related to ending hunger and poverty. Our RESULTS-Santa Fe e-mail lists reach about 125 people regularly with information about the work of RESULTS and requests for action. Our core RESULTS-Santa Fe group has grown to 12 active partners. I am a monthly sponsor and have increased my giving significantly over the years.

I was elected by our Grassroots members to the RESULTS Board in 2010. I served on the Strategic Planning Working Group, chair the By-Laws Committee, and am a member of the Board Development Committee. I am working with the three other Grassroots Board members to develop ways to communicate more effectively with our Grassroots members and to convey their needs and concerns to the full Board. The International Conference session sponsored by the Grassroots Board members was a first step in this process.

Statement of Intent:

It has been a great privilege to have been elected by our RESULTS grassroots members and to have served on the RESULTS Board these past three years. This experience has deepened my respect and passion for the work our powerful and exceptional organization does to create the political will and action to end poverty in the U.S. and globally. Serving on the Board has also given me the great opportunity to learn much more about the extraordinary global work of RESULTS.

I would be honored to be able to serve in this capacity for another term. If given a second term, I am particularly interested in helping the Board explore additional/new strategies to address ending poverty in the U.S. and to support greater coordination and balance between our domestic and global work and resources. With the three other Grassroots Board Members, I will continue the work to establish greater communication

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between the Grassroots members and the Board to help strengthen the advocacy capacity our grassroots groups, the heart and soul of our organization. I am also committed to helping assure that the Board's new committee structure works effectively and encourages Grassroots members and others with expertise to provide input to the Board for its decision making.

I bring 35 years of public health policy advocacy experience and have worked collaboratively during this time with many organizations and coalitions. I am the past Executive Director of a non-profit organization, the New Mexico Public Health Association, the New Mexico affiliate of the American Public Health Association. I am current president of the board of Health Action NM, an organization that, along with RESULTS, has worked hard for federal health care reform. I have served, as well, on several other health and human need-related boards at both state and national level. But the most important experience I bring to the Board is my many years of Grassroots membership and Grassroots group leadership.

I will continue to bring strong commitment and skills to the Board to help extend RESULTS advocacy and influence and to shape its national and global agenda to focus on the most effective and creative strategies to end poverty.