



Polish Professional Women
Silicon Valley



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This Year's Theme

We are thrilled to announce that PPWSV has reached its 4th anniversary! It is incredible how time flies. We are grateful to all of you for your remarkable contributions, insights, and participation, which helped us create a wonderful organization and community.

Last year, because of the continuing pandemic, we decided to focus all our activities on sustainable growth. We talked about our careers, lives, and goals. Even though it was a challenging time for us, both privately and professionally, it brought a few significant achievements:

- The PPWSV team grew; we now have 14 team members
- We have successfully established a new partnership with Ignite Project; you can find more information [here](#)
- We started a new program called Job Aid
- We organized the 1st PPWSV Academy session/meeting
- The Polish Ambassador invited PPWSV for an exclusive meeting
- We organized two in-person events with our members after 2 years of just virtual meetings:
 - Picnic in Sanborn Park
 - Sip'n Learn session with Inga Bielinska
- We continue to grow as a Non-Profit Organization!



This Year's Theme

This year, our theme is Engagement. To live a whole life, we must be engaged in all aspects to feel fulfilled. To explore engagement in all its dimensions and forms, we can ask ourselves:

How do we engage within our communities?

How about our families?

How do we engage with our current work?

How do we engage with ourselves?

Are we present in the current moment?

Do we find time to ask ourselves how we are doing?

As a non-profit organization, your presence and engagement bring significant value, and we hope you can feel it! We encourage you to connect with our members via social media, the PPWSV LinkedIn group, and at PPWSV events.

We hope you can play a part in our transformation movement within PPWSV.

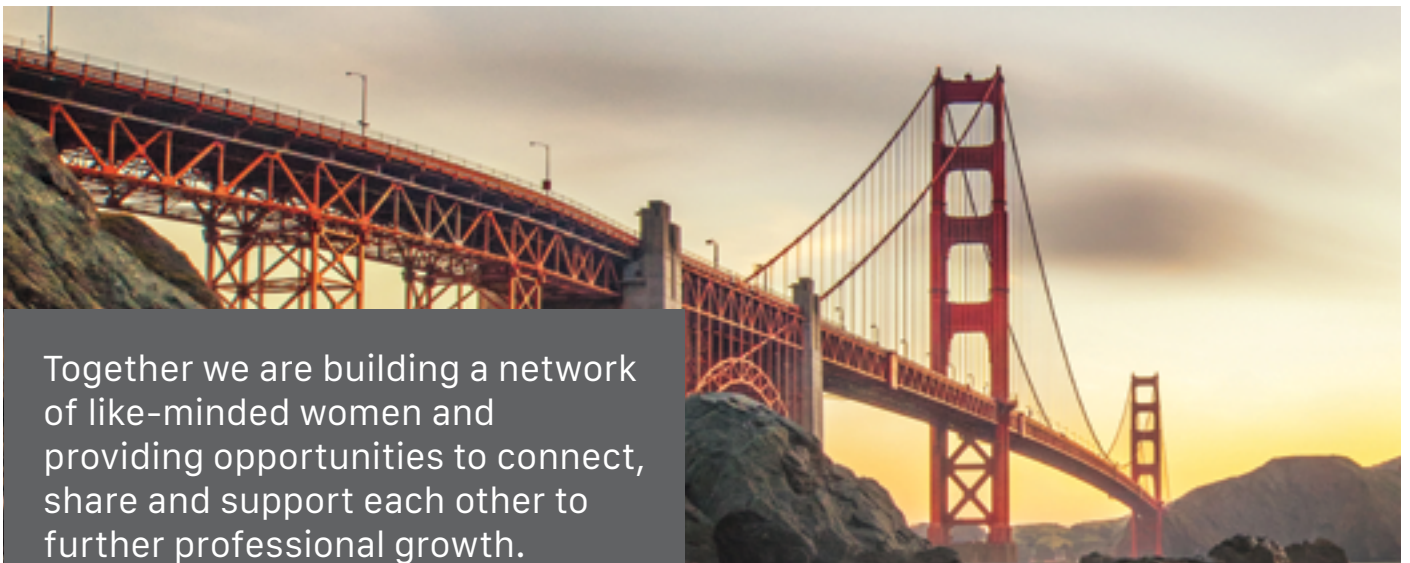
Thank you for being a part of PPWSV's journey, and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with you.

- **#engagement with ourselves**
- **#our presence**
- **#engagement within our communities**
- **#engagement within PPWSV**

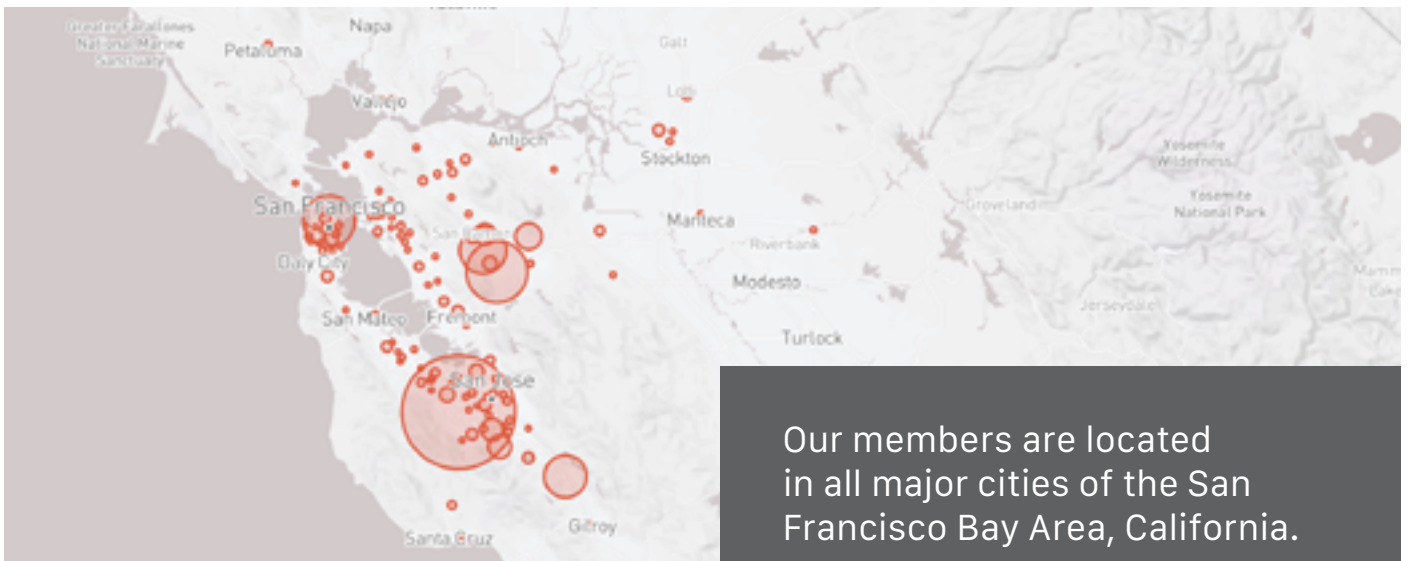


Who We Are

Polish Professional Women of Silicon Valley is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower women of Polish descent by providing support, training, and tools to elevate their careers. PPWSV also invites all allies who are willing to support its mission.



Together we are building a network of like-minded women and providing opportunities to connect, share and support each other to further professional growth.



Our members are located in all major cities of the San Francisco Bay Area, California.

Our Strategy

Starting in the 2023 New Year, we plan to continue our strategy for the next few years. Our main goal is to promote Polish Women in Silicon Valley and highlight their professional achievements by strengthening our bonds in the community and throughout the world.

We are executing it through learning and development programs and events. While the programs are focused on empowering women in their professional development and entering or reentering the labor market, the central role of the events is to inspire and build a unique and impactful network.

Programs:

- A Day In the Life Of... (DILO)
- Startup Mixer
- Job Aid
- PPWSV Academy

Events:

- International Women's Day Celebration
- Special Guest Events
- Networking Events
- Holiday Celebrations



Meet Our Team



Joanna Lorincz
Co-founder



Magdalena Jaworowicz, PhD
Co-founder



Piotr Jaworowicz, PhD
Strategic Advisor
& Creative Director



Izabela Stepniewski
Digital Marketing Manager



Karolina Mazaheri
Program Manager



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Event Program Manager



Olimpia Kaniak
Social Media Manager



Eliza Wysokiński
Treasury & Finance Manager



Justyna Krawczyk
Program Manager



Monika Evje
Talent Consultant



Joanna Broda-Schunck
Translator



Marlena Guderska
Graphic Designer, UI/UX



Gosia Herudzinska
Program Manager



Kasia Rogawska
Content Program Manager



Gosia Rios
Member Experience Manager

Our Successes

35%

**More
Members!**

15

**Meetings
and Events**

151

**Event
Participants**

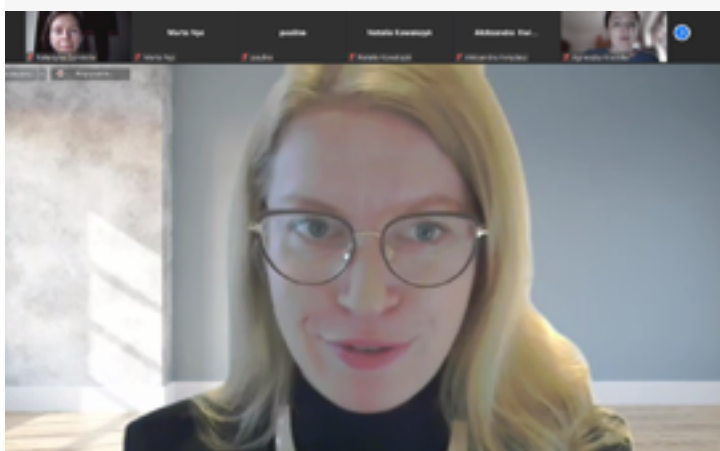
Our 2022 Events

FEBRUARY

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IGNITE - STEAM FOR GIRLS

WITH MAGDALENA JAWOROWICZ



As a part of the collaboration among PPWSV, Ignite, and Maciejko Foundation, we had the first virtual meeting with girls from Radom, Poland on 2/17. The guest speaker was Magdalena Jaworowicz, the PPWSV co-founder. The theme for the meeting was: IGNITE - STEAM for girls.

During the meeting, Magda shared her career journey, including lessons learned, best practices, and pearls of wisdom. It was a fantastic way of giving back. After the meeting, the attendees shared very positive feedback. Here are some comments: **"I was inspired by the robotics industry and Magda's history"**, **"I was inspired by the way robotic solutions can be used to help humans"**, **"I'm inspired by the robotics industry and Magdalena's profession"**.

PPWSV is going to continue this inspiring collaboration and is looking forward to the next meetings.

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 Ignite
WOMEN'S
Inspiring Girls Now
in Technology Evolution

Our 2022 Events

MARCH
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2022

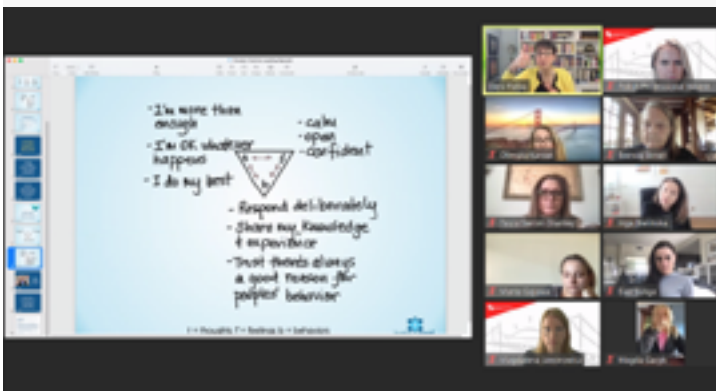
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**"HUMAN CENTRIC LEADING: RECLAIMING YOUR INNER POWER"
WITH ELENI PALLAS**



In 2022, we celebrated International Women's Day with our special guest, Eleni Pallas. For the last 14 years, Eleni has been coaching and educating leaders and team players who want to learn Human-Centric Leading and cultivate team cultures that shift people out of survival and into thriving.

This event was addressed to those of us who are wondering how to use leadership skills to boost hope in these difficult times and turn fear into action.



Our 2022 Events

MARCH
31
2022

CONNECTING TO OPPORTUNITIES ON LINKEDIN

WITH MONIKA EVJE



At the end of March, we kicked off our newest program, "Job Aid." During the inaugural online event, we enjoyed a timely refresher on using LinkedIn to connect to opportunities hosted by our resident LinkedIn specialist, Monika Evje. Many of our members felt motivated to update their profiles and learn new ways to engage on the platform and build their networks. Monika shared the latest and greatest from the professional network and drew from her experiences and specialist knowledge.



Our 2022 Events

APRIL
28
2022

COFFEE HOUR #1

”JAK BYĆ EKO, ŻEBY NIE ZWARIOWAĆ”



In April 2022, PPWSV launched a new program called “Coffee Hour” - a series of meetups where we share and collaborate to enrich and expand your knowledge in different subjects in a casual environment.

The first meeting in the series was devoted to ecology, which interests many of our members. Participants had the opportunity to continue the discussion on our closed Facebook group, “We are Polish Professional Women Silicon Valley.”



Our 2022 Events

MAY
18
2022

PPWSV ACADEMY #1

WITH MAGDALENA JAWOROWICZ

PPWSV ACADEMY

Typy osobowości -
model Hartmana

"Kod kolorów - typy
osobowości zaszyfrowane
w kolorach"



"PPWSV Academy: Hartmann Color Code Personality Workshop"

The PPWSV Academy offers self-development and personal growth training, workshops, and coaching programs to help members be more productive, confident, and self-aware. This time, in June, the PPWSV Academy initiator and trainer, Magda Jaworowicz, conducted a workshop about the Hartmann Color Code Personality.

The attendees were able to define their Hartman Personality Profile and their "driving core motives." Based on that assessment, we discussed the potential use of the Color Code finding communication in our private and professional lives.

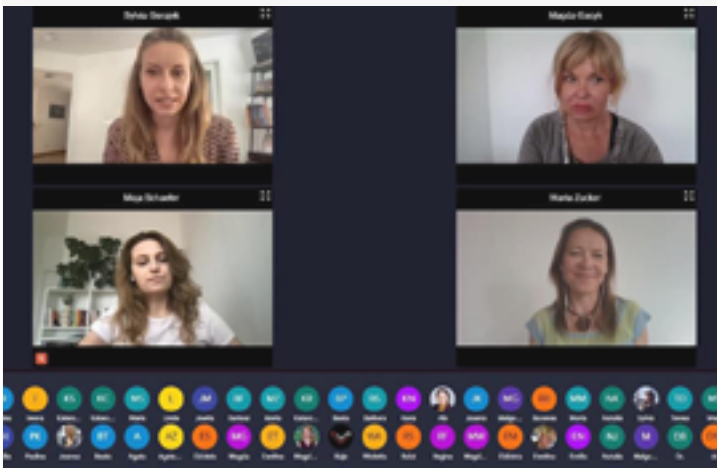
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jego pasją jest dokładność, szczegółowość, koncentracja na faktach, wykonuje wszystko tak jak należy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postępuje według instrukcji, aby wykonać pracę zgodnie z oczekiwaniami. Jest dobrze zorganizowany i punktualny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zwraca uwagę na szczegóły często powodowany nadmierną ostrożnością, wciąż poszukuje nowych informacji i grzebnie w analizach
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Our 2022 Events

MAY
24
2022

WOMEN IN STEM

ONLINE CONFERENCE BY EMBASSY OF POLAND
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



On May 24th, PPWSV was honored to participate in a virtual conference held by the Embassy of Poland in Washington, D.C. The conference topic included "Women in STEM: Bringing together American and Polish perspectives." Two of our members, Magda Gacyk and Marta Zucker, were panelists representing Silicon Valley's perspective on the subject.

Our 2022 Events

JUNE
22
2022

JOB AID - MY JOURNEY

MAGDALENA JAWOROWICZ



The My Journey meeting format aims to share lessons learned and experiences gained during the job search process. In June 2022, our member Magdalena Jaworowicz shared her job transition story with the Job Aid program attendees. During the meeting, Magdalena talked about her career development strategy, mindset changes, and tools that helped her achieve her goal and land her dream job. The presentation was full of practical tips, inspiration, and ideas that are easy to implement during any job application process.

Our 2022 Events

OCTOBER

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2022

MEETING WITH THE POLISH AMBASSADOR



On October 7th, PPWSV representatives were thrilled and honored to be invited for a meeting with the Polish Ambassador in the U.S., Marek Magierowski and his wife. We had the pleasure of conversing about women empowerment initiatives worldwide, the status of women in different cultural patterns, and perspectives for women's organizations. It was insightful and fascinating.

Our 2022 Events

OCTOBER

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2022

GET TOGETHER IN SANBORN PARK

SANBORN COUNTY PARK



- PPWSV MEMBERS' -

GET TOGETHER

09 OCTOBER 2022

October was a time to reconnect in person after an extended Covid break. Sanborn County Park provided a perfect setting for our first PPWSV picnic, an opportunity to mingle, network, and get to know each other better in a casual atmosphere. It was a great way to ease into all the planned events for our members.



Our 2022 Events

NOVEMBER

6

2022

SIP 'N LEARN SELF-DISCOVERY SESSION

MILPITAS, BIG DOG WINERY



At the beginning of November, Polish Professional Women of Silicon Valley hosted a unique Self-Discovery Workshop with a Certified Coach Inga Bielinska. Inga is a Master Certified Coach, business trainer, and mentor. She is part of Forbes Coaches Council and Newsweek Expert Forum pause.



This event, which attracted a large crowd of participants, was a unique opportunity to pause and reflect on how to get closer to our authentic selves. Using various prompts, Inga helped us tap into our collective wisdom through a guided exchange of ideas with other participants, inspiring us to set new goals in a relaxed atmosphere.



After the workshop, we had an opportunity to network and update our members on what's in store for PPWSV. Lastly, we were happy and proud to support a local small business by hosting this event at Big Dog Winery in Milpitas. The event allowed us to unwind and deepen our connections while sipping local wines among the breathtaking mountain views.

Get Involved

We are ecstatic that you have read our publication!
And yeah, we would be thrilled to hear from you!



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Have someone in mind we should talk to?
Please make an introduction to connect us!



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with our members.



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girls by sharing your career stories.
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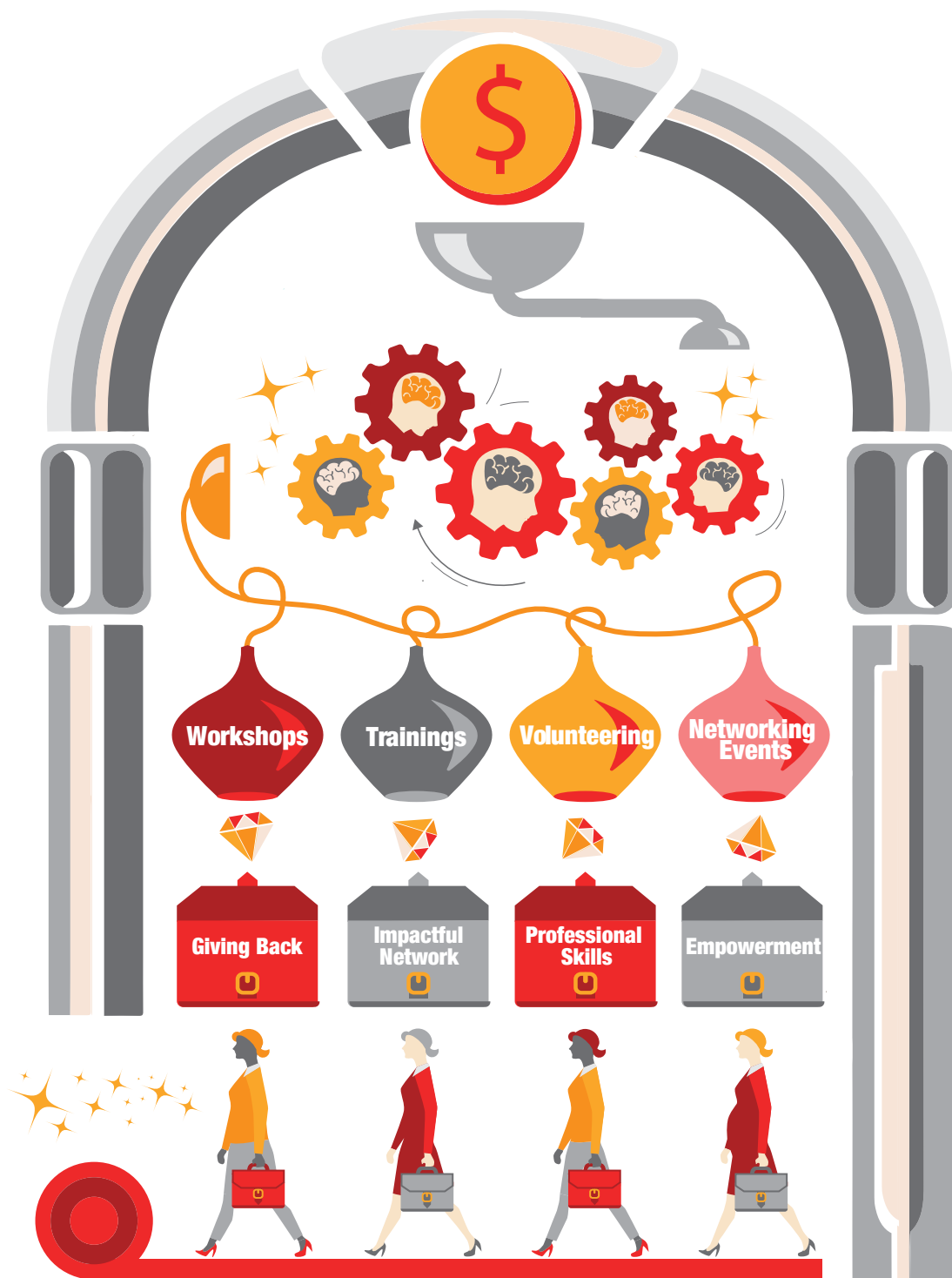
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