



Gilbert Chamber
OF COMMERCE

**Gilbert Chamber
Foundation**

FYE 2025 Annual Report

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Message from the Board Chair



Dan Kovochich, Salt River Project (SRP)

We have reached the conclusion of another successful year at the Gilbert Chamber and Foundation. Please know that I am deeply grateful for everyone's invaluable contributions this past year.

I would like to begin by recognizing our Board of Directors, and the members of our Executive Committee. These individuals devote countless hours guiding the Chamber and Foundation by shaping policy, programming, and engaging in meaningful conversations with our business community.

To the Chamber staff, thank you for your tireless dedication, creativity, and vigor! Your hard work brings much value and joy to our events and programs and has delivered exceptional experiences to our Chamber, Foundation, and business community members.

It is truly an honor to serve as Chairman, surrounded by talented and caring volunteers and Chamber staff. Proudly supported by SRP, it is my privilege to partner with the Chamber and Foundation. Together, we champion policies that fuel job creation, balance regulations, and strengthen our economy and infrastructure.

We know a Chamber's true strength is its people: those who engage, support each other, and champion local business. During this new year, the Leadership team is committed to focusing on strong intentional marketing for its members, champion increased member engagement, and continue to support the programs that have become a trusted hub for resources, talent, and connection through our Foundation programming.

This year let's connect you with your favorite Chamber initiatives. Join a committee, attend our signature events, and invite others to experience the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce. Let's build and grow!

Message from the President/CEO

Sarah Watts, Gilbert Chamber of Commerce



Strong communities are built through relationships, trust, leadership, and a commitment to something bigger than ourselves.

At the Gilbert Chamber, we believe our greatest strength is not simply the number of businesses in our community — it is the gravity created when people choose to come together with purpose.

Community gravity is what happens when entrepreneurs, nonprofits, educators, local government, and business leaders stop operating in silos and begin building momentum together. It is the pull that attracts innovation, investment, talent, collaboration, and opportunity. It creates a place of belonging; a place where leaders want to serve.

For years, Gilbert has distinguished itself not only by economic growth but also by the strength of its relationships. We have worked intentionally to create a culture where connection leads to belonging, belonging leads to collaboration, and collaboration leads to impact.

Through advocacy, leadership development, workforce conversations, nonprofit partnerships, and purposeful programming designed to foster meaningful relationships, we recognize that our value extends far beyond events or memberships. We are at the table to build the ecosystem that allows this community to thrive.

As Gilbert continues to grow, maintaining that sense of belonging becomes even more important. Growth alone does not create a strong community. Shared vision does. Shared leadership does. Shared investment in one another does.

That is the kind of community gravity we are committed to strengthening every day on behalf of and alongside our incredible business community.

Committee Chairs

Public Policy Committee

Eric Pettitt
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Women Empowered Committee

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Residence Inn by Marriott Phoenix Gilbert

Business & Education Committee

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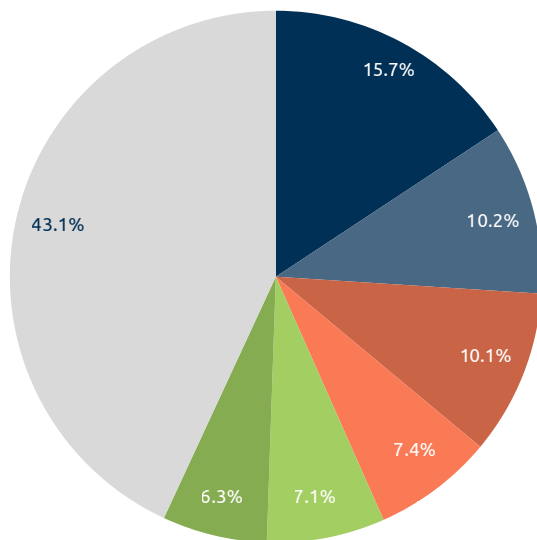
Gilbert Leadership Steering Committee

Rob Elder
Granite Bank - The Elder Team



Our Year In Review

Membership By Industry



- Finance and Insurance Services
- Health Care
- Construction, Contractors, Equipment, and Services
- Business and Professional Services
- Family, Community, and Civic Organizations
- Personal Services and Care
- Other*

*Other categories in order of percent representation include: Real Estate, Moving & Storage, Restaurants, Food & Beverages, Advertising & Media, Arts, Culture, Entertainment, & Venues, Government, Education & Individuals, Retail Shopping & Wholesale, Lodging & Travel, Automotive & Marine, Legal, Technology, Computers & Telecommunications, Public Utilities & Environment, Manufacturing & Production, Pets & Veterinary, Transportation, Home & Garden, Sports & Recreation, Industrial Supplies & Services, and Religious Organizations

Key Chamber Highlights

Hosted **5** Good Government Events and Tri-City Collaborations
 Participated in **regional advocacy** through EVCCA
 Submitted **formal letters** and **position statements** on high-impact issues
\$4,599,829.16 of closed business contributed by Referral Teams
29 Chamber Champions were paired with **114** new members

Key Foundation Highlights

121 seniors impacted through the Adopt-A-Senior Program and over **\$6,200** raised
\$5,000 awarded in scholarships to **4** high school and college students
\$1,000 awarded in GED scholarship vouchers to support adult education
70 students matched with **66 mentors** in our Career Shadowing and Mentorship Program
\$3,039.23 donated by Gilbert Leadership Alumni

New This Year

Gilbert Young Professionals - Network with peers, engage with business leaders, and develop skills, designed for individuals in the early to mid-stages of their professional journey.
Chamber Champions Program - Fosters connection between members of the Chamber.
Executive Roundtable Series - An exclusive program for executive-level leaders featuring a keynote presentation, facilitated discussion, and an opportunity to network.
The Social Lunch - Midday networking opportunity with no formal agenda.
Student Entrepreneurs Academy - An innovative program that empowers students in grades 6 through 12 to develop entrepreneurial skills.

"The Chamber today is an amazing organization that truly cares about the success of its members. As a result, I have made meaningful connections, found new clients, and discovered new ways to be of service. I am so grateful for this Chamber."

- **Stuart Preston**, *Cingularis*

By the Numbers

604
Active Members

143
New Members

6
Signature Events

58
Ribbon Cuttings

82
Chamber Programs & Events

57
Foundation Programs & Events

23
CATALYST Workshops

27
Gilbert Leadership Graduates

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President's Circle *Plus* Members



President's Circle Members



Executive Level Members

