Years from now, people will say the phrase “2020” and a flood of images will come to mind, many that persist today: Mask-wearing and social distancing. A spotlight on violence against Black Americans, immigrants, Asian-Americans, and other people of color. A presidential election revealing a nation more outwardly divided than we’ve ever been.

While it’s true that 2020 has brought more than its fair share of challenges, within the Vote Run Lead community of more than 36,000 alums and thousands more supporters, we’ve found and shared a lot of light this year. From the virtual series “Your Kitchen Cabinet” to dispatches from Minnesota and Georgia; from deepening our engagement in key states to refining our values and proudly living them, Vote Run Lead shares some of our biggest successes here. Not least is a record-breaking 308 alums running for office!

Thank you for your energy, your commitment, for everything you’ve made possible this year. I’ve never felt more sure about Vote Run Lead’s strategy to deliver a real solution to our nation’s most pressing problems, and I hope that as we continue this work together, history might eventually shape “2020” into a turning point, when an intersectional group of women launched a new era where democracy thrives.

In Solidarity,

Erin Vilardi
FOUNDER & CEO
In February, we were on track to train thousands of women in-person. Then lockdowns happened. Our team took a moment to breathe, care for each other and our families. Then, we got to work launching the digital training series, Your Kitchen Cabinet season one "Every Woman's Virtual Campaign Team," teaching women how to run successful campaigns during a pandemic. It was followed by a second season, "Radical Leaders Uncover the Past to Build the Democracy We All Deserve," to help us understand the systems in which we operate.

*The massive amount of women running for the state legislature is not an accident. We are actively working on a state strategy, RUN51, to promote reflective democracy at the state level. More to come in 2021!
With COVID changing how we live, uprisings across the country working to fight for racial justice, and the electorate demanding their voices to be heard, Vote Run Lead sought to meet the needs of our community. Our first-ever "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) efforts were a huge success, reaching thousands of women nationwide. We also trained women on how to run their own successful GOTV campaigns, with top local and national partners and on-the-ground organizers.

33,074
CALLS MADE

32,000
TEXTS SENT

3,000
CONVERSATIONS

313
VOLUNTEERS

8
GOTV TRAININGS
INCLUDING A 3-HOUR
GOTV BOOTCAMP

“I just love Vote Run Lead and all that you all stand for!”
- CORI BUSH, U.S. House of Representatives (MO), alumna
LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Vote Run Lead is committed to reflecting the world that we want to see. Internally, we seek to consistently live our values. Externally, we partner with like-minded organizations to build the sector, and our thought leadership shapes the conversation in the public sphere.

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Vote Run Lead is growing fast. With 40% growth in 2020, we are on track to meet the demand for our training.

- ILHAN OMAR
U.S. House of Representatives (MN), alumna

It takes a village. Vote Run Lead fellows are paid a living wage and our trainers are always compensated for their expertise.
“Thank you for the amazing programming and lessons. I laughed, cried, and learned through Vote Run Lead! I loved my experience running for office and VRL was a huge part of it!” - Amáda Márquez Simula, newly elected Mayor of Columbia Heights, MN

“A Vote Run Lead training was one of the very first I attended as a candidate, and was definitely one of the most useful. The stump speech I had to come up with on the fly at this training is actually the one I used the entire election.” - Rebecca Mitchell, newly elected GA House of Representatives

"One of the most helpful things I did was go through the training with Vote Run Lead. I learned a lot and the basics of story-telling I practiced there set me on a good path." - first-time candidate Diane Warren, Circuit Court Judge, 4th Judicial District, AR

“[This] is a movement that creates space for those often overlooked. I love that about Vote Run Lead! It was my dream job and it has truly been some of the most meaningful work of my life!” - Alexis Harris, Georgia GOTV Fellow, Fall 2020
Congratulations to Our Alumnae

Alicia Hyndman, NY Assembly Dist. 29
Allison Russo, OH House of Representatives Dist. 24
Amada Marquez Simula, Mayor, Columbia Heights, MN
Ami Wazlawik, MN House of Representatives Dist. 38B
Andrea Schroeder, MI House of Representatives Dist. 43
Angela Brown, Cobb County Superior Court Judge, GA
Anita Burroughs, NH House of Representatives Carroll 1
AnJanette Brush, Taos County Commission Dist. 4, NM
Anna Williams, OR House of Representatives Dist. 52
Anne Hughes, CT House of Representatives Dist. 135
April Legere, Rogers City Council, AR
Ashantae Green, Duval Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Group 4, FL
Athena Hollins, MN House of Representatives Dist. 66B
Audrey Thayer, Bermdji City Council Ward 1, MN
Bee Nguyen, GA House of Representatives Dist. 89
Bregetta Fields, Wilmington City Council 5th Dist., DE
Brenda Carter, MI House of Representatives Dist. 29
Brianna Titone, CO House of Representatives Dist. 27
Carrie Warren Gully, Arapahoe County Commissioner Dist. 1, CO
Catalina Cruz, NY State Assembly Dist. 39
Cathy Connolly, WV House of Representatives Dist. 13
Christine Kushner, Wake County School Board Dist. 6, NC
Cori Bush, U.S. House MO 1st Congressional Dist.
Cynthia A. Johnson, MI House of Representatives Dist. 5
Dafna Michaelson Jenet, CO House of Reps Dist. 30
Debra Altschiller, NH House of Reps Rockingham 19
Denise Ennett, AR House of Representatives Dist. 36
Denise Garner, AR House of Representatives Dist. 84
Denise Johnson, NYC Civil Court Queens Municipal Court
Diana Richardson, NY State Assembly Dist. 43
Diane Warren, Circuit Court Judge, AZ
Dominique Jackson, CO House of Representatives Dist 42
Doreen Carter, GA House of Representatives Dist. 92
Elena Parent, GA State Senate Dist. 42
Elizabeth "Libby" Hart-Wells, Scottsdale Unified School Dist.
Governning Board, AZ
Elizabeth "Lyz" Jaakola, Cloquet City Council Ward 5, MN
Erica R. Thomas, GA House of Representatives Dist. 39
Esther Agbaye, MN House of Representatives Dist. 59B
Gaby Grossman, NH House of Reps Rockingham 1
Gerri Cannon, NH House of Representatives Strafford 18
Ginny Klevorn, MN House of Representatives Dist. 44A
Heather Keeler, MN House of Representatives Dist. 4A
Hodan Hassan, MN House of Representatives Dist. 62
Allana Spiegel, University of CO Board of Regents Dist. 6
Ilhan Omar, U.S. House MN 5th Congressional Dist.
Janeese Lewis George, DC City Council Ward 4
Jennifer Jermaine, AZ House of Representatives Dist. 18
Jessica Hanson, MN House of Representatives Dist. 56A
Jessica Mangrum, TX 200th District Court
Jessica Ramos, NY State Senate Dist. 13
Jessica Thomas, Peoria County Auditor, IL
Jessie Lopez, Santa Ana City Council Ward 3, CA
JoCasta Zamarripa, Milwaukee Common Council Dist. 8, WI
Jody Shaduck-McNally, Larimer County Commissioner, CO
Joyce Mason, IL House of Representatives Dist. 61
Julie von Haefen, NC House of Representatives Dist. 36
Kandise Smith, NC House of Representatives Dist. 8
Kaholy Her, MNHouse of Representatives Dist. 64A
Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor, New Brighton, MN
Kate Farrar, CT House of Representatives Dist. 20
Kayla Young, WV House of Delegates Dist. 35
Kelda Roys, WI State Senate Dist. 26
Kendra Anderson, RI State Senate Dist. 31
Keri Ingle, MO House of Representatives Dist. 35
Kim Schofield, GA House of Representatives Dist. 60
Kimberly-Ann Collins, MO House of Reps Dist. 77
Kristin Bahner, MN House of Representatives Dist. 34B
Lauren Underwood, U.S. House IL 14th Congressional Dist
Leslie Herod, CO House of Representatives Dist. 8
Lindsey Port, MN State Senate Dist. 56
Lisa Cutter, CO House of Representatives Dist. 25
Liz Hanbidge, PA House of Representatives Dist. 61
London Lamar, TN House of Representatives Dist. 91
Lucy Dathan, CT House of Representatives Dist. 142
Maria Horn, CT House of Representatives Dist. 64
Mary Bradford, CO House of Representatives Dist. 21
Mary Marubio, Cook County Circuit Court 10th Sub-circuit, IL
Mary Murphy, MN House of Representatives Dist. 3B
Maura Hirschauer, IL House of Representatives Dist. 49
Meghan Kallman, RI State Senate Dist. 15
Melissa Shusterman, PA House of Representatives Dist. 157
Mesha Mainor, GA House of Representatives Dist. 56
Milele Coggs, Milwaukee Common Council Dist. 6, WI
Monique Baker McCormick, Wayne County Commission Dist. 6, MI
Monique Sheffield, Cobb County Commission Dist. 4, GA
Natalia D. Macker, Teton County Commission, WY
Nikema Williams, U.S. House GA 5th Congressional Dist.
Nora Vargas, San Diego County Board of Supervisors Dist. 1, CA
Park Cannon, GA House of Representatives Dist. 58
Patricia Torres Ray, MN State Senate Dist. 63
Patsy Austin-Gatson, Gwinnett County District Attorney, GA
Rachel Zenzinger, CO Senate Dist. 19
Rebecca Mitchell, GA House of Representatives Dist. 106
Regina Lewis-Ward, GA House of Representatives Dist. 109
Regina Weiss, MI House of Representatives Dist. 27
Rhonda Burnough, GA House of Representatives Dist. 77
Rodneyse Bichotte, NY State Assembly Dist. 42
Samra Brouk, NY State Senate Dist. 55
Sara Innamorato, PA House of Representatives Dist. 21
Shannon Bird, CO House of Representatives Dist. 35
Sharon A. Davis, Hopkinton Town Council, Rhode Island
Shermela Williams, Superior Court Judge for GA 5th Dist.
Sonya Jaquez Lewis, CO State Senate District 17
Stephanie Albanese, Red Bank Regional’s BOE, NJ
Stephanie Housse, OH House of Representatives Dist. 11
Sue Conley, WI State Assembly Dist.
Tamara Grady, Osseo School Board #279, MI
Tanya Ortiz Franklin, LA’s Unified School Board Dist. 7, CA
Tasha Boerner Horvath, CA State Assembly Dist. 76
Tiesha Smith, Cook County Circuit Court, IL
Tishaura Jones, St Louis City Treasurer, MO
Tracee Miller, St Louis Board of Education, MO
Tyria Walton, Cook County Circuit Court 1st Subcircuit, IL
Valarie Lawson, RI State Senate Dist. 14
Veronica Cope, Gwinnett County State Court Judge, CA
Victoria Neave, TX House of Representatives Dist. 107
Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Dist. 7, MN
Yamekia Robinson, Lake City Council Dist. 4, SC
Thank You for Your Run

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