



2022 Impact Report

DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS,

You are probably familiar with the phrase, "what gets measured, gets done." It is important for both organizations and individuals to use measurements to gauge progress, refine focus, and define impact. As a local leader, you might define impact by how your actions directly affected the literacy rates of children at your school, helped house the chronically homeless population, or boosted the local economy. This year, many of us will look to the midterm elections to see how our efforts helped candidates or ballot initiatives succeed.

In the pages of this 2022 Impact Report, you will see how we track and measure impact at The Policy Circle. As an organization, we develop yearly and quarterly goals rooted in our Core Values:

- We are positive and opportunity-focused
- We take ownership
- We are passionate about The Policy Circle mission
- We exercise empathy and respect for people and ideas
- We strive for excellence

Over the last year, we have focused on building a strong, experienced team that can ensure our members have an excellent experience. We have doubled the reach of our mission through social media, virtual and in-person programming. We seized upon a national movement to empower parents by launching CLER 3.0, focused on Education, and graduated 100s of new civic leaders from CLER 1.0 & 2.0. We gathered 71 remarkable speakers to share insights on a wide range of topics from workforce development to the war in Ukraine. We highlighted solutions and ideas that bring greater opportunities for more Americans to prosper.

Thanks to generous donors and an energized community in 45 states, The Policy Circle model and mission are more effective and impactful than ever.

As we look ahead, The Policy Circle is bridging a gap to reach more women who care about solutions - not partisanship. Our proven framework builds principled leaders ready to serve in elected and appointed roles. In 2023 and beyond, the Policy Circle's growing community of independent thinkers who value freedom is poised to be a driving force in American civic life. Thank you for being part of this movement.

The best is yet to come,



Sylvie Légère Co-Founder and Board Chair



Stacy Blakeley Executive Director

NATIONAL REACH

The Policy Circle continued to grow in 2022 with impact and engagement.









101% Increase in Social Media Following **400** Circles

235K + Brief Views \$2.2M In Donations Raised in 2022

67% Increase in New Website Visitors

FEATURED IN:















Alaryland Tribune









EQUIPPING & INFORMING

This year, the Policy Circle hosted thought-provoking and fact-based programming on a variety of topics in partnership with respected organizations, policy makers and thought leaders. By leveraging technology and social media, The Policy Circle greatly expanded its reach and provided value to members around the country.



MOVE THE NEEDLE PROGRAMS



10 NEW POLICY CIRCLE BRIEFS

- Armed Forces
- Executive Branch
- Judicial Branch
- Failing Grade: Literacy in America
- Antitrust: Balancing Competition and Innovation
- Responding to Refugee Crises
- Ukraine-Russia Crisis
- Veterans
- Crime and Safety
- Migration Between States

The Policy Circle received over 235,000+ Brief Page Views in 2022 and expanded our library to 65 total briefs in the Policy Circle library.



ACTIVATING LOCAL LEADERS

The Policy Circle's Civic Leadership Engagement Roadmap (CLER) is a proven framework that takes participants from having general civic knowledge to becoming effective civic leaders. This proprietary, 3-month leadership program is designed to strengthen understanding of American founding principles and boost local engagement. After only two years, CLER has already impacted hundreds of participants and thousands of citizens. We are building a pipeline of principled leaders with CLER grads securing both elected and appointed roles - mobilizing initiatives that improve the lives of all community members.



Ran for elected office



Conducted meetings with city, county, and state elected officials

OUTCOMES OF CLER



Appointed by Texas Governor to Licensing and Regulation Board



Appointed to Chamber of Commerce

66 Because of The Policy Circle, I feel better prepared to run for office, and because of CLER, I am leveraging access to resources and people to help prepare me for a future state political office run.

Dawn Lang Recently Elected to IN School Board



CLER IN 2023 & BEYOND

THE BOWE STEWART FOUNDATION INVESTMENT

This year, The Policy Circle was thrilled to announce support from The Peter Bowe and Barbara Stewart Foundation to fund a multi-year initiative to diversify and expand the reach of The Policy Circle's CLER program. With this significant investment, The Policy Circle will grow CLER cohorts and target engagement from distinct groups over three years, starting with a strategic focus on the military and veterans communities in 2023.



CLER 1.0 Founding Principles & Local Government 2.0 State & Federal Government

3.0 Education

The Policy Circle is now accepting applications for our 2023 cohorts. If you or someone you know are interested in applying for The Policy Circle's CLER program, <u>click here</u>.



CONVENING WITH PURPOSE

This year's leadership summit focused on **Building Thriving Communities.**

Over the course of three days, we listened to a versatile group of speakers who brought unique perspectives on what it takes for a community to THRIVE, and focused on the intersection of innovation and opportunity.

Special guests and speakers included the First Lady of Texas Cecilia Abbott, Heidi Cruz, Representative Beth Van Duyne, Mayor of Fort Worth Mattie Parker, business leaders, CEOS, nonprofit leaders, best-selling authors, sought-after national speakers, thought leaders, and local practitioners.

> The energy this incredible group of women received from one another is unlike anything I've ever experienced, anywhere. I started this week more focused and with greater purpose, and I know I speak for so many others who feel the same! - Christi M.

















6K+ Views on Summit Recordings



ICY CIRCLE POLICY CIRCLE POLIC



PARTNERSHIPS

The Policy Circle is grateful for key partnerships to continue to deepen the engagement and expansion of our mission. Thanks to our partners, sponsors, and State Leadership Councils, The Policy Circle continues to reach new audiences and circle up across the country.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 SUMMIT SPONSORS:

Mary Beth Weiss Triad Foundation JPMorgan Chase & Co. Patricia Kolber She Said/She Said Podcast American Federation for Children Bank of America Ice Miller LLP California Policy Center Cathy Cranberg Generation W ACE Scholarships Authentic Agility Games Crow Holdings Manhattan Institute KFA, Inc. The Hon. Linda McMahon Sarah Malloy Millett

The Ascend Fund

Ina Kim-Schaad

The Heritage Foundation

Laura Cox Kaplan & Joel Kaplan

DonorsTrust

Nancy Hiles

Bradley Impact Fund

Jackie & Richard Emmet

Mackinac Center for Public Policy

- Sylvie Légère
- Stand Together Trust

Candidate Pathways

Freespoke

American Enterprise Institute

RB DenUyl Family Foundation

Tax Foundation

Illinois Policy Institute



LEADERSHIP

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Cathy Cranberg, FL Heidi S. Cruz, TX Carrie Daanen, FL Jessica Dean, WI Meg Duke, Cow Rebecca Dun, FL Jackie Emmet, NY Richard Emmet, NY Shyan O'Shaughnessy, MN Jill Schram, KS Kathleen Shanahan, FL Anne Shane, IN Anne Sinnott, UT Barbara Stewart, IL Stacy Smith, TX Mary Beth Weiss, FL Beth Feeley, IL Elizabeth Fowler, FL Allison Gulbrandsen, FL Dawn Hoffman, FL Ina Kim-Schaad, NY Blair Maus, WY Melinda Oakes, NY Liz Orella, AZ

BOARD MEMBERS

Sylvie Légère Co-Founder and Board Chair

Angela Braly Co-Founder and Secretary Kathy Hubbard Co-Founder and Treasurer

Laura Cox Kaplan Creator & Host of She Said She Said Podcast Carol Greene CEO of Greene Advisors LLC

JOIN THE POLICY CIRCLE

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO JOIN TODAY



https://www.thepolicycircle.org

The Policy Circle is a 501c3 that informs and equips women to be impactful civic leaders.