Sarah’s first steps: Lake Michigan, 1972

Lake Superior captures Sarah’s heart: 2013

Elizabeth crossing Lake Michigan, 2018
Game plan for today

- Presentation
- Climer Cards
- Role Play Exercise
- Share Out

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IGNITING IDEAS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

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Two ways to structure a Grand Challenges initiative

Identify issue(s) and solicit proposals

Focus on people and let them identify challenges

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175 people
10 departments
23 units

Initial Consultations
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Interviews

Database

Buy-in

Personal connections
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42 meetings = 71 faculty and staff
56 team members
Initial Consultations

- Support and validation
- Better ideas
- Teammates
6 events  /  255 people

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Connections

Team formation

Learning about different approaches

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3 lunches / 4 dinners / 65 people
13 events / 83 people

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Writing Parties

- Editing support
- Camaraderie
- Proposal workshop time

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Editing Services

- 24-hour turnaround
- Longer term support
- RDT initiative

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3 fairs / 300+ people
Transform 96 people on teams/ $1,000,000 awarded

Seed 50+ people on teams/ $675,000 awarded

Total 200+ people/ $1.875 million

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What did $1.875 million get us?
All Applicants

- Yes: 61%
- Unsure: 9%
- No: 5%
- Other: 34%

Unfunded Applicants

- Yes: 50%
- Unsure: 41%
- No: 9%
- Other: 0%

All Applicants

- Yes: 64%
- Unsure: 27%
- No: 9%
What is next for Grand Challenges?

New directions – we want to hear from you!

2 activities – Climer Cards and role play
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