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Where moms and people who love them go to change our world.

We asked our members and partners how MomsRising is making a difference in North Carolina, and this is what they said:

MomsRising is a force to be reckoned with. As a mom and an advocate, I am always impressed at how clearly MomsRising communicates the importance and relevance of issues as arcane as the state budget. They make it easy for moms to make an impact, and they always make it fun. Look twice when you see kids in superhero capes with their moms at the state capitol - they're probably on their way to a meeting with the Speaker of the House!-Fawn Pattison, Senior Advocate, Toxic Free NC

MomsRising is one of the most unique organizations I have had the opportunity to be involved with. Many organizations strive to bring together thoughtful, hard-working, compassionate and diverse members. MomsRising not only seeks to affect change, but represent the change it wants to be. If there was truly an organization that walks the walk, it is MomsRising, and I am honored and proud to be able to serve on the Steering Committee. From talking with our state legislators to walking the halls of Congress to talking to families about ways to avoid toxic chemicals, I know that I am making a difference in everything I do with MomsRising, however, my children capture it best.

After returning from a trip to DC talking about the importance of toxic chemical reform, I was feeling overwhelmed & let out a big sigh. My 8 year old says, "But mom what we were doing was important. We needed to speak up for people who can't speak up for themselves." And, when asked what he wants to be when he grows up, one of my 5 year old twins answers - Senator!

-Tina Sherman

MomsRising was an invaluable partner in raising awareness about the need for Smart Start and quality early education in North Carolina. There is no doubt in my mind that having the support of MomsRising made an impact with legislators. All of their online and on-the-ground activities made it clear to the General Assembly and the media that families, especially parents with young children, want quality early learning opportunities in their communities.—Stephanie Fanjul, President of The North Carolina Partnership for Children

Momsrising has given me the confidence I need to use my voice to make the changes my family deserves! -Tracy Kellogg-Brodeur

NC MomsRising fills a gaping need at a critical time in North Carolina. And being part of this amazing organization has given me hope at a time when I've been heartbroken by the policy decisions being made in Raleigh. NC MomsRising is community empowerment at its best, and I'm constantly being reminded of the power of Moms who believe in a better state for our families and are willing to fight for it. I am immensely honored to be part of this inspiring and passionate group of women.-Sabine Schoenbach

Before becoming a mother, I was a clinical social worker, with at least some understanding and a great deal of concern about social issues and their impact on individuals and families. Motherhood opened my eyes in a more personal way to inequities in our society, deepening my desire to advocate for my children's future – for that of all children. MomsRising gives me solid, creative opportunities to channel that desire, gradually teaching me how to make my voice louder and more effective. The women I've met through MR, both in person and virtually (through social media) inspire my activism with each encounter.-Freda Banther Dias

As an environmental organization in a tough political landscape, we desperately need allies who can be effective messengers with North Carolinians and decision makers. Many of the groups that we work with have struggled to bring their knowledge to decision makers who sometimes make incorrect assumptions that the organizations are adversarial. Groups like MomsRising are critical allies for many organizations, including the North Carolina Conservation Network. MomsRising continues to have a fresh and creative take on organizing and educational events around important issues for our state. Further, MomsRising has demonstrated that they can bring forward effective messengers, moms and kids, on a broad array of issues that affect all of North Carolinians. In these times of hyper-partisan debate and gridlock, voices such as MomsRising are vital to moving North Carolina forward for the long term.-Peter Walz, Organizing Director, NC Conservation Network

MomsRising was a beacon of hope when I was at my most vulnerable -- when I realized for the first time, that that as a woman and new mom I was a second class citizen. Now when I see injustice I have a voice and I take action, with and for my kids and for all families that deserve equality. I could not do this without the power of MomsRising. Thank you for the opportunity.-Jeannine Sato

What MomsRising means to me especially here in NC is that it has provided me the opportunity to have my voice as a woman and a mother heard. It has given me the opportunity to come together with other women and take meaningful action to help women and families. I feel represented in a way my local politicians are not able to do. I simply love Momsrising and have loved meeting the women that are involved with it, they have inspired me and empowered me to feel like I can have a voice and can actually do something to better life for myself and other mothers and their children.-Carla Lievano

MomsRising's efforts to educate and engage parents are absolutely critical to child advocacy in North Carolina. MomsRising's members are effective, reliable, and needed in the General Assembly and other policy-making bodies now more than ever.-Rob Thompson, Communications Director, NC Child

MomsRising has empowered one ordinary mother, and her ordinary son, to stand up and advocate for the family-friendly, health-conscious policies that we deserve. Every time I speak to a US Senator or NC legislator, the fact that I am speaking with all 28,000 NC MomsRising members, rather than as a single individual, gives my voice power and legitimacy, as we demand to be heard.-Jessica Burroughs

