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.