

RESULTS/RESULTS Educational Fund 2013 Grassroots Board Member Nominees

Beth Wilson

Biography

For over five years, my husband, Paul, and I have been co-Leaders of the South Kitsap/Gig Harbor (Washington State) RESULTS Group. Inspired by Rich Renner, Alan Newberg, and Carolyn Prouty, our group started with only six of us, and we now have thirteen dedicated and active partners in our group. During those five years, I've prepared about 60 group meeting agendas and cooked that many dinners for our meetings, participated in four International Conferences and five regional conferences, participated in meetings with our Members of Congress (MOCs), written letters to the editor and to our MOCs, and written op-eds for our local newspaper. I've also recruited others into RESULTS, participated in planning and hosting five annual fundraisers (with 130 – 200 people attending), long ago established an abiding friendship with our newly elected Congressman, and helped initiate a new group on the other side of our state.

Three years ago, Nick Arena called and asked if I might be interested in working part-time for RESULTS as a Grassroots Fundraising Coach. Although I work fulltime as local public health administrator in Maternal and Child Health, I couldn't say "no" to Nick. So for the past three years, I have been coaching groups around the U.S. as they planned their fundraisers and engaged in our Friends & Family Campaign. This has been my favorite part of my involvement with RESULTS. I so appreciate the creative inventiveness, courage, dedication, and determination of our RESULTS volunteers and groups. It has been an honor to be on the RESULTS staff and to work with our incredible volunteers as they raised the funds to support the staff. As much as I love this coaching work, I've decided that I need a rest from the 55 hour work weeks I've had for three years. So I'm stepping down as a part-time RESULTS Grassroots Fundraising Coach at the end of December 2012.

When a RESULTS colleague in Washington State asked me to consider serving on the Board, I knew that was a good use of my time and talents. So I agreed to be nominated and will be honored to serve if elected.

Statement of Intent

My profession of public service, first in child welfare non-profits, and then in public health administration, has provided me many opportunities to learn and become skilled in the administration of human service organizations. I know the importance of good leadership, sound policy, financial oversight, and an organizational commitment to excellence. Leadership for RESULTS means working together with my fellow grassroots partners, Board members, and our brilliant staff to ensure that a clear and attainable vision of the future guides the development and implementation of a plan of action. That plan should enable all the members of the organization, volunteers, staff and Board, working together in trust and passion, to achieve that vision of the future. No one person "owns" that vision. We all do! It takes every single one of us to achieve the future we want.

I have a long history of community organizing, fundraising, grant writing, and budgeting/financial oversight; and I hope that through serving on the Board, I might be able to offer those skills, as they are needed, to the Board. I can imagine making a pest of myself to ensure that all my fellow board members are raising money in their own communities, wherever and whatever those communities are.

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RESULTS, like all non-profits, relies on its Board, to be the guarantor of its future. It is the Board that must be accountable for the financial health, leadership excellence, direction of growth, accomplishment of mission, and achievement of our shared vision. Even more importantly, because RESULTS' mission is the end of poverty and saving the lives of millions of children and adults by securing the resources for the infrastructure to provide for their health, education and financial well-being, the responsibility of the Board is magnified hugely. We cannot fail. We must challenge our organization to always work smarter, more effectively, assisting more people to discover their mission as it aligns with ours, and empowering citizens to change the world through exercising our civic rights. It would be an honor to represent the RESULTS' grassroots volunteers on the Board as we achieve these goals.

Frank Gilbert

Biography

In October of 1989, while attending a community-sponsored Hunger-Walk in Louisville, I signed a petition and interest sheet at a RESULTS table and eventually became a partner. My first real taste of being in action was taking a small part in helping our group produce the Louisville Candlelight Vigil for the 1990 World Summit for Children. In the time since, I have served as Group Leader and Regional Coordinator; supported, led, or been a part of outreach meetings, fundraisers, and media campaigns; supported group starts/re-starts/outreach in many cities; attended International Conferences; and planned and attended regional conferences and regional coordinator retreats. With my group, I've spoken to Members of Congress and their aides—in DC and in district; written letters-to-editors and op-eds; met with editorial staffs and spoken with local media and civic groups about our issues and events.

More than anything, being a RESULTS partner has helped me to become educated on issues, trained in leveraging action, and supported through relationships with like-minded partners—in Louisville and throughout our organization. I am currently privileged to be Regional Coordinator for the Heartland Region, supporting global groups in Bloomington, Indianapolis, Evanston, Cleveland, and Louisville. I am also fortunate to be part of a thriving group in Louisville with seven committed partners. 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

To be quite honest, I didn't realize I was interested in serving as Grassroots Board Member. Not at first. I'd been consulted about suggesting possible candidates and immediately contacted a partner I've known for some time whose work, commitment, and leadership I've long admired. She gave it very serious thought but felt now was not the right time for her to commit. Regretfully, I relayed the information and through further discussion, was asked to consider nomination. That surprised me—I spoke with a few RESULTS friends and talked it over with my wife, Jane. It has been confronting—I knew why I had nominated who I did, but wondered what I could bring to our organization?

Any success I've encountered in my life has been the result of partnership—being surrounded by gifted, brilliant, dedicated people—that is especially true with RESULTS. And I see working as a board member to be

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no different. To have the opportunity to help shape the direction of our organization, to work with our leadership and other board members in supporting RESULTS' development and policy priorities, and to grow in my own leadership, seems a natural extension of the work to which we all are committed. My commitment to a world without poverty will continue to guide my voice and actions--much as it does now as partner and RC—regardless of whether I am selected or not. The people of RESULTS have helped me grow over the years, their model informing my commitment along the way. The brilliance and inspiration of our grassroots and organization motivates me even now. I am excited for our future and eager to grow in leadership.

Rob Marshall

Biography

I joined RESULTS four years ago and have found my experiences as a volunteer very rewarding. My volunteer work with RESULTS has included lobbying, media outreach and publishing, student outreach, fundraising, and grassroots organizing. Most recently, I have assisted my wife, who is a member of RESULTS' grassroots expansion team, in forming and organizing new chapters in key legislative districts across the Southeast. In addition to my RESULTS efforts, I have been involved in several activist causes, including racial justice, economic democracy, peace efforts, and women's rights. I live in Atlanta, Georgia and work as a psychotherapist.

Statement of Intent

Dr. King once said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." Sadly, his words remain unheeded in a political culture that narrowly views national and international security as protection from bombs but not starvation, disease, homelessness, or illiteracy. My goal is for U.S. leaders to bring the same ingenuity and commitment to ending poverty tomorrow that they bring to waging war today, and I see the work of RESULTS as essential to making that happen.

I believe the biggest way I can be an asset to the Board is by bringing a broad range of viewpoints and new ideas, many of which I draw from my experience in diverse activist causes. One of my top aspirations is for RESULTS to set the terms of political discussion in this country when it comes to poverty. Right now, those who are hostile to poverty relief programs are framing the debate about what the national funding priorities should be. In this political climate, we in RESULTS have been forced to beg politicians not to make life-threatening cuts as they use the specter of a debt crisis to slash budgets they oppose. In the years ahead, I want to see RESULTS at the forefront of discussions of funding priorities, powerfully framing the debate such that the most important and intolerable crisis in the American mind is any child on Earth not reaching her fullest human potential, simply because she lacks access to the resources that are plentiful in any suburb in the United States.

If elected to the Board, I will work diligently to help strengthen and expand our Global and Domestic chapters. I particularly want to have close contact with grassroots volunteers to help guide my leadership because you directly see the impact of your work on the ground. I look forward to the opportunity to learn from you as you

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share your wisdom about which strategies are working best and what is needed most from our organization. Thank you for your consideration and for the lifesaving work that you do.

Mary Albertson

Biography

I became involved with RESULTS in 2003 after attending a fundraiser with Board Member Marianne Williamson. Marianne was the reason I attended the event, and after being inspired, I joined the Ann Arbor global group. Since then, we have formed a Detroit global group, which is growing, and recently there was interest in a domestic group, after Marianne spoke at our 2012 benefit. We are now operating both groups in Warren, MI. I am a monthly donor to RESULTS and I volunteered at Marianne's weekly events for several years, recruiting new partners at a RESULTS table. I was co-chair of three Marianne Williamson benefits for Detroit/Ann Arbor RESULTS in 2006, 2009, and 2012.

I have been very successful in the area of media. My connection with Jeff Gerritt, Editorial Editor for the Detroit Free Press, generated five editorials in fifteen months. I initiated Jeff's nomination for the Cameron Duncan Media Award in 2012 because he was writing excellent editorials on our global issues. Jeff received the award.

In Fall 2012, I began an online radio show called "We Get Results" on Body Mind Spirit Radio. The mission of my program is to connect volunteers to RESULTS and other nonprofits. It is a call to action. Special guests have included Sam Daley-Harris and MI Congressman John Conyers. In November, I covered World AIDS Day Detroit. We partnered with the World AIDS Day Detroit committee, sharing RESULTS information during all events. We showed the film How To Survive A Plague, and had Congressional staff attend the Mayors Breakfast. (250 people attended.)The Gala on Saturday night had over 700 people in attendance. Last year on World AIDS Day, we had three face to face meetings with MI Congressmen and Michael Gwaba, an Ambassador to the Global Fund. I have participated in several TV shows in Detroit, including Congressman John Conyers' show, to promote RESULTS issues and actions.

I retired two years ago after over thirty years as a Speech/Language Pathologist in the public schools. My students included children from Head Start and the Early Childhood Program. My Bachelor's and Master's Degrees are in Speech Pathology with a minor in Elementary Education. I have a special interest in Head Start and education, which furthered my passion for RESULTS issues. I have been a member of the Board of Directors of Child Safe Michigan (formerly Childhelp USA) since 2005. We help abused and neglected children with foster care, adoption, and mentoring. I am a mentor to a nine year old girl.

Statement of Intent

When a RESULTS staff member said to me, "RESULTS is the best kept secret around", I thought, "That's what's wrong with this picture." So many people have said that they don't understand why they haven't heard of us. RESULTS is the best way I have found for one person to make a huge difference in the world! My profound experiences at the international conferences and participating with our MI RESULTS groups, who meet with ALL the MI offices, have been extraordinary. (We had sixteen meetings at the IC in two days, and our group

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does it every year!) Media is my passion and I want to further RESULTS exposure on TV, radio, newspaper articles, and social media. Being retired has given me the opportunity to spend time promoting RESULTS online. I want to expose poverty as the “screaming” emergency that it is. It is still only a “quiet” emergency to so many who don’t want to see that thousands of “our” children are dying every day, and 23.1% of children in the US are in poverty. Congressman Conyers said he wants RESULTS and Marianne Williamson to meet with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and the caucuses this year to discuss actions that need to be taken to end poverty. I’m also interested in the Citizens Climate Lobby. Its founder, Marshall Saunders, will be my guest this month. Thank you for considering me for this important position on the RESULTS Board of Directors. As former Senator Hillary Clinton said to me, “I love RESULTS!” I agree. It’s my joy!

“We only get to keep what we give away.” -Marianne Williamson