



### 2023 HONOREE INSIGHTS & BENCHMARKING REPORT

The Civic 50: Steadfast Commitment, Growing Breadth



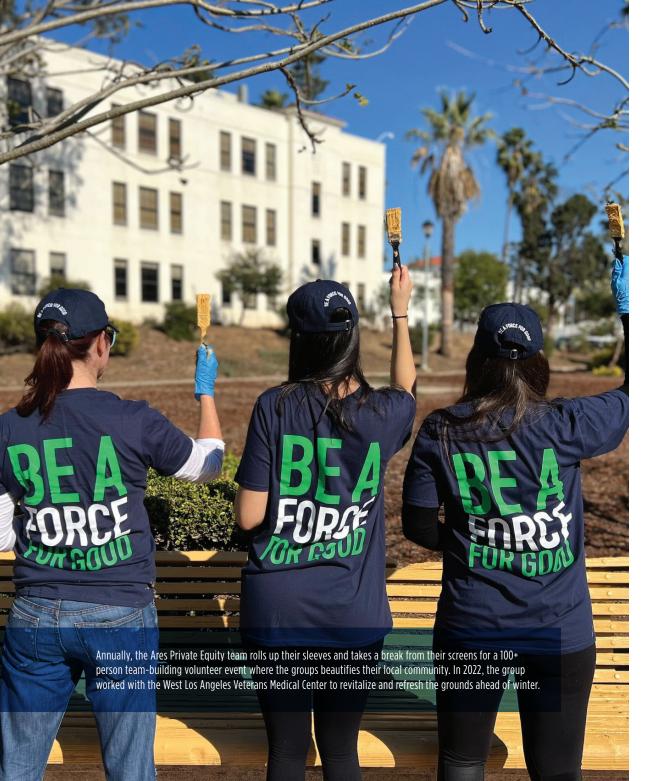


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### About Points of Light

Points of Light is a nonpartisan, global nonprofit organization that inspires, equips and mobilizes millions of people to take action that changes the world. We envision a world in which every individual discovers the power to make a difference, creating healthy communities in vibrant, participatory societies. Through 145 affiliates across 39 countries, and in partnership with thousands of nonprofits and corporations, Points of Light engages 3.7 million people in 16.7 million hours of service each year. We bring the power of people to bear where it's needed most.

Companies, along with their employees, vendors and customers, can be transformative drivers of social change in communities around the world. Points of Light champions the work of companies by studying how people are asked, engaged and supported in delivering innovative community solutions. We also work to educate and convene the sector on trends, best practices and evidence-based strategies for civic engagement, including leadership of The Civic 50.

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### Foreword

Each year poses new challenges to companies to deliver on corporate social responsibility and impact. A global pandemic and increased demands from consumers and employees underscores these challenges. In 2023, we continue to feel the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in a variety of ways, including the learning loss for students at all levels and the subsequent impact on the talent pipeline, persistent racial inequities and health disparities, an ever evolving workplace landscape and more.

This will mark the third year we've tracked data related to companies' progress on their commitments to racial equity and their communities since we introduced this measurement in 2021. We're proud to say The Civic 50 honorees continue to lean into this area of social impact. Social justice was the number one cause area, and there's been an increased focus on diversity in the nonprofit partners they work with. It's been important to have sustained change from companies' early commitments to addressing racial inequities.

At a higher level, we've seen how the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to drive innovation and accelerated change with employee engagement. Companies have created new and more meaningful opportunities for engagement and learning. There is an increased focus inward on employee engagement, especially when it comes to taking part in trainings and employee resource groups. Companies are viewing employees as individual agents of change.

Points of Light's Civic Circle<sup>®</sup> is central to helping companies identify the many ways they and their employees can take action to accelerate positive social change. We saw an increase in companies' multi-faceted investments – up 9 points from 2020 – which shows that companies are realizing that deeper, combined actions can both accelerate and sustain change in the communities where they work and live.

This development is critical, because we know that true systems change to address complex social issues requires companies to invest in partnerships with other companies, community organizations and government. These long-term, multi-faceted investments, driven by the actions on the Civic Circle<sup>®</sup>, will unlock communities' ability to grow and thrive.

Congratulations to all of the honorees of The Civic 50, and thank you for your leadership. It is an honor to celebrate you and uplift your stories.

Yours in service,

DIANE QUEST INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO

KATIE STEARNS CHIEF GLOBAL CORPORATE SOLUTIONS OFFICER

# The Civic 50 Overview

The Civic 50, an initiative of Points of Light, recognizes the most community-minded companies in the nation each year as determined by an annual survey administered by True Impact. Now in its eleventh year, The Civic 50 recognizes companies with annual U.S. revenues of at least \$1 billion and evaluates them based on four dimensions of their corporate citizenship and social impact programs: investment of resources, integration across business functions, institutionalization through policies and systems, and impact measurement. Since it was launched in 2012, The Civic 50 has provided a roadmap for good corporate citizenship, and showcased how committed companies are moving social impact, civic engagement and community to the center of their business.



#### INVESTMENT

How the company strategically invests its resources in community engagement and social impact activities through volunteerism, financial giving, in-kind contributions, civic engagement and advocacy.



#### INTEGRATION

How the company integrates its community engagement and social impact programs throughout its business functions and interests (i.e., "does well by doing good").



#### INSTITUTIONALIZATION

How the company institutionalizes its community engagement and social impact programs through organizational policies, systems and incentives.



#### IMPACT

How the company measures the social and business impact outcomes of its community engagement and social impact programs. NOTE: Based entirely on responses to numerical and categorical questions, each applicant receives up to a possible 1,000 points in each dimension. The 50 applicants with the highest total score are awarded The Civic 50 honor. In addition, the highest scores in each sector are recognized, and three awards are given for excellence in volunteering. Human judging is not part of the determination. The 2023 honorees were identified based on their community involvement in the United States during the 2022 reporting year.

### 2023 Honorees of The Civic 50

AbbVie Inc. Adobe AFI AC Altria Group Ares Management Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana\*\* Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Blue Shield of California Caesars Entertainment Capital One Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Citi Comcast NBCUniversal

Comerica Bank Conagra Brands CSAA Insurance Group CVS Health Deloitte Delta Air Lines\* Dow, Inc.\* DTE Energy Elevance Health Entergy Corporation\* Gen Digital Inc General Mills Hasbro, Inc.\* Health Care Service Corporation

Hewlett Packard Enterprise John Deere Kellogg Company KeyBank\* KPMG LLP Liberty Mutual Insurance Pacific Life PIMCO Point32Health Prudential Financial Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. Inc. Standard Chartered Bank Steelcase\*\* Subaru of America. Inc.

Tapestry, Inc Tata Consultancy Services\* TEGNA Inc.\* The Hershey Company\* Toyota North America UnitedHealth Group\* Unum UPS Vertex Pharmaceuticals Wynn Resorts, Limited

\* Sector Leader

\*\* Volunteer Award

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### Sector Leaders

Consumer Discretionary: Hasbro, Inc. Consumer Staples: The Hershey Company Financials: KeyBank Healthcare: UnitedHealth Group Industrials: Delta Air Lines Information Technology: Tata Consultancy Services Materials: Dow, Inc. Telecommunications: TEGNA Inc. Utilities: Entergy Corporation

### Volunteer Awards

#### VOLUNTEER LEADER AWARD Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana

This award recognizes the company for having the leading volunteering culture and embracing volunteerism as a priority for civic engagement.

#### STRATEGIC VOLUNTEERING AWARD Steelcase

This award recognizes the company for their strategic efforts to drive impact by engaging employees through pro bono and skills-based and volunteer initiatives.



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# The Civic 50: Key Insights

The data in this report suggests that recent pandemic-era disruptions have redefined best-in-class U.S. community engagement, as represented by The Civic 50 honorees, as more financially generous, internally oriented, strategically integrated and focused on social justice.

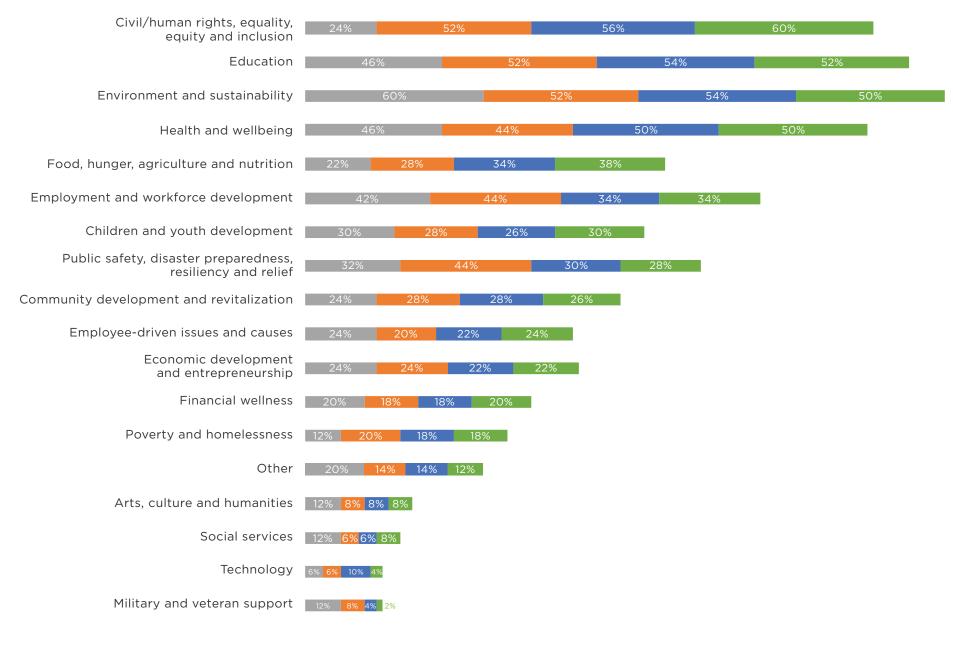
- Financially generous. In terms of financial and in-kind donations, the bar set by The Civic 50 has been raised from contributing an average of .34% of revenue in 2019 to .55% in 2023. By comparison, data from CECP<sup>1</sup> finds that most U.S. companies, on average, donate the equivalent of .18% of revenue.
- Internally oriented. The Civic 50 have steadily increased the percentage of employees participating in internal company volunteering, such as employee resource groups and issues training, from an average of 33% in 2019 to 54% in 2023. Conversely, lockdown and other factors reduced the average percentage of The Civic 50's employees involved in external volunteering, such as packing meals at a soup kitchen or serving on a nonprofit board, from 40% to 31% during those same five years.
- Strategically integrated. Community engagement has become more central to business management. The percentage of The Civic 50 honorees that discuss community engagement in corporate board meetings has steadily increased from 86% in 2019 to 98% in 2023. Similarly, 2023 is the first year in which a majority of The Civic 50 honorees leveraged community engagement to support each of the 11 major business functions, including purchasing, skill development and marketing.

• Focused on social justice. The percentage of honorees that focused their community involvement on civil/human rights, equality, equity and inclusion increased from 24% pre-pandemic to 52% in 2021. It's now at 60%, making social justice the number one cause area. Similarly, the percentage of The Civic 50 that formally consider the diversity of board and staff in selecting partner nonprofits increased from 44% in 2021 (the first year this data was available) to 64% this year. If the increased attention to social justice (and disaster response during the pandemic) has reduced focus on other cause areas, it appears to have done so only modestly. The percentage of The Civic 50 honorees that prioritize employment and workforce development, military and veteran support and environmental sustainability have only dropped slightly, and other cause areas haven't maintained similar levels of support.

Despite the highlights above, The Civic 50 experienced declines in several community engagement functions during the past few years, including external volunteering (as presented above). There were also declines in the impact measurement of grants, which dropped from a practice applied by 66% of The Civic 50 in 2019 to 44% in 2023, and the impact measurement of volunteering, which dropped in application from 44% to 16% during that same period. Overall, however, the community engagement of The Civic 50 is stronger today than it was pre-pandemic. In summary, the historical challenges of the last few years have reshaped but not weakened the country's best-in-class community engagement, as represented by The Civic 50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CECP, Giving in Numbers, 2022.

### Cause Areas of The Civic 50



2020 2021 2022

2023

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### The Civic 50: Key Metrics

CASH AND IN-KIND GIVING	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total cash contributions	\$1.7B	\$2.0B	\$2.5B	\$2.1B	\$2.3B
Total value of cash given for employee matches and Dollars-for-Doers grants		\$161M	\$173M	\$164M	\$152M
Total in-kind giving*	\$9.7B	\$1.8B	\$8.2B	\$5.6B	\$3.5B
Average cash and in-kind contributions as a percentage of revenue	.55%	.43%	.39%	.39%	.34%
Multi-faceted investment: Average percent of grants providing additional support through volunteers, in-kind goods, or multi-year pledges	52%	51%	45%	43%	49%

#### **EMPLOYEE TIME AND TALENT**

Total volunteer hours (millions)		5.8	7.1	11.4	10.5
Average percent of skills-based volunteer hours	20%	25%	27%	25%	28%
Average percent of employees participating in company volunteering supporting external organizations/efforts (e.g., packing meals for soup kitchens, park cleanups and board service)	31%	22%	23%	43%	40%
Average percent of employees participating in internal company volunteering for such efforts as employee resource groups, company-sponsored issue education, training, and awareness building		48%	48%	42%	33%
Average volunteer hours per employee supporting external organizations/efforts (excluding internal company volunteering)	3.5	2.9	3.1	7.1	7.1

#### **PUBLIC LEADERSHIP**

Percent taking national leadership positions on six or more public education or policy efforts



\* The monetary value of in-kind gifts varies greatly by industry. Because the industry composition of the Civic 50 changes from year to year, so does this figure.



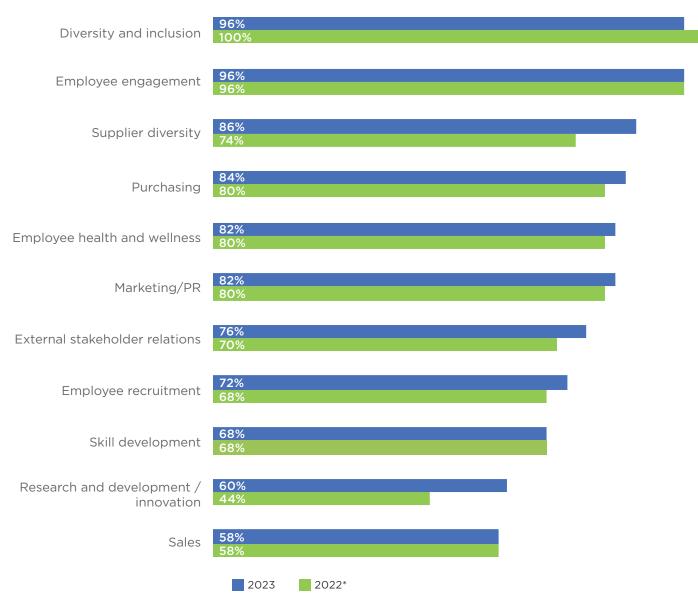
#### Investment

How the company strategically invests its resources in community engagement and social impact activities through volunteerism, financial giving, inkind contributions, civic engagement and advocacy.



#### Integration

How the company integrates its community engagement and social impact programs throughout its business functions and interests (i.e., "does well by doing good").



The top business functions The Civic 50 companies formally support with community engagement

\*This question was updated in 2022. It's thus not possible to provide comparable prior-year data points.

Percentage of The Civic 50 companies applying a policy, program or practice:

POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Remote volunteering	100%	100%	98%	NA	NA
Volunteer recognition	98%	100%	96%	98%	96%
Direct service (hands-on volunteering)	98%	96%	94%	NA	NA
Skills-based/pro bono volunteering	98%	98%	94%	NA	NA
Issue workshops and training		92%	88%	NA	NA
Matching grants Volunteer time off Department goals for community engagement		86%	96%	92%	84%
		84%	82%	86%	72%
		82%	92%	88%	86%
Board training		70%	62%	NA	NA
Volunteer grants		68%	70%	68%	66%
Include community engagement in performance reviews		66%	76%	74%	62%
Service sabbaticals or externships	22%	20%	22%	NA	NA

#### LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

Leadership presents the company's community engagement to its board at least once per year	98%	90%	84%	82%	86%
Leadership encourages employee participation in community activities at least 12 times a year	72%	72%	74%	64%	76%
Leadership participates in U.S. company community activities at least 12 times per year	72%	70%	74%	70%	74%



#### Institutionalization

How the company institutionalizes its community engagement and social impact programs through organizational policies, systems and incentives. Percentage of The Civic 50 that measure, as part of regularly implemented data collection process, whether the community engagement program results in societal outcomes

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Grants	44%	48%	62%		
Social cause leadership/ advocacy	36%	22%	34%	44%	
Volunteerism	16%	20%	22%	28%	44%
In-kind giving	12%	4%	20%	14%	14%



#### Impact

How the company measures the social and business impact outcomes of its community engagement and social impact programs.



Each year, Liberty Mutual employees join thousands of their colleagues from around the world to participate in Serve with Liberty, an annual service program that allows for hands-on nonprofit support during the workday.

Percentage of The Civic 50 that measure, as part of a regularly implemented data collection process, whether community engagement results in a business outcome

	2023	2022*
Diversity and inclusion	70%	62%
Employee engagement	68%	62%
Supplier diversity	60%	58%
Marketing/PR	54%	50%
Purchasing	48%	40%
Health and wellness	42%	34%
Skill development	38%	34%
Recruitment	32%	26%
Stakeholder relations	30%	22%
Sales	22%	22%
Research and development / innovation	22%	20%

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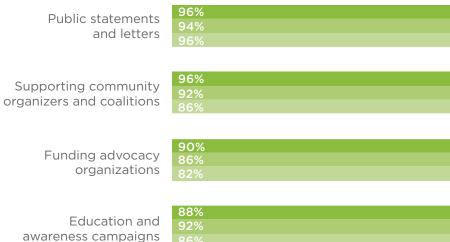
# Focus on Social Justice

Advocacy

Policies, Practices and Programs Voting and Civic Engagement Tracking and Measurement

Percentage of The Civic 50 applying a social justice advocacy practice

### Advocacy

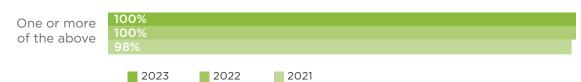


Conducting or	76%
Conducting or	72%
supporting research	68%

	42%
Lobbying	40%
	36%

Public hearings or testimonies	20%
	22%
or testimornes	22%





Percentage of The Civic 50 companies applying the social justice policy, program or practice

# Policies, Practices and Programs

Percentage of The Civic 50 companies applying the social justice policy, program or practice:

Delivered racial justice training to at least 75% of employees

Offers racial justice training to employees (e.g., unconscious bias training)

CEO used their voice externally regarding racial justice

Have employee resource groups (ERGs) that support Black, Indigenous, and employees of color (BIPOC)

> CEO used their voice internally regarding racial justice

#### Specifically, BIPOC ERGs serve as:

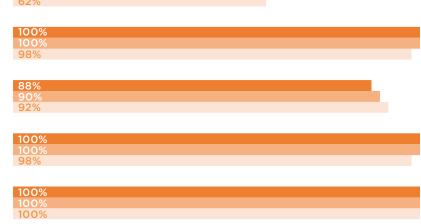
Decision makers on relevant policies, practices and decisions

External voices on the company's diversity, equity and inclusion approach, policies and practices

Partners to leadership on relevant policies, practices and decisions

Advisors to leadership on relevant policies, practices and decisions

Community engagement partners





90% 78% 78%

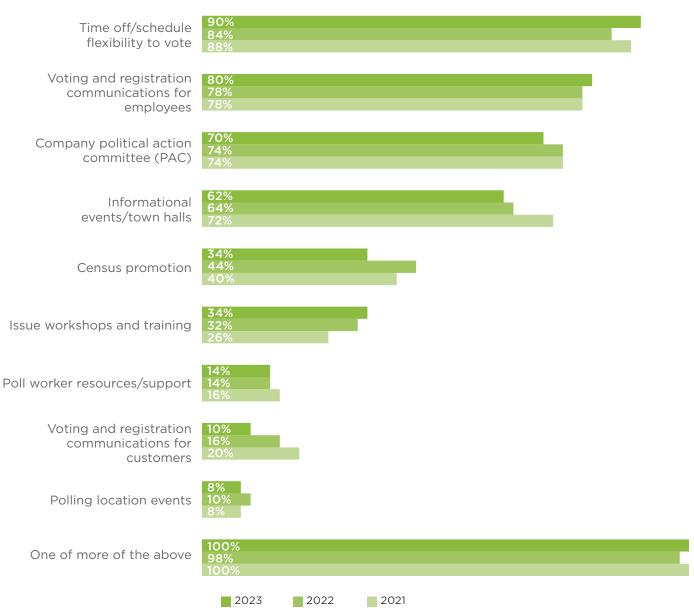


96% 90% 98%

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100%			
94%			
2023	2022	2021	

Percentage of The Civic 50 companies applying the voting or civic engagement policy, program or practice

# Voting and Civic Engagement



companies

applying the

social justice

practice

impact tracking

Tracking and Measurement

Track diversity demographics of the beneficiaries receiving an investment of financial resources, volunteer time or in-kind contributions

Formally consider the diversity demographics of the beneficiaries in selecting nonprofits that receive an investment of financial resources, volunteer time or in-kind contributions

Formally consider the diversity of board and staff in selecting nonprofits to support with financial resources volunteer time or in-kind contributions

> Track diversity of the board and staff of nonprofits receiving an investment of financial resources, volunteer time or in-kind contributions

Set public targets for the total amount or percent of financial donations directed to organizations focused on racial justice, equity, diversity and inclusion

Set public targets for the total amount or percent of volunteer hours directed to organizations focused on racial justice, equity, diversity and inclusion

One or more of the above

	100%			
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	2023	2022	2021	

88% 80% 78%

82% 84% 78%

64%	
54%	
44%	

58%	
44%	
38%	



12%

16%

### 2023 Honorees of The Civic 50





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