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Participant Testimonials

Attendee feedback from post-convening surveys across Oklahoma City, Baltimore, and Cleveland.

Respondents were anonymous, so quotes are attributed generically by city rather than by name.

Oklahoma City — November 2025

“The enthusiasm, the content, the right community leaders, the big announcements, the opportunity to network with people in leadership positions and to hear from successful leaders with big visions for the Heartland.”

— an Oklahoma City convening attendee

“Grateful for the kind staff, quality production, and amazing venues!”

— an Oklahoma City convening attendee

“The diverse perspectives attending the event, exceptional panel discussion and breakout sessions were beneficial.”

— an Oklahoma City convening attendee

“The capacity of connection, inclusion, opportunities and forward movement as a whole in America.”

— an Oklahoma City convening attendee

Baltimore — April 2026

“The caliber of the people and organizations that were in the room was exceptional. The program was well-thought.”

— a Baltimore convening attendee

“It was absolutely amazing! Very well organized. The organizers were professional, kind, friendly, and awesome.”

— a Baltimore convening attendee

“The panel content and speakers. The format as quick inspirational segments — I left so inspired by everyone.”

— a Baltimore convening attendee

“Loved the collection of Government, Philanthropy, Business, Media, and Service Providers in the same space.”

— a Baltimore convening attendee

Cleveland — June 2026

“The format of the presentations, depth of knowledge shared, and the ability to network with a very diverse audience.”

— a Cleveland convening attendee

“The group was terrific — a great cross section of funders and partners. The site visits were the standout.”

— a Cleveland convening attendee

“From the venue to the program to the execution, this was an energetic and transformative event to be part of.”

— a Cleveland convening attendee

“Really informative for what makes Cleveland unique — the landscape and ecosystem, and its people.”

— a Cleveland convening attendee

Public recognition

Unprompted LinkedIn praise from Baltimore and Cleveland attendees. These are public posts from named individuals, so we recommend sign-off before quoting them by name.

“Alignment. Hope. Collaboration. Momentum. That's what's sticking with me today after spending all day surrounded by inspiring leaders from Baltimore and beyond at Big Bets for America.”

— Maria Victoria Abreu, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Marketing, Pikesville Armory Foundation, via LinkedIn

“Rebuilding America's industrial base will require collaboration, capital, and commitment to long-term ecosystem formation — and that's what is happening in Cleveland. No wonder The Rockefeller Foundation decided to host their third Big Bets for America there.”

— Ken Biberaj, Executive Managing Director, Savills North America, via LinkedIn



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