

WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international nonprofit founded in 1981 that delivers more than \$100 million in personalized support annually for children, elders and families living in poverty in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Unbound utilizes a decentralized approach to provide individuals, families and communities access to resources, support and the ability to make decisions that improve their lives and uphold human dignity. Leaning into our core values of respect for the inherent dignity of all people, authenticity, innovation and optimism, Unbound offers a practical way for supporters to make a personal and direct impact as partners in our global community.

MISSION

Support families and communities worldwide on their self-directed paths out of poverty.

HOW WE CREATE CHANGE

CHILD SPONSORSHIP – Connecting two individuals across geographic, economic and social boundaries, child sponsorship enables the development of a relationship based on listening, encouragement and mutual respect.

ELDER SPONSORSHIP – Providing steady support to older adults living in poverty through direct cash assistance or other resources for needs like nutrition, medical care and housing, elder sponsorship also combats social isolation.

CASH TRANSFERS – Direct cash transfers put the decision-making power in the hands of families.

GOAL ORIENTATION BY POVERTY STOPLIGHT – Families self-assess their unique situations and set realistic goals while identifying a path to achieving them.

MOTHERS GROUPS – Small groups of mothers function as a support network of like-minded women working together to identify problems and implement solutions in their communities.

AGENTS OF CHANGE – Grants create space for the people closest to a problem to identify community needs and design and implement local solutions.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Aspiring young adults gain the opportunity to pursue education, become role models and serve their communities.

GLOBAL CLASSMATES – Designed especially for schools, our Global Classmates program offers students in the U.S. the opportunity to form a friendship with a student across the world while gaining global perspective and building character.

CRITICAL NEEDS FUND – Provides essential support to families in natural disasters, health crises and other unexpected setbacks.

QUICK FACTS

- 260,000 children, young adults and elders in Africa, Asia and Latin America served.
- 91% of Unbound's expenses go to program support.
- 98% of sponsored individuals and their families receive their benefits through direct cash transfers.
- Unbound is the only major U.S.-based organization that offers sponsorship for elders.
- Over \$4 million awarded in scholarships in 2024 to help aspiring young adults pursue education.
- \$1.27 million in Critical Needs funds have gone toward supporting families recovering from various crises.
- A+ rating from CharityWatch, meets BBB Wise Giving Alliance's rigorous standards for charity accountability, and earns top rankings from Charity Navigator, Candid and GreatNonprofits.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

With more than 200,000 sponsors throughout the U.S., Unbound would love to share the compelling stories highlighting local people who help bring creative solutions to poverty to life. Unbound also has a global network of subject-matter experts available for interviews on topics such as international development, child and elder sponsorship, education, entrepreneurship, disaster response and recovery, women's empowerment, microfinancing, cash transfers and program evaluation, among others.

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