## **2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT**

A Year Like No Other



### A Letter From The President

2020 was a year like no other. Each of us dealt with difficult personal challenges and many of us experienced loss. We faced the realities of a global pandemic, recession, unprecedented government actions, and deeply felt social and racial injustice.

For a decade, Vibrant Pittsburgh has grown our region's commitment to economic development through diversity, equity, and inclusion. Last year, we remained focused on what Vibrant Pittsburgh could do to make a greater impact. I issued not just a call to action but a call for change. I also discussed my optimism for the future of this work and our region. I have that same optimism today. Initial words of promise made by our region's businesses have been followed by actions from many Pittsburgh companies.

We also made a promise to our members. A promise that we would showcase the investment businesses are making in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as best practices for adoption across the region and beyond. We vowed to educate our regional employers and provide cutting edge DEI resources while tapping into the data that has negatively impacted how people of color view the region and its opportunities. We released our recommendations for critical improvements required through the Vibrant Index Summary Report to help change the narrative and perceptions about inclusion in Pittsburgh.

Our members also have taken steps to change the root cause of these disparities. Pittsburgh continues to move the needle with hiring practices, review of leadership succession and diversity gaps, as well as measuring and increasing investments into minority and local women-owned businesses. Employers have committed to donating to communities of color, creating partnerships to diversify the pipeline and their current workforce, and some have released reports designed to show accountability for their DEI commitments.

### A Letter From The President

In July 2020, Vibrant Pittsburgh began building a high-functioning team which has allowed us to achieve a culture of growth and development. We are on track to add new revenue generating products and services to our offerings and developing tools to address the rapidly changing member needs. Throughout 2020, Vibrant Pittsburgh solidified and strengthened our brand by representing our members and region in forums across the state and country, launched two initiatives, and utilized what we learned in the inaugural year of the Vibrant Index to improve and increase participation.

We have experienced an outpouring of corporate and community support. Our call to action was answered, a testament to the power of the Greater Pittsburgh community to which we all belong and have built together. We thank every committed individual who has helped to advance DEI initiatives throughout the region.

Vibrant Pittsburgh is in it for the long haul. We continue planning with the interest of our region's businesses in mind, as well as the needs of top talent demanding a compelling Pittsburgh. Such vital work cannot be done alone. I look forward to collaborating with current and future Vibrant Pittsburgh members as we aspire to higher levels of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the years ahead.

Please join us in our commitment to excellence, empathy, and action.

**Sabrina Saunders Mosby** 

Vibrant Pittsburgh, President & Chief Executive Officer

# Delivering On Our Promises

Establish **credibility** for companies that wish to brand themselves as diverse and inclusive places to work, change the culture within their organizations, and increase the diversity of their workforce through the attraction and retention of top diverse talent.

Showcase the **investment** businesses are making in diversity, equity, and inclusion DEI as best practices for adoption.

**Educate** regional employers, and provide cutting edge DEI resources.

**Utilize data** that negatively impacts how people of color view the region and its opportunities to recommend policy improvements that change the negative narrative and perception about inclusion in Pittsburgh.

**Partner** with regional business members to realize our vision of making the Pittsburgh region a career destination of choice for people of color.



Vibrant Pittsburgh is the Premier Diversity, Equity, & Workplace Inclusion Membership Organization for Pittsburgh Regional Businesses

#### **MEMBERSHIP VALUE**

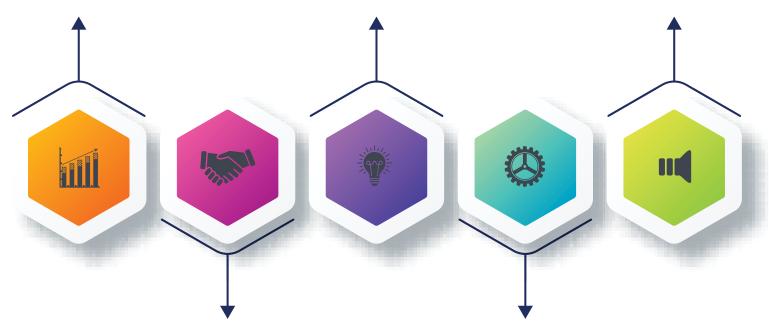
Increasing the value of Vibrant Pittsburgh for stakeholders and growing our small - midsize markets.

#### **INNOVATION**

Using innovation to improve our internal processes and maximize resources by implementing new strategies.

#### **BRAND AWARENESS**

Maximizing our brand by proactively building consistent media messages and leadership opportunities.



#### **COLLABORATION**

Collaborating with members to identify and understand their needs and expectations and achieving satisfaction through service and resource delivery.

#### **CAPACITY**

Achieving a culture of growth and development by building a high functioning team.

### Capacity

Growing Our Team & Expanding Our Reach

### **Outreach & Engagement**

by Sector



### Meet Our New Team Members





Sabrina Saunders Mosby
President & CEO



Allegra B. Elson
Director of Training & Development



Gina Winstead

Assistant Vice President of Membership
Development & External Relations

### Programming, Training & Development



With the hire of our new Director of Training and Development, Vibrant Pittsburgh is broadening and deepening training opportunities.



Utilizing the web-based learning platform,
Teachable, Vibrant
Pittsburgh to offer
pre-recorded,
asynchronous learning
for executive, mid-level,
and individual contributor
populations.





The Vibrant Pittsburgh team conducted a full reboot of programs and services as well as a pivot to virtual learning. We saw an increase in customized learning requests. We've conducted 24 specialized trainings and webinars, facilitated 6 townhall discussions, and **built 8 customized** member trainings for "off the shelf" use across the membership base.

### Collaboration



# Launched Resilience Through Equity Series: 6 NEW webinars!

#### **IMMIGRATION**

- 1 Demystifying the Hiring of Foreign Nationals with Ellen Freeman
- 2 New Visions for Immigration with Ellen Freeman



#### **WORKPLACE INCLUSION**

- 3 Resilience Through Equity Series Then is Now: The Role of Businesses in Disrupting Modern Day Racism with Mary-Frances Winters
- 4 Asian American Experiences in the Workplace: A Panel Discussion

#### **DEI MEASUREMENT**

- 5 Vibrant Champions Panel Discussion with PNC, Reed Smith, and UPMC
- 6 The Business Case for Supplier Diversity

### Membership Value

### **OUR COMMITMENT, OUR VALUE**

Amplify the efforts of members to monitor, measure, and meet diversity goals.

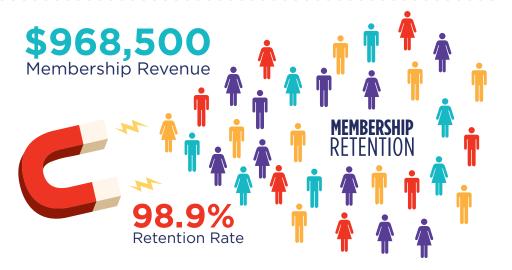
Assess and compare DEI policies and practices throughout the region and offer recommendations to improve employer workplaces.

Cultivate experiences that are welcoming, engaging, and exciting for residents and newcomers of color.

### Membership Value

By The Numbers







# Members by the †††††Numbers

| 5  | Distinguished Inclusion<br>Community Pillars | \$50K+    |
|----|--|-----------|
| 5  | Regional Inclusion Leaders                   | \$35K     |
| 5  | Regional Inclusion Partners                  | \$20K-25K |
| 12 | Regional Inclusion Patrons                   | \$10K     |
| 35 | Regional Inclusion Supporters                | \$5K      |
| 35 | Vibrant Members                              | \$2,500   |

### Brand **Awareness**

### **Vibrant Pittsburgh** In The Region

Vibrant Pittsburgh serves as the region's central resource, spokesperson, and convener on workforce diversity and inclusion issues.

Here are just a few of the highlights of how we made an impact the past year:



From hair color to

equity and inclusion to

LAUREN ROSENBLATT

### Brand Awareness



In a series of articles and newscasts, Vibrant Pittsburgh highlighted the impact of two pandemics — Covid-19 and systemic inequities — on marginalized workers, offering best practices for a more inclusive and equitable region and economy.





Published Articles Authored by Vibrant President & CEO







### Brand **Awareness**

### **Increasing Social Media Brand** Recognition

**FOLLOWERS** 

Followers on LinkedIn

**UNIQUE VISITORS** 

Unique Visitors on

LinkedIn Pages



### **Broadening Our Reach**

**UNIQUE IMRESSIONS** 

Unique LinkedIn Impressions

61%

Increase in Average Monthly Unique **Impressions** 

#### **LINKEDIN PAGE VIEWS**

Home page

73% 20% About

People

#### **DEI AMBASSADOR TO THE REGION** LINKEDIN

266 Posts Shared June 3, 2020 - May 28,2021 **DEI-Related Hashtags** 

### Innovation



#### **CAREER & WORKPLACE**

Vibrant Pittsburgh welcomes, connects minority newcomers with "Executive Dine-Around"











Participants in Vibrant Pittsburgh's Executive Dine Around raise a toast during the May 25 event.

VIBRANT PITTSBURGH

### Finding new ways to have impactful & successful events & programming during a pandemic.

The challenges of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic made connecting with Vibrant Pittsburgh membership and other stakeholders an obstacle. We chose to evaluate and re-allocate budgeting for our events, such as our annual **Regional Economic Inclusion Summit.** While remaining sensitive to the needs of our audiences, we were able to make the inevitable and sometimes challenging pivot to a virtual stage.





### Innovation

Launched Vibrant Book Salons

Featured Authors



Diversity & Inclusion Forum Convenings Hosted









**24** 

Specialized Member Trainings & Workshops Delivered 8





#### **VIBRANT INDEX 2.0**

Participating Organizations 56% Increase in the Year



Improved Diagnostic Now Features

Questions Questions

2xs the Number in 2020

Hosted
Dine Around
Newcomer
Events

**50** 

Newcomer
Participants Engaged
During a Global
Pandemic



### Innovation

#### **Vibrant Pittsburgh's Focus on Talent Retention**

#### **REVAMPED NEXT GENERATION COUNCIL**

Council Members Represented Vibrant Pittsburgh Member Companies 35% (34/97 total members)



Created **Next Gen & Chill** (NGxC) Program to **Engage Members** Virtually During the **Pandemic** 

#### Convened



Accelerator Mentorship Program (CAMP) Events

in partnership with Member Organizations and Universities CAMP Participants by

the numbers:

138 Mentees

Mentors

(Representing 41 Members Companies)

#### LAUNCH OF NEW PROGRAM! ALLEGHENY ALLIES



### **Allegheny Allies**

supports individual employees from small to mid-sized businesses without Employee Business/Resource Groups (EBRG)

**Active Matches** 

Participating Colleges/ Universities

### Membership Network

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Achieva

ACLU Pennsylvania

ALCOA

Allegheny Conference Trade

**Allegheny County** 

Allegheny County Airport Authority

Allegheny Housing Rehabilitation

Corporation (AHRCO)

American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.

Ametek, Inc.

ANSYS, Inc.

Armada

Auberle

**Bayer Corporation** 

BIKEPGH!

**BNYMellon** 

Boys & Girls Clubs of W PA

Carmeuse Lime & Stone

Carnegie Library

Carnegie Mellon University

Carnegie Robotics LLC

Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc.

Clearview Federal Credit Union

Community College of Allegheny County

Condado Tacos

Covestro

Dick's Sporting Goods

Dollar Bank

Duquesne Light Company

Encentiv Energy

**EQT** Corporation

Equitrans Midstream, Corp.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh

FedEx Ground

Fred Rogers Productions

Giant Eagle Inc.

GNC

Greater Pittsburgh Community

Food Bank

ity 64 m

Greater Pittsburgh Fulbright Association

Henne Jewelers

Highmark Health

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services

Howmet Aerospace

Inclusion, Diversity & Awareness Council

(IDAC)

Jones Lang LaSalle Brokerage, Inc.

Kennametal Inc.

KeyBank

Koppers, Inc.

Level Agency

Literacy Pittsburgh

97 members (







62 members





### Membership Network

Locomation, Inc.

Macy's Inc.

Mainstay Life Services

National Aviary

Niche.com, Inc.

Nielsen

Olympus Energy LLC

Oxford Development Company

Penn Hills Charter School of

Entrepreneurship

Peoples

Pitt Ohio

Pitt-Ohio Express

Pittsburgh Ballet Theater

Pittsburgh Business Times

Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting, Corp.

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Pittsburgh Penguins

Pittsburgh Symphony, Inc.

Pittsburgh Technical College

Pittsburgh Technology Council

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer

Authority

PJ Dick-Trumbull Corp.

**PNC Financial Services Group** 

Port Authority of Allegheny County

Pressley Ridge

**Propel Schools** 

ProspHire

Rivers Casino Pittsburgh

Robert Morris University

Schell Games

Seegrid Corp.

Seton Hill University

Softwriters, Inc.

The Mattress Factory

The Pittsburgh Promise

Three Rivers Business Alliance

Tri-State Capital Bank

Trib Total Media Inc.

53 members

**Turner Construction Company** 

**UPMC** 

Urban Redevelopment Authority

of Pittsburgh

Visit Pittsburgh

WESCO Distribution, Inc.

Wesley Family Services

Westmoreland County Community

College

Womxn in Tech PGH (WITPGH)

**2021** 97 members



### A Recap of Our Year in Review

This year we tackled a global pandemic and supported our members as they addressed a national outcry for racial justice and workplace equity. In the midst of significant challenges, Vibrant Pittsburgh maintained a Membership Retention rate of 98.9% and saw Membership Network Growth of 51%. Our Brand presence is strong. With the development of 2 new initiatives, Resilience Through Equity Series and Allegheny Allies, Vibrant Pittsburgh managed an organizational shift and successfully pivoted to virtual work and program delivery.

#### A Look Ahead

The Return of the Regional Economic Inclusion Summit

Oct 13 2021

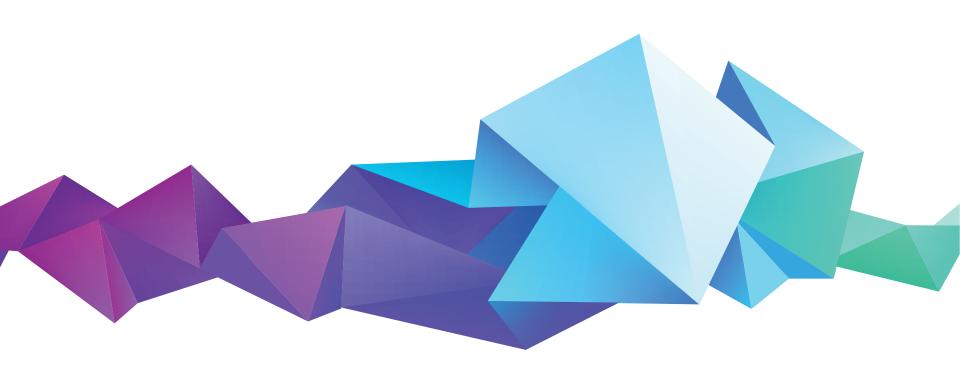






## Our Focus: Addressing Membership Needs for Greater Impact







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