



## A VIBRANT BUSINESS CLIMATE

The Grand Rapids area is home to a diverse set of industries. Our team works to eliminate barriers to business growth while supporting an inclusive workplace for all. In 2022, the Chamber:

- Celebrated with members at **87 ribbon cuttings**.
- Supported peer-to-peer learning through **CEO & Management Roundtables**. Participation was at an all-time high with **more than 400 individuals** involved.
- Launched the **Center for Economic Inclusion** to deliver holistic services to assist minority entrepreneurs in growing their businesses.
- Welcomed nearly **500 new member businesses** to the Chamber. Our membership count now exceeds pre-pandemic numbers.
- Assisted in the opening of **45 small businesses**.
- Advocated for key infrastructure projects, including the **Grand River Greenway** project, and legislation to make **social districts** permanent.
- Hosted more than **6,300 attendees** at our 150+ events and programs, and welcomed more than **1,500 visitors** in our collaborative Work Café.



## A TALENTED MICHIGAN

Our economic success depends on a strong education and talent system – from birth to career – to meet the demands of the future. In 2022, the Chamber:

- Connected businesses to resources like **GoingPro** and created access to childcare by spearheading **Tri-Share** for childcare.
- Graduated more than **200 individuals** across 12 cohorts in our 7 leadership programs. 35% of those participants are from underrepresented communities.



## A PLACE TO CALL HOME

West Michigan leads the state in population and job growth. We are focused on ensuring we are a welcoming community to ALL, making the Grand Rapids area a place anyone can call home. In 2022, the Chamber:

- Partnered with Housing Next to catalyze **more than 10,000 new housing starts**.
- Led bipartisan Housing Michigan legislation to create **new workforce housing tools**.
- Led efforts to **improve public safety**.
- Provided **25 Unconscious Bias** trainings, **more than 75 hours** of one-on-one inclusion consulting, and debuted the new **Inclusion Institute**.

