RISE Advocacy Chapter Orientation Webinar

January 17, 2024
Welcome

Please let us know in the chat where you are joining us from!
About Rise Advocacy Chapter

- 5th year of partnership between Together Women Rise and RESULTS.
- 225 volunteer advocates, representing 32 states and D.C., and 126 of 435 Congressional Districts, and 64 Senators.
- Monthly meetings every 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 PM ET.
- Learn and practice new advocacy skill sets.
- Mentors: Karyne Bury, Anne Child, Joanna DiStefano, Leslye Heilig, Sarah Leone, Ken Patterson, & Susan Wright
- Learn about a Together Women Rise Grantee first Thursday at 8:00PM ET
- Everyone is welcome...we are stronger together!
Our Values & Resources

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn’t fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at results.org/values.

Find these resources and more at results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression:

• Resource Guides from our Diversity & Inclusion trainings, including:
  • Interrupting Microaggressions
  • Creating Space for Critical Conversations
• Information on how RESULTS responds to oppressive incidents

Stay tuned for 2024 workshop schedule!
Reflection

1. Is there a problem in the world that you have felt powerless to address?

2. What do you think your role could be in finding the solution?

3. Why is this the moment for you to act?
Volunteer Shares

Chris King
Volunteer Advocate, California
Volunteer Shares

Babita Daware
Volunteer Advocate, Texas
Impact made in 2023
In addition to concrete outputs and outcomes, your advocacy did the following:

• Educated members of Congress and staff on issues affecting women, children, and families
• Built relationships: Relationships = Influence
• Inspired others to take action
• Built your own skills and confidence in being a changemaker
• Impacted the lives of millions of women
Global funding for vital programs mostly maintained (appropriations)

- USAID Bilateral Tuberculosis
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
- Nutrition: +5 million
- Maternal & Child Health, including Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance: +$10 Million
- Education: Global Partnership for Education

US Leadership at UN High Level Meeting on TB in September

- 108 Reps and 34 Senators signed letter to Biden Admin.

Bills

- End TB Now Act (H.R. 1776, S. 288): Passed through key committees
- READ Act (H.R. 681, S.41): Passed full Senate
How you created impact: Media

Total media: **567 pieces** (2022 total: 477)
- 94 discuss global tuberculosis
- 43 discuss global education
- 322 discuss the Child Tax Credit
- 138 discuss Renter Tax Credit or housing

States published: **45 plus national publications**
How you created impact: Congress

Over 370 meetings with Congress:

• 111 Senate meetings, including 12 face-to-face
• 257 House meetings including 71 face-to-face
• 2 candidate meetings
Opportunity in 2024
1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-being
4. Quality Education
2024: Global Poverty Stats

• Because of advocacy, we've made a lot of progress on poverty globally, Extreme poverty down 38% to 12%.

• 2030 Sustainable Development Goal of ending extreme poverty.

• There are still have 700 million people living on less than $2.15/day. More than half are children.

• We need to double-down on our advocacy.
2 ZERO HUNGER
2024: Malnutrition

• Underlying cause of poverty, affecting physical and mental health, and the ability to work.

• Malnutrition is the underlying cause of nearly 50% of preventable child deaths.

• Causes stunting (short for age) and is a leading cause of disabilities.

• 1 in 5 children are affected by stunting—it robs children of their future potential.

• Good nutrition starts with the mother.
2024: Malnutrition

We will:

• Hold USAID accountable on the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act.

• FY25 Appropriations: Advocate for increased funding for global maternal and child health and nutrition.

• Nutrition for Growth Summit: Lay the groundwork for a US leadership around a pledging moment, likely in 2025.
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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2024: Vaccines

- Death of children under 5 years old
  1990: 1 in 11
  2019: 1 in 27

- “Zero Dose” children
  2022: 14.3 million
  2021: 18.1 million
  **2019: 12.9 million (pre-COVID pandemic)**

- Over a decade of work with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance – partnership committed to sustainable and equitable use of vaccines.

- Gavi has vaccinated over 1 billion children and prevented 17 million deaths.
2024: Vaccines

We will:

- Advocate for increased funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

- Lay the groundwork for a bold, 4-year, US pledge for the Gavi replenishment moment.
2024: Education

- 129 million girls are out of school:
  - 32 million primary school age
  - 97 million secondary school age

- Enrollment parity, completion lagging for girls:
  - 63% girls, 67% boys primary
  - 36% girls, 44% boys secondary
  - 21% girls, 26% boys upper secondary

- Achieving gender equity central to boost ending extreme poverty, and shared prosperity.

- Must accelerate learning loss during COVID pandemic.
2024: Education

We will:

• Advocate for the passage of the READ Act
• Advocate for increased funding for global education
• Lay the groundwork for a bold US pledge to the Global Partnership for Education during an upcoming pledging moment
2024: Our Boldness

- We need to feature our boldness and fearlessness in 2024, taking action, reaching out to others, showing that they too can be powerful.
How will you use this opportunity to make a difference in 2024?
Organizing Committee

Leslye Heilig
Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter, co-chair 2018-2023

Margaret Moodian & Susan Wright
Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter, co-chairs 2024
Join us in changing the world together!

Sign up here: http://tinyurl.com/JoinRiseAdvocacyChapter
Join us!

- Together Women Rise Orientation Webinar
  Tuesday, February 20 at 8:30 PM ET

- Together Women Rise Grantees
  If you would like to learn more about RISE grantees, there are chapters across the US, as well as a virtual national chapter meeting with a speaker from the grantee each month on the first Thursday of the month at 8 PM ET:
  https://togetherwomenrise.org/upcoming-events/