Welcome to the RESULTS July 2014 Joint U.S. and Global Poverty National Conference Call

Building on the Momentum from the 2014 RESULTS International Conference

Saturday, July 12, 2:00 pm ET
(888) 409-6709
Welcome from RESULTS Executive Director
Joanne Carter
Thank You All for Creating Another Fabulous RESULTS International Conference!
Grassroots Shares from the RESULTS International Conference

Liz Clerkin
RESULTS Cleveland

David Piatt
RESULTS and Circles
Indianapolis

Lisa Marchal
Global Grassroots Associate
Share from a new REAL Change Fellow

Gianna Contillo
Seekonk, RI

To learn more about the REAL Change Fellowship, go [here](#) and [here](#). And be thinking of people in your community you can invite to become a fellow next year!
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• **Share your conference experience with others!** Tell them what you did in DC – inspire them to get involved and come next Year!

  Share from
  Catherine Luria
  Gig Harbor, WA

• **Please fill out the Lobby Report Form.** This is an important record of your work and future opportunities. So far we have over 200 Global and U.S. poverty conference lobby meetings reported, but we know there are more out there. Please fill out the form at [www.tinyurl.com/lobbyreportform](http://www.tinyurl.com/lobbyreportform).

• **Follow up on your lobby requests.** Keep pushing until you get an answer; before others things get priority. If you need coaching on your follow up, please contact Crickett Nicovich for global poverty issues ([cnicovich@results.org](mailto:cnicovich@results.org)) or Meredith Dodson ([dodson@results.org](mailto:dodson@results.org)) for U.S. poverty issues.
97 percent of Congressional staff say that in-person issues visits from Constituents influence policymakers, with 46 percent reporting it has a lot of influence. (Source: poll of more than 250 congressional staff by the Congressional Management Foundation)
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• **Find International Conference resources on the RESULTS website.** Go to [www.tinyurl.com/2014RIC](http://www.tinyurl.com/2014RIC) for legislative handbooks, lobby requests, materials from sessions, videos of speakers, pictures, and more!

• **Request face to face meetings for the August recess.** Congress is on recess August 4 – September 5. This is the perfect time to meet with them and ensure that they are taking action on your requests from the conference.

• **RESULTS has a goal is to meet face to face with every representative we cover and 1/3 of the Senators.**

• The U.S. and Global Poverty July Action sheets provide tips to help you set up your meetings:
  
  
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- **Strengthen our Grassroots Network.** Our legislative work is vital but we must also invest time and energy in strengthening and growing our grassroots. You are the voice of RESULTS and we want you to be strong and healthy going forward.

- We will support you to strengthen your groups in four areas for the next six months:
  1. **Meeting face-to-face** with your elected officials
  2. **Building and managing your local action network**
  3. Identifying and achieving **media breakthroughs**
  4. **Building relationships with grasstops champions** in your community
     - Global: Focused around our work on GAVI
     - U.S.: Focused around our Economic Mobility campaign

- **Let us help you** maintain and strengthen your groups. Talk to your Regional Coordinators the goals you want to accomplish for the second half of 2014.
  - Global Poverty staff support: Ken Patterson, kpatterson@results.org
  - U.S. Poverty staff support: Jos Linn, jlinn@results.org
U.S. Poverty Campaigns Update and July Action

Fabulous work already this year with Congress on expanding economic mobility in America, urging them to protect and expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), and Financial Security Credit.

• Keep following up, specifically with to get more cosponsors for S. 836, H.R. 769, and H.R. 2116.

Make your August recess meetings even more effective by engaging “real experts” on poverty – those who have experienced poverty firsthand – to share personal stories.

• Stories are up to 22 times more memorable than facts or figures alone.

• Potential allies to contact: Circles USA affiliates, Witnesses to Hunger, Community Action agencies, local Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs, food banks and food pantries, Head Start programs, faith communities, etc.

Learn more by reading the U.S. Poverty Action Sheet: http://www.results.org/take_action/july_2014_u.s._poverty_action/
Global Campaigns Update

• Update on the Global Partnership for Education
• GAVI Campaign plan
July Laser Talk Training

What is RESULTS?

Engage: I really feel like I’m making a difference in the world with RESULTS. For example, we just finished working on an effort to get an additional 29 million kids into primary school worldwide, and strengthening critical tax policies for low-income working families in the US.

Problem: Right now, though, we have 58 million kids who should be in primary school who aren’t, and 12 million Americans – including 7 million children – will fall into poverty or deeper into poverty without action by Congress. RESULTS is making a real difference to address poverty-related problems like these.
July Laser Talk Training

What is RESULTS? (cont’d)

**Illustrate Solution:** RESULTS is an advocacy organization that is tackling poverty as a non-partisan issue. We get Congress to make better policy decisions and enact smart, compassionate solutions to poverty. We have groups in over 37 states around the country, and we even have international affiliates. We are trained in developing relationships with our legislators, getting powerful media published, and building community coalitions – so that we can help put poverty in the past.

**Call to Action:** Our group’s next meeting is coming up a week from Thursday at 6:00pm at the church. Would you like to be my guest?
Announcements

Please fill out the Lobby Report Form. Tell us how your lobby meetings went at www.tinyurl.com/lobbyreportform.

Vote for Grassroots Board Members. The nominees for the two open Grassroots Board positions have been announced and voting has started. You can read about each nominee on the RESULTS website and then cast your vote at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RESULTS2014 or sending your vote to Jack McLaughlin at jmclaughlin@results.org. All active RESULTS volunteers are eligible to vote. Voting ends August 5.

RESULTS Media Support Call: Tuesday, July 15 at 8:00 pm ET. (712) 775-7300 code 954747.

RESULTS U.S. Poverty Free Agents Calls: Tuesday, July 15 at 1:00 pm and 9:00 pm ET. (443) 453-0034, passcode 703096.

RESULTS Global Poverty Free Agents Calls: Monday, July 21 at 8:00 pm ET. (267) 507-0370, passcode 7378587.

RESULTS Introductory Call: Friday, July 25 at 1:00 pm ET. Register at www.tinyurl.com/RESULTSMeetandGreet/.

Find a full list of upcoming events on the RESULTS Events Calendar.
Thank you for being on today’s call!

*Have a Happy Pecan Pie Day!

Next RESULTS National Conference Calls
Saturday, August 9, 2014
U.S. Poverty Call at 12:30 pm ET
Global Poverty Call at 2:00 pm ET