



**TOGETHER  
WOMEN RISE**

Collective action for global gender equality

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# 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

The RESULTS logo consists of the word "results" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, positioned inside a red speech bubble shape that points downwards and to the left.

- 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

The logo for RESULTS, featuring the word "results" in white lowercase letters on a red speech bubble background.

*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](https://results.org/values).**

**Find these resources and more at [results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression](https://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!*



**Beverley Francis-Gibson**

*CEO*

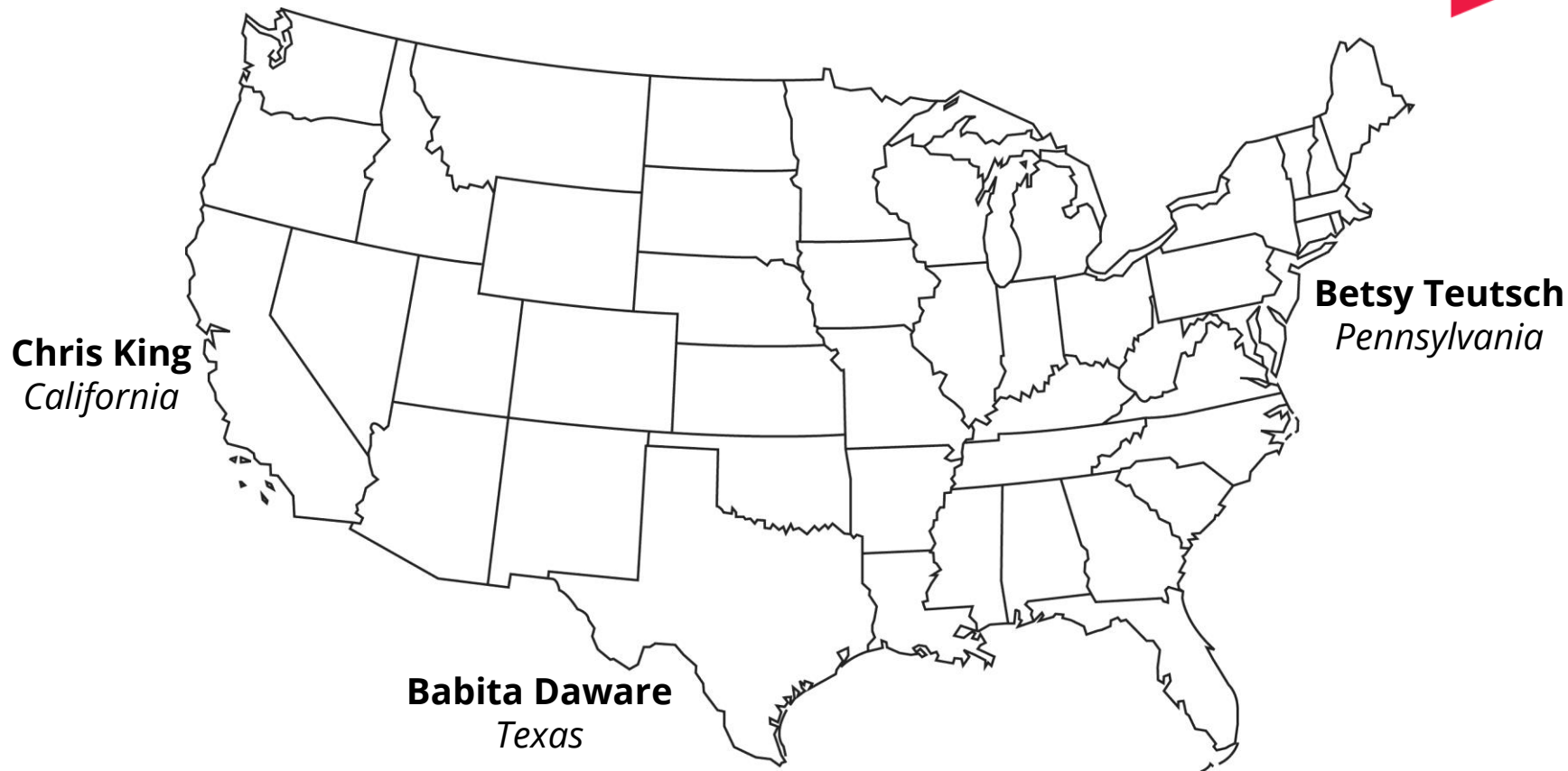
*Together Women Rise*



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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





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**Betsy Teutsch**

*Volunteer Advocate, Pennsylvania  
Board Member, Together Women Rise*



**Chris King**

*Volunteer Advocate, California*



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**Babita Daware**  
*Volunteer Advocate, Texas*

# Impact made in 2023

# Impact 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

# Impact 2023

## **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*



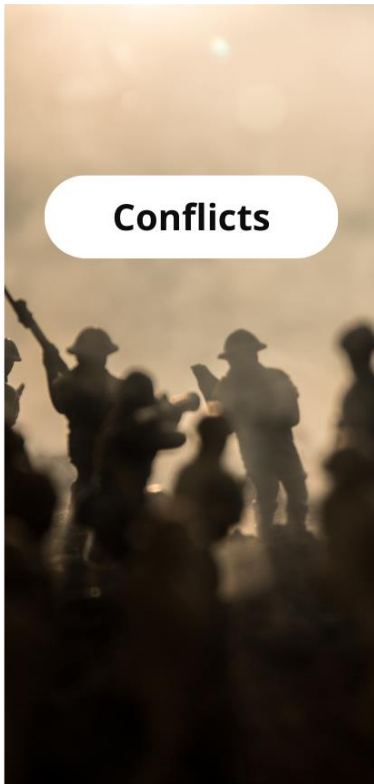
# Opportunity in 2024





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EQUALITY





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- 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



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- 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.



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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- 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.

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.

# 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



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- 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.

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 the Global Partnership for Education during an upcoming pledging moment

- 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?

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# Organizing Committee

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**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>**

- 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/>