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2024: CREATING LASTING CHANGE

ANNUAL REPORT





Souleymane, 13, benefits from education programs in Mali.

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Dear friends,

Twelve-year-old Muntosh lost his older brother in a landslide while the two were working in a cobalt mine in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Now, Muntosh is back in the classroom, enrolled in one of Save the Children’s Catch-Up Clubs, making progress, regaining confidence and dreaming of becoming an electrician.

Of the estimated 2.4 billion children in the world, far too many, like Muntosh, are facing challenges that threaten their health, their ability to learn – even their survival. In 2024:

- 1 billion children lacked access to basic rights including nutritious food, clean water or quality education.
- 1 billion children were at risk due to extreme climate events.
- Nearly 1 billion children faced violence at home, at school and online.
- Over 473 million children lived in areas affected by conflict.

Of course, many children endure all these threats at once. But in these daunting circumstances, Save the Children, our partners and our supporters never wavered in our commitment to children. Last year we:

- Reached more than 113.6 million children in 113 countries.
- Responded to 112 emergencies across 75 countries.
- Provided 28.9 million children with health and nutrition services.
- Engaged with 250 rural communities across 14 U.S. states.
- Helped secure nearly \$4 billion in new Congressional funding for international and U.S. nutrition and early education programs.

This work and more was made possible by more than \$987 million in contributions from donors, including government and multilateral agencies and corporate and foundation partners. In addition, 1.5 million individual supporters played a vital role in advancing our mission for children through financial support and/or advocacy.


These statistics are impressive, but what’s really moving are the personal stories of the children and families we work with. We’ll introduce you to a few of these people in this report. You’ll meet Telya and her 2-year-old daughter, Bella, whose visits from our Mobile Classrooms have helped fill the gap created by a lack of early learning resources in rural South Carolina. You’ll learn the difference a pair of glasses made for 10-year-old Huma, displaced by violence in Syria and earthquakes in Türkiye. And you’ll recognize the importance of shelter and cash assistance to Salha, a widow with seven children living amid conflict in Sudan.

As we celebrate these stories and milestones, we must acknowledge that foreign aid cuts in the United States and around the world have had a significant impact on our operations – and will continue to challenge us in the years ahead. Across our global movement, we’ve focused on identifying our most critical lifesaving interventions, assessing alternative funding opportunities and making operational adjustments to continue essential services wherever possible.

This moment of disruption is also a moment of opportunity to not just redesign projects and programs, but to fully reimagine our pathways for delivering impact.

Despite the increasing challenges we face as a humanitarian community, the urgency of our work propels us forward, as does the unwavering strength and resilience of the families, children and communities we work alongside every day.

Thank you for your continued support in transforming the lives of millions of children around the world. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you.


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*Names changed for protection

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT IN 2024

THIS IS WHAT LASTING CHANGE LOOKS LIKE:

113.6 MIL

Last year, we reached more than 113.6 million children worldwide.



28.9 MIL

children supported through health and nutrition programs



7.5 MIL

children learning and accessing the education they deserve



2.9 MIL

children protected from crisis



30.9 MIL

Our emergency response work supported over 30.9 million people – including 16.9 million children – across more than 75 countries.



113

Save the Children worked in 113 countries in 2024.



After conflict forced 10-year-old Lana* and 11-year-old Naji* to flee their home in Syria, Save the Children provided nutritious food baskets to help their family resettle.

*Names changed for protection



In Eastern Kentucky, 13-year-old Aaron participates in Bridges, a psychosocial program that helps kids heal after natural disasters.

Photo: Shawn Millsaps / Save the Children

U.S. PROGRAMS

CREATING LASTING CHANGE IN THE U.S.

Every child deserves a quality education, but millions living in rural America are falling through the cracks. Childcare deserts, limited resources and fewer teachers are just some of the challenges preventing children from achieving their full potential.

Save the Children works in partnership with these communities to make sure every child has the opportunity to learn, grow and realize their ambitions.

Last year, we helped children thrive by providing education programs and mental health resources:

- We supported over 250 rural communities across 14 states – Arizona, Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia – to break down barriers to education, promote healthy development and create supportive environments where children can thrive.
- Our signature early childhood education program, Early Steps to School Success, supported over 7,000 children and their caregivers across 11 states. More than 85% of the caregivers we worked with reported they now read with their child at least three to four times per week, while 89% of 3-year-olds and 92% of 5-year-olds enrolled in the

program scored at or above the expected normal range for language development.

- More than 13,000 children across 187 schools participated in our school-age literacy program, and over 5,000 children across nine states took part in our math program – both achieving growth above the national average. This impact was especially clear in Perry County, Kentucky, where third-grade reading proficiency rose by 25% and fifth-grade math scores improved by 16%.
- We continued advocating for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), our nation's most critical hunger-fighting program. In addition to helping low-income families afford food, every \$1 spent on SNAP returns nearly \$1.50 back into the economy!
- Our Rural Early Learning Impact Network launched in more than 20 communities across eight states to help improve kindergarten readiness, third-grade reading and fifth-grade math. We expect the Network to benefit children living in poverty and children with disabilities – getting us closer to our ambition to give all children in rural America a healthy, strong foundation to thrive as learners and in life.

U.S. PROGRAMS

A BRIGHT START FOR BELLA

IN RURAL
SOUTH CAROLINA

In rural South Carolina, where childcare options are scarce and costly, Save the Children's Mobile Classroom is bridging the gap in early education.

For Telya, mother of 2-year-old Bella, early learning resources are limited. She explains, "It is kind of hard around here because they don't have many daycares, so the waiting lists are long."

That's where Save the Children's Mobile Classrooms come in. Ordinary white vans on the outside transform into vibrant learning hubs on the inside, complete with books, toys, magnetic letterboards, a play kitchen and healthy snacks. More than a vehicle, the van brings connection and opportunity right into families' front yards.

But the real magic comes from Bieonka, one of our Early Steps to School Success Coordinators. She provides not only books and games but warmth, wisdom and encouragement. Through home visits and mobile sessions, Bieonka supports early literacy, play-based learning and school readiness.

In underserved areas where libraries and pre-K are often out of reach, programs like this are vital. They give children like Bella access to quality early learning opportunities – giving them a stronger start in school and in life.

For Bella and Telya, the impact has been profound. Telya says: "They've given me time I look forward to, learning and bonding with my daughter."



"Save the Children has provided my daughter and myself with someone that I can rely on to help with furthering her education," – Telya

2-year-old Bella plays with blocks inside Save the Children's mobile classroom in South Carolina.



14-year-old Sarah (right) and her classmate, Jennifer (left), attend our Catch-Up Club in Uganda.

Photo: Save the Children in Uganda

EDUCATION

PROTECTING A CHILD'S RIGHT TO LEARN

Education can change a child's world and transform their future, but children around the world are being denied this basic right due to poverty, conflict, displacement and environmental disasters.

Save the Children invests in schools, teachers and communities to bridge the global learning gap – because every child deserves to learn.

Last year, we gave millions of children access to life-changing education and development opportunities – opening doors to brighter futures and endless possibilities.

- We helped 7.6 million children around the world take part in safe, inclusive and quality learning.
- 6 million children globally reached key learning milestones thanks to our support, ensuring they have the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in school and life.
- Our 48 Safe Back to School and Learning projects accelerated the reading, math and life skills of more than 475,000 people in 26 countries. We also partnered with Yale University to help the hardest-to-reach children participate in remote learning – helping them overcome barriers to education and access learning opportunities.

- We reached 94,000 children worldwide through our 4,000 Catch-Up Clubs. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), these clubs helped tackle child labor in cobalt mines by allowing children to stay in school or successfully return to the classroom.
- In Egypt, our Literate Village project improved women's literacy and increased primary school-aged children's reading skills, helping families break the cycle of poverty and giving kids a stronger foundation for their future.
- We built a new environmentally resilient school in a flood-prone region of Pakistan. It's designed to withstand extreme weather and has solar panels to provide sustainable, uninterrupted electricity.
- In Iraq, we helped secure the passage of a law that protects the rights of people with disabilities by making schools more accessible.

EDUCATION

HUMA'S OPPORTUNITY

FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

“When the glasses arrived, I felt really happy. I could see the board. I could write,” says 10-year-old Huma*

When the devastating earthquakes struck Türkiye in 2023, Huma and her family – already displaced from Syria – lost most material possessions and what little stability they had. Forced to move between tents and camps, the family faced freezing temperatures, poor access to services and limited resources.

Huma, who was born with albinism and as a result has very limited sight, faced many challenges. Struggling to see the board and bullied for her appearance, she fell behind in school and became withdrawn. Her mother became increasingly concerned.

After speaking with Huma and understanding her needs, our team recognized that assistive technology could be a transformative tool. By providing her with telescopic glasses, we helped unlock new possibilities – dramatically enhancing Huma's ability to see and empowering her to read, write and fully engage in school alongside her peers. It was a meaningful step toward inclusion, independence and a brighter future.

In addition to the telescopic glasses, Huma's family received winter clothing – chosen by the children themselves – specially designed kits to help children heal from trauma and cash assistance to help families afford rent, food and essentials.

Today, Huma's confidence is growing, and she has big dreams for the future. “When I grow up, I'd like to be an eye doctor. Because [I like] helping people,” she says.

“When the glasses arrived, I felt really happy because I could see the board in the classroom. I could write.” – Huma

With her telescopic glasses, Huma* can now enjoy reading, writing and drawing independently.

*Names changed for protection



HEALTH & NUTRITION

CHILDREN DESERVE A HEALTHY START IN LIFE

Natural disasters, extreme climate events and violent conflicts across the globe are destroying healthcare systems and sparking severe disease outbreaks and hunger crises. Every day, more children die from preventable and treatable causes.

Our teams save children's lives and build healthier futures. We help provide access to clean water, sanitation services and medical support to treat injuries, illnesses and diseases, as well as nutrition-related conditions such as malnutrition.

Last year, we delivered health care to some of the hardest-to-reach places in the world, where it's toughest to be a child.

- Thanks to our support, 15 million children and women received vaccines, skilled birth attendance and other maternal and child health services to keep them healthy and safe throughout pregnancy and birth.
- We prevented and treated malnutrition in 12.1 million children, including 773,000 children who received treatment for acute malnutrition.
- Our Emergency Health Unit played a crucial role in responding to the war in Gaza by setting up a maternity and newborn unit as well as two integrated primary healthcare centers. These facilities treated more than

40,000 patients, helped deliver 186 babies and trained more than 50 health and support staff.

- In Rwanda, we made childbirth safer for displaced women by renovating a medical center and using drones to quickly deliver blood and medical supplies. Now, expectant mothers no longer have to travel hours to receive specialist care.
- We improved how pneumonia and diarrhea are detected and treated for children under 5 in Kenya's urban slums by using an innovative digital platform.
- By equipping thousands of community health workers with bikes and medical kits in Cote d'Ivoire, we empowered them to cycle to remote communities, leading to a dramatic reduction in malaria cases – up to a 70% decrease in some areas.
- In Cambodia, our Eliminating Violence against Children in Schools project gave children in 43 primary schools the skills to support their peers' mental well-being.

Save the Children's Therapeutic Feeding Unit in Afghanistan started treating Roya* for malnutrition when she was just 7 months old.

*Names changed for protection

Photo: Sacha Myers/Save the Children

LUZ MARINA'S JOURNEY FROM MALNUTRITION TO MOTHERHOOD

IN COLOMBIA

Luz Marina* discovered she was pregnant after falling from a hammock and being rushed to a clinic with abdominal pain. There, she learned she was eight weeks pregnant and suffering from malnutrition.

Luz Marina was referred to Save the Children's Maternal and Child Health Clinic in La Guajira, Colombia, where she received critical prenatal care, nutrition support and attended workshops on lactation and parenting.

"My pregnancy was a bit risky because I was underweight," Luz Marina explains. "They gave me lots of advice about food. I started to eat more than I used to."

Throughout her pregnancy, Luz Marina faced multiple health threats, including bleeding and the risk of premature birth. "I almost lost him," she says. "Save the Children took me to the hospital. I had to have an emergency C-section."

Following her son's birth, Luz Marina continued to receive support from Save the Children. "They helped me with lactation; they helped me a lot. I didn't know anything because this is my first child."

The couple credits Save the Children for helping bring their son, Oscar José, safely into the world. "It hasn't been easy," her husband said, "but here he is – through the effort of all of us – us as parents and the institution [Save the Children] that helped us."

Luz Marina adds, "I came to Save the Children because someone told me that Save the Children helps those that truly need it. And in that moment, I was in real need."

**Names changed for protection*

Photo: Angela Ponce / Save the Children

"Save the Children really helped me." – Luz Marina

Luz Marina holds baby Oscar José outside their home in an informal settlement, where Save the Children provides lifesaving health services.



Save the Children installs solar-powered wells in drought-stricken communities, allowing 12-year-old Atika from Indonesia to attend school instead of traveling long distances to fetch water.

Photo: Ulet Ifansasti / Save the Children

RESILIENT FAMILIES

A SAFETY NET FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children around the world are suffering due to the impacts of poverty and environmental disasters, their families forced to make desperate choices to survive.

We help families foster stable home environments that reduce the risks of child abuse, neglect and exploitation by addressing environmental risks and alleviating poverty.

Last year, we equipped communities with the tools and knowledge to build secure livelihoods – enabling them to better withstand climate shocks and adapt to environmental changes for future generations.

- We provided livelihoods support to 7 million children and their families, including cash and voucher assistance for 1.6 million people to prevent them from falling back on damaging coping strategies like child labor and child marriage.
- In Ethiopia, we empowered conflict-affected farming communities to revive their agricultural production, secure food supplies and restore incomes by providing cash assistance, seeds, farm tools, training and solutions like irrigation. This comprehensive support paved the way for long-term recovery and sustainable livelihoods.
- We supported 15 countries in developing action plans to prepare for a wide range of hazards – including extreme weather, disease outbreaks and crop pests. Last year, 11 countries activated early action plans, helping protect more than 350,000 children and adults before disasters struck. These proactive measures were deployed ahead of droughts in Mozambique, Pakistan and Ethiopia, a cold wave in Nepal and El Niño-related hazards in Bangladesh.
- More than 10 countries across the Sahel region, Ethiopia and Malawi strengthened their social support systems – including cash transfers, food assistance and care services – through capacity-building efforts led by our team. These improvements are helping governments respond more quickly and effectively to natural disasters, pandemics, conflicts and other crises.
- Over the past three years, our advocacy efforts have influenced 34 governments to adopt child-sensitive environmental policies – ensuring children are properly considered in plans to address the impacts of extreme weather.

RESILIENT FAMILIES

BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN VANUATU

“When the wind came, it brought the trees and roofs down,” recalls 11-year-old Charley. “Stones rolled, the sea became rough.”

In 2023, twin Cyclones Judy and Kevin slammed into his island in Vanuatu, destroying homes and wiping out crops. “After the cyclone, food was scarce. We ate a little, but I was still hungry,” Charley says.

With harvests gone, many families relied on emergency food packages – crackers and biscuits with little nutritional value. Determined to prevent hunger from striking again, Charley’s community launched a food preservation project with support from Save the Children.

Together, we built a shared garden and installed solar-powered drying racks on the church roof. Now, harvested vegetables are dried, vacuum-packed and stored safely so Charley’s community has a reliable, healthy food supply in the event of future storms.

Ana, Charley’s mother, leads the packaging process. “I wanted to get involved because I knew that it would help my family and help our community,” she says. “If a cyclone strikes, we will not worry like before. We have plenty of food prepared.”

Charley and his twin sister, Jovana, love helping their mom package the food. Thanks to this initiative, their community is better equipped to bounce back when the next disaster hits.



“If a cyclone strikes,
we will not worry
like before.” – Charley

11-year-old Charley vacuum packs solar-dried food to help his family prepare for cyclones and flooding in Vanuatu.

Photo: Conor Ashleigh / Save the Children



PROTECTION

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARM

Millions of children are experiencing violence at home or in their wider community.

Keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do. In some of the world’s worst disasters, we’ve supported children in overcoming trauma and led advocacy efforts to ensure their needs are a top priority.

Last year, we protected children from physical and emotional violence and helped survivors grow into healthy, nurturing adults.

- We supported 2.6 million children affected by conflict and violence with child protection and mental health and psychosocial support services.
- In Sierra Leone, we influenced the ban on child marriage – a landmark moment for a country where one-third of girls are married before the age of 18. We also contributed to efforts that saw Gambia uphold a ban on female genital mutilation.

- Our advocacy work helped persuade more than 102 governments to submit pledges against corporal punishment and child marriage and commit to safer schools and online safety. In 2024, Laos officially became the first country in Southeast Asia to ban corporal punishment altogether.
- In Afghanistan, we supported the reintegration and healing of approximately 400 children who had been drawn into armed conflict, helping them reclaim their childhood and rebuild their futures.
- We launched Safe Digital Childhood, a global initiative to transform the online landscape, ensuring equitable access to technology and digital skills for all children. In Bolivia, we’ve already engaged more than 2,000 caregivers, reached 2,348 children and adolescents and trained 1,324 public servants to advance digital safety and literacy.

Lina*, 12 at a Girls Empowerment Center, run by Save the Children, in Zaatari Refugee Camp, Jordan.

*Names changed for protection

Photo: Katya Moskalyyuk/Save the Children

PROTECTION

MUNTOSH ESCAPES THE MINES AND GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

12-year-old Muntosh* spent six years working in cobalt mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mining took a heavy toll on Muntosh's health and childhood, exposing him to disease, infection and exhaustion. "I don't like going into quarries because it hurts my body," he says.

The hazardous conditions in the mines include the constant threat of deadly landslides. One claimed the life of his older brother. Muntosh explains, "We were collecting right next to it. The earth slipped. It covered my big brother and he died."

Everything changed for Muntosh when he enrolled in Save the Children's Catch-Up Club. This accelerated learning program is just one example of how Save the Children protects kids like Muntosh from harmful work and exploitation. The program is designed to support children who've been forced to drop out of school due to poverty, conflict or crisis and help them recover lost learning.

At the club, Muntosh regained his literacy, numeracy and other skills. "I feel great," he said, "because my intelligence is coming back. I'm trying to take care of my life."

Now that he's back in the classroom, Muntosh is building a safer, brighter future for himself and his family. He plans to become an electrician. "One of my favorite classes is math," he says.

**Names changed for protection*

"I feel great because
my intelligence is
coming back." – *Muntosh*

Save the Children's Catch-Up Club helped 12-year-old Muntosh leave the cobalt mines and return to learning.

Photo: Save the Children



Save the Children administers a polio vaccine in Gaza, where conflict has destroyed hospitals and medical centers.

Photo: Save the Children

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

DELIVERING LIFESAVING SUPPORT WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

Recent years have seen terrifying global crises impact children around the world. Families are living through unimaginable disasters including armed conflicts, extreme weather-related events, famine and disease outbreaks. More people than ever before are being forced to leave their homes, communities and livelihoods behind in search of safety.

We work with communities – globally and here in the United States – to prepare for and mitigate the impact of disasters, partnering with governments and local organizations to provide assistance as soon as an emergency hits.

Last year, we delivered immediate help to families caught up in devastating humanitarian crises.

- We responded to 112 humanitarian emergencies, reaching 30.9 million people – including 16.9 million children – in crisis-affected areas such as Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Sudan, Mozambique, Gaza and Lebanon. Through our coordinated efforts, children and families received lifesaving support, safe spaces, learning opportunities, essential health care and financial assistance – ensuring immediate relief and long-term resilience in the face of crisis.
- Our Children’s Emergency Fund enabled us to provide fast, flexible assistance to 23.8 million people across 71 countries, strengthening the capacity of more than 100 local and national partners around the world.
- In Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee, we supported 22,700 people impacted by hurricanes Helene and Milton, providing

financial assistance and essential items such as hygiene kits, diapers, winter clothing and specialized kits that helped children feel safe, supported caregivers under stress and brought comfort to families amidst crisis. We also provided emergency grants to restore damaged childcare centers and other places of learning.

- Our Emergency Health Unit team of expert doctors, nurses, midwives and water, sanitation and hygiene specialists traveled at a moment’s notice to the heart of six crises, including those in the DRC, Rwanda, Sudan, Zambia and Gaza. They reached more than 481,000 people, including 135,000 children, and trained 1,805 health personnel to help build stronger, more resilient health systems.
- In Sudan, we provided access to quality health services through fixed and mobile clinics to more than 700,000 people, including over 480,000 children.
- In Gaza, we provided unaccompanied and separated children with mental health and psychosocial support, working with our partners to help locate their families and loved ones.
- When the mpox outbreak in the DRC and neighboring countries was declared a public health emergency of international concern, we supported efforts across 10 countries to control the spread of the disease. This included providing training for community health workers, personal protective equipment and other medical supplies.

A SAFE HAVEN FOR SALHA'S CHILDREN IN SUDAN

When conflict reached Sudan's capital, it shattered Salha's* world.

A strike destroyed the upper floor of her apartment building, trapping the widow and her seven children inside for seven harrowing days. "We sat under the stairwell from eight o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening," Salha recalls, "without food, without water and [with] bullet shells falling everywhere."

To escape the violence, she traded her ring for transport to Gedaref. There, Salha and her kids crowded into a classroom with ten other families – and shared two bathrooms with nearly a hundred more. Boys over 14 were forced to sleep outside, fully exposed to the elements.

But even amid hardship, Salha's family found hope.

They were among the first to move into Save the Children's newly built shelters, where Salha's kids finally felt comfortable and safe. "The atmosphere is wonderful," she shares. "There are no unpleasant odors, [and] there is a kind of privacy."

Save the Children also provides nutritious meals and medical care, protecting refugees from injuries, anemia and chronic diseases. Salha receives cash assistance to help cover her family's basic needs, while the kids spend time learning, playing and processing their trauma at our child-friendly space.

"Save the Children did not fail us," says Salha. "They stood with us."

In a world turned upside down, her children now have safety, dignity and a reason to smile.

**Names changed for protection*



"I remember when
the organization
[Save the Children]
first came. It was the
happiest day." – Salha*

Salha, stands tall with her children – Leila*, 11, Nadia*, 10, Ahmed*, 13, and Abdullah, 18 - outside the shelter they now call home, after fleeing the violence that tore through their lives.

ADVOCACY

SPEAKING OUT TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE

Our advocacy arm, Save the Children Action Network (SCAN), empowers children and young people to fight for their right to a brighter future.

We work alongside our nation's leaders at all levels to expand early childhood education in the U.S. and protect and support children around the world.

In 2024, we mobilized our grassroots movement to engage with lawmakers and build bipartisan support for policies that benefit children – in the U.S. and worldwide. Throughout the year, we:

- Helped secure nearly \$4 billion in federal funding for international and U.S. nutrition and early education programs.
- Held 500 meetings with lawmakers, from state houses to the White House.
- Sent 930,000 messages to the president, Congress and individual state houses.
- Celebrated our 10th anniversary and a decade of community events, advocacy campaigns and impact for kids across the nation.

- Reached over 259,000 voters and engaged 130 candidates during election season, encouraging them to put children's futures first and prioritize early learning and child hunger programs.
- Improved voter turnout with our High 5 for Kids campaign, encouraging candidates running for local, state or federal office to clearly state their positions on early learning and child hunger.
- Protected billions in funding for early learning and education programs by helping defeat ballot measure I-2109 in Washington State.
- Helped elect six bipartisan champions for children in New Hampshire and Iowa.
- Supported students in more than 60 high school and college clubs in developing their civic leadership skills to become committed grassroots organizers and advocates for children's rights.

SCAN volunteers head to Capitol Hill to meet with their lawmakers and advocate for kids' futures.

Photo: Victoria Ziegler / Save the Children

CREATING LASTING CHANGE

ADVOCACY

STANDING UP FOR CHILDREN IN THE U.S.

At just 17, Charisma, a high school junior from Kentucky, is emerging as a bold young leader through a Save the Children-supported program – using her voice to drive change in her community and beyond.

This program aims to empower young people like Charisma to achieve their educational and leadership potential. Together with her peers, she's learning how to make a difference in her community through civic engagement and citizen action.

Charisma says, "I'm in love with being involved in the community. I can't even begin to explain how it makes me feel except that it's like giving a Christmas present. You just know you are doing something good."

Rhonda, the founder of the program, says Charisma "stands for others. She calls things out when she sees there are wrongs."

During a civic project, Charisma addressed the city council to advocate for critical park safety upgrades to protect local children. "Our main priority," she says, "was to keep children safe."

She's now focused on a new initiative to strengthen support for mental health in her community. Charisma says, "We are in the beginning stages of creating a Youth Mental Health Advisory Team. But I want to do more, much more, and make it BIG! Mental health is so important."

Charisma recently took part in a rally supporting Senate Bill 63, also known as the CROWN Act. This important legislation aims to end discrimination due to race-based, natural hairstyles within public schools and the workplace.

Rhonda says, "Charisma is an inspiration for us all. Be like Charisma – a voice, not an echo."

Photo: Victoria Ziegler / Save the Children

"I'm in love with being involved
in the community." – Charisma

Teen activist Charisma found her home away from home at a Save the Children-supported foundation in Kentucky.



THE PEOPLE THAT DRIVE THE PURPOSE

At Save the Children, we know that how we work is as vital as what we achieve. Our ability to make a lasting difference for children depends on a dedicated team who feels truly seen, heard and valued. When staff are supported and empowered to bring their full selves to this mission, their impact multiplies. That's why we're investing not only in programs, but in the people behind them—fostering a culture of belonging, respect, and purpose. Because when our people thrive, children do, too.

Creating and nurturing this culture requires commitment and adherence to a set of core values that recognize and shape how we treat our work and each other:

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Ambition
- Creativity

HOW WE SPARK CHANGE

Innovation runs deep in our organizational DNA. Since 1919, we've been committed to and striving for new ways to accelerate impact. Together with a diverse range of public and private partners, Save the Children U.S. has been working hard to:

BUILD AN AGILE, INCLUSIVE AND EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION

We foster a diverse global workforce that employs nimble ways of working to deliver our strategies.



PARTNER STRATEGICALLY

We collaborate with diverse public- and private-sector organizations, driving equitable relationships to accelerate better outcomes for children.



CAPITALIZE ON DIGITAL AND DATA

We use digital platforms to campaign more effectively, create better experiences for supporters and strengthen our ability to anticipate children's needs.



SHIFT POWER TO CHILDREN, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL PARTNERS

We want to elevate children's voices, support their rights and be accountable to them and their communities in our program delivery.



ADVOCATE, CAMPAIGN AND MOBILIZE

We support children in their efforts to advocate and campaign for their own interests and endeavor to mobilize the public in support of policies that support the interests of children and families.




GROW AND FOSTER OUR SUPPORTER BASE

We can't effectively pursue any of the aforementioned strategies without attracting new donors and advocates while nurturing those we already have.




AN ORGANIZATION YOU CAN TRUST


At the heart of our mission is a commitment to excellence, transparency and accountability – so you can feel confident in the integrity and impact of our work. The certifications and ratings below represent the trust we've earned from respected accreditation bodies and industry monitors.




Save the Children earned a coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most used evaluator of charities. Ratings are updated annually based on two broad area of a charity's performance: financial health and accountability & transparency.




Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Awards asks volunteers, donors and people served by nonprofits to share stories of inspiration and express their appreciation.




CharityWatch is a nonprofit charity watchdog and information service that provides ratings for approximately 500 major U.S. charities. Save the Children received high marks for amount spent on programs relative to overhead and low cost to raise a dollar.



Save the Children is the only child-focused international NGO accredited by the UN's Green Climate Fund (GCF), the world's largest fund dedicated to preparing low-income countries for the impacts of climate change.



We're proud to have received the Candid (formerly GuideStar) Platinum Seal of Transparency, showing our commitment to openness, accountability, and impact. Candid awards seals based on the quality of information nonprofits share about their mission, programs, financials, and results, with Platinum as the highest level of recognition.



Save the Children is certified as a Great Place to Work, which recognizes organizations that create an outstanding employee experience.

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CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2024 (\$ in 000s)

OPERATING REVENUE	2024	2023	Change \$	Change %
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$987,072	\$974,855	\$12,217	1%
OPERATING EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	2024	2023	Change \$	Change %
PROGRAM SERVICES				
Health & Nutrition	235,864	268,836	(32,972)	-12%
Education	229,931	211,211	18,720	9%
Child Poverty	217,010	259,033	(42,023)	-16%
Child Protection	70,023	61,732	8,291	13%
Child Rights Governance	2,972	3,571	(599)	-17%
Subtotal Program Activities	755,800	804,383	(48,583)	-6%
Program Development & Public Policy Support	55,498	56,746	(1,248)	-2%
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$811,298	\$861,129	(\$49,831)	-6%
Fundraising	80,914	74,511	6,403	9%
Management & General	69,586	74,053	(4,467)	-6%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$961,798	\$1,009,693	(\$47,895)	-5%
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue over Expenses before Net Transfers	25,274	(34,838)	60,112	
Net Transfers to Operating Revenue	3,800	-	3,800	
Deficiency Related to Funds without Donor Restrictions including Net Transfers	(17,941)	(25,339)	7,398	
Excess (Deficiency) Related to Funds with Donor Restrictions	47,015	(9,499)	56,514	
Non-Operating Activity (Endowment gifts & pledges, investment earnings and exchange gain/loss)	9,423	18,487	(9,064)	
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$38,497	(\$16,351)	\$54,848	
COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS	2024	2023	Change \$	Change %
Without Donor Restrictions	129,661	143,252	(13,591)	-9%
With Donor Restrictions	227,725	175,637	52,088	30%
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$357,386	\$318,889	\$38,497	12%

In 2024 on average, to administer cash gifts (non Gifts-in-Kind) donated for current use, Save the Children charged 8 percent for fundraising, 6 percent for management and general, and 5 percent for program development and public policy support.

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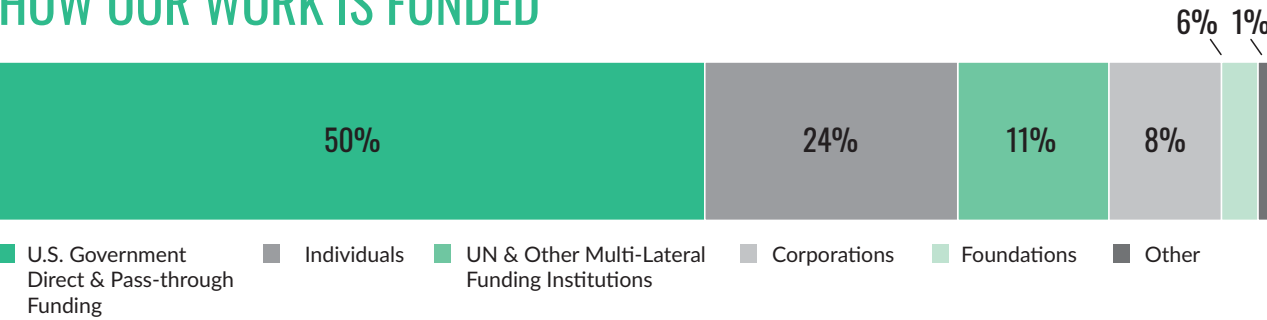
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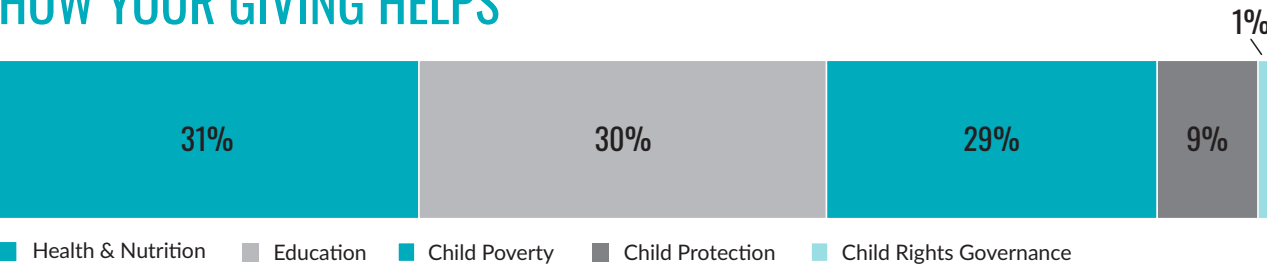
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100 STRONG

Launched in 2019 to commemorate Save the Children’s centennial, 100 Strong was founded by Trustees Gabriela Hearst, Peg McGetrick, Catherine Oppenheimer, and the late Cokie Roberts. Led by current Co-Chairs Corinne Basler and Anya Salama, this exceptional fellowship continues to unite a dynamic community of prominent women philanthropists, providing opportunities to engage deeply with Save the Children, thought leaders, and global experts on the most pressing issues facing children today. Through collaboration, networking, and strategic support of a wide range of domestic and international programs, 100 Strong is driving transformative change for children worldwide.

In 2024, 100 Strong members embraced a broad array of meaningful opportunities, including immersive program visits and a landmark advocacy victory. In February, members traveled to Sierra Leone to visit the Ending Child Marriage initiative—an effort inspired by 100 Strong’s leadership. There, they met with Girl Champions, community leaders, and key national figures, including the nation’s First Lady, Her Excellency Fatima Maada Bio, and members of the Sierra Leone Parliament. Shortly after, they celebrated an historic milestone catalyzed by their tireless advocacy: the passage of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Bill, officially criminalizing child marriage across Sierra Leone.

In September, members turned their focus to the U.S., visiting Save the Children programs in eastern Kentucky. They observed firsthand the organization’s collaborative, community-based efforts to ensure that children in rural America have the resources and support they need for a strong start in school and in life.

100 Strong also participated in a range of influential gatherings and thought leadership events throughout the year. In August, members joined Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Nicholas Kristof for a virtual discussion on his book, *Chasing Hope: A Reporter’s Life*. In November, they gathered in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) on Capitol Hill, followed by a private dinner with leadership from Save the Children, SCAN, and 100 Strong. These gatherings helped spark the development of a new initiative—100 Strong Advocates, launching in spring 2025 to deepen member engagement in public policy and advocacy.

The 100 Strong Mentoring Program also flourished in its fourth year, under the leadership of 100 Strong member Dr. Diana Kirschner, a psychologist and mentoring expert. To date, more than 20 members have mentored 45 rising Save the Children humanitarian leaders across the globe, further extending the fellowship’s reach and impact.

Together, the women of 100 Strong are harnessing their collective power, influence, and vision to advance a more equitable world where every child has the chance to thrive.

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