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UNITED WAY:
**A GLOBAL
NETWORK
FOR GOOD**



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MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE

There is no greater community action network than United Way. Across more than 30 countries and territories, United Way is improving lives by connecting people, resources, and scalable solutions to strengthen communities every day.

For more than 135 years, United Way has brought together local expertise and global resources to address communities' most pressing challenges. We listen closely, respond quickly, and scale proven solutions so more individuals and families can thrive.

Wherever we work, our focus is clear. We build healthier communities, expand youth opportunity, increase financial security, and strengthen community resiliency. United Way mobilizes communities to action by uniting millions of volunteers, advocates, donors, and partners to improve lives and build a better future for all.

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MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE

95%

of all U.S. communities, along with tens of thousands globally, have a United Way presence

48 million

people served annually

1,100

United Ways

30+

countries and territories

1.6 million

volunteers

73,000

partners

5 million

donors



North America

Canada
United States of America

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Guatemala
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Panama
Peru
Trinidad & Tobago
Turks & Caicos
Venezuela

Europe and the Middle East

France
Germany
Hungary
Israel
Italy
Portugal
Romania
Spain
United Kingdom

Africa

Ghana
Nigeria
South Africa

Asia and the Pacific

Australia
China
India
Japan
South Korea
Taiwan
Vietnam

LOCAL IMPACT WITH A GLOBAL REACH

United Way is a global network that leverages deep local knowledge, trusted partnerships, diverse perspectives, and cross-sector collaboration to drive meaningful change. Our strength lies in our hyper-local focus and our ability to scale proven solutions globally.

While each United Way responds to the unique needs of its community, our network is united around four shared impact areas: Youth Opportunity, Healthy Community, Financial Security, and Community Resiliency. Through this work, United Way helps advance the United

Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – from promoting quality education and good health to reducing poverty and inequality.

We live and work in the areas we serve, partnering with community leaders and residents to co-create solutions rooted in community insights and data. Guided by shared values, we mobilize neighbors, donors, volunteers, and partners from all backgrounds to help every person in every community thrive.



YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

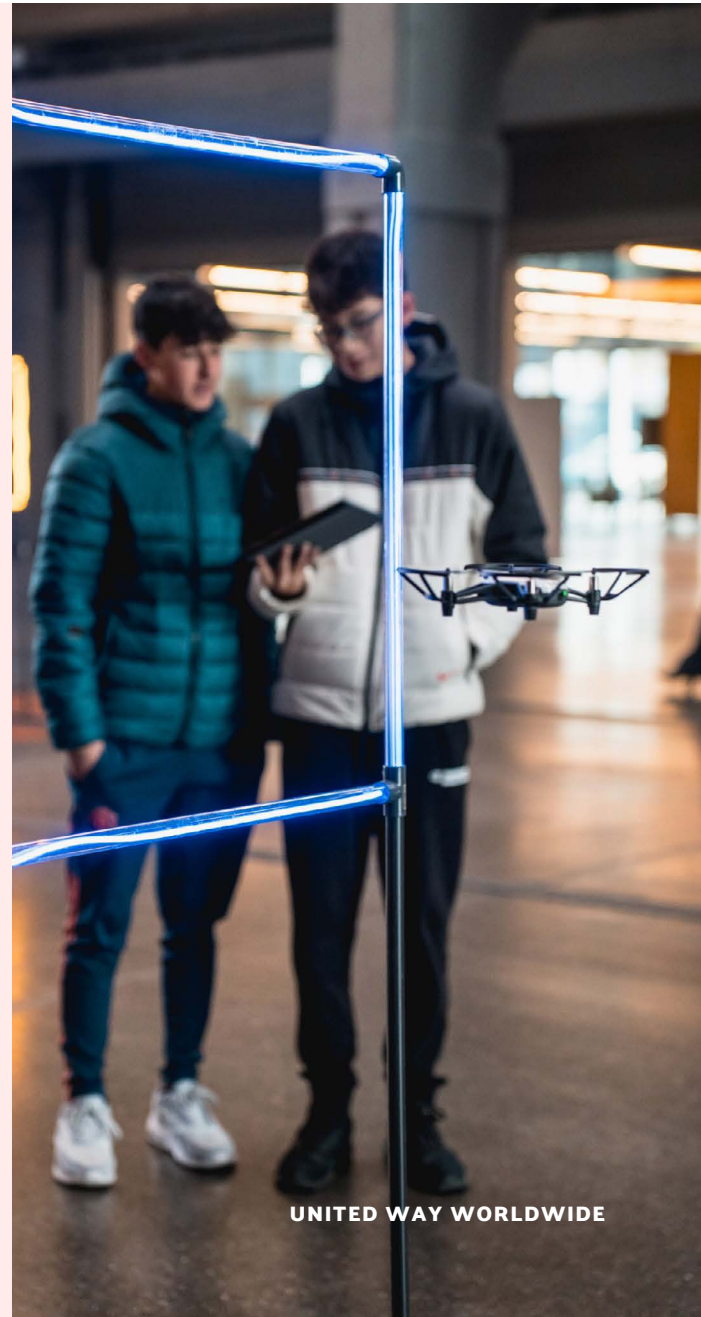
Every young person deserves the opportunity to thrive.

United Way helps young people realize their potential from cradle to career by enhancing childhood development and early education, strengthening literacy, supporting out-of-school learning, engaging families, and advancing science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) skills. Through multisector partnerships, we empower young people to successfully progress through secondary education, explore career pathways, and adapt to emerging technologies.

Spain

United Way Spain's TECH4ALL offers hybrid workshops designed to bridge the digital divide – especially for girls – by reaching children and youth with limited access to technology. One TECH4ALL participant says, “Learning about STEAM helped me think in a more logical way. I have fun and unforgettable memories from these sessions.” Students build STEAM skills in a hands-on, team-based environment exploring robotics, programming, 3D printing, and emerging fields like cybersecurity, biometrics, and video game development. The program also connects participants with STEAM professionals, broadening their exposure to future career opportunities.

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Turks and Caicos

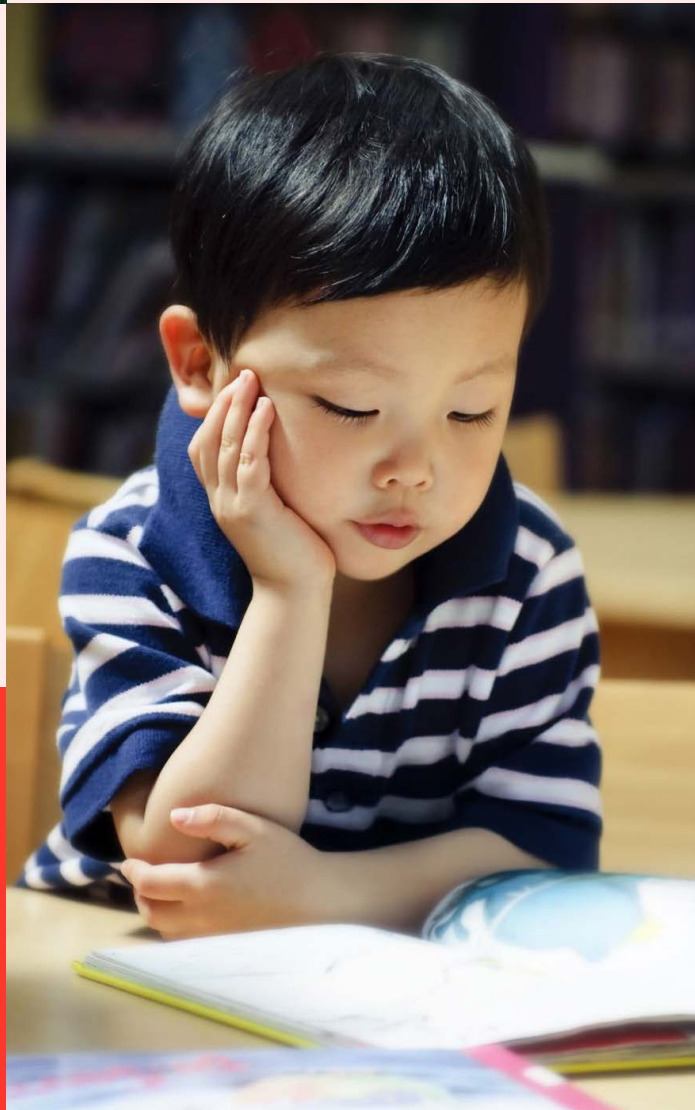
Research shows that students who struggle with reading by age 6 or 7 face a higher risk of dropping out of school later in life. The **United Way Turks and Caicos** “Yes I Can Read” program supports more than 225 children, 7 and 8 years old, who are performing below grade level through personalized instruction that builds foundational reading skills and confidence.

Photo (Left): © United Way Turks and Caicos - Yes I Can Read

Australia

Twenty-two percent of Australian children begin school trailing behind in literacy because they miss out on early learning experiences. **United Way Australia** partners with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to help close this gap by sending families a free, high-quality book each month for young children from birth to age 5. For Mae and her son Evan, the program made all the difference. “Reading became part of our daily routine,” she said. “Evan became more confident, made friends, and is ready to thrive in school.” By nurturing early literacy during a child’s first 2,000 days, the Imagination Library sparks a love of reading and sets children on a path to lifelong success. Since 2014, the program has distributed more than 1.5 million books and enrolled more than 107,000 children.

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DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP
(2024 IMPACT ONLY)

445,000+
Books sent to children

47,000+
Children benefited



HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Everyone deserves the opportunity to live their healthiest life. United Way helps people overcome barriers to good health by improving access to nutritious food, health education, and quality health care, including maternal and child health, mental health support, and preventive care.

Vietnam

In rural Vietnam, United Way is helping students access essential vision care to support their health and success in school. In 2024, more than 1,400 students received vision screenings through a mobile app and were provided with eyeglasses, helping to prevent long-term vision issues, support healthy development, and improve academic outcomes.

This initiative is part of Shinhan Square Bridge Vietnam, a larger cross-border partnership led by United Way Worldwide, **MSD United Way Vietnam**, and the Shinhan Financial Group Hope Foundation that is transforming communities through innovation. Since 2021, this partnership has brought together 46 startups from South Korea and Vietnam to create innovative and tech-driven solutions in education, environment, and public health, reaching over 54,000 individuals living on limited incomes.

Supported by 179 institutions, 20 expert coaches, and dozens of local nonprofits, this regional initiative is cultivating the next generation of social entrepreneurs and has been recognized by Vietnam's Ministry of Science and Technology as a model for addressing social change.

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Shinhan Square Bridge Vietnam



Canada

In Ottawa, Canada, the “Good Food Box” program distributed 20.6 tons of food in 2023–2024, improving food security for 2,000 residents. For more than 30 years, **United Way East Ontario** has partnered with Rideau Community Resource Centre to make food access programs more nimble and responsive. Together, they have introduced urban farms to strengthen the local food supply, launched a digital system to streamline food bank appointments and orders, and constructed a community kitchen to better serve residents.

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Canada – Good Food Box





FINANCIAL SECURITY

Everyone deserves the opportunity to earn a living that can sustain a family and build security for future generations. United Way empowers hardworking individuals by connecting them with financial education, tools, and job training to achieve a more sustainable future for themselves and their loved ones.

India

In India, **United Way Chennai** is helping marginalized populations strengthen their prospects for a sustainable livelihood. Through vocational training in tailoring, palm leaf weaving, organic farming, and financial literacy, participants gain marketable skills, entrepreneurship support, and connections to formal markets to sell products, which strengthens their economic independence and inclusion.



Photo: © United Way Chennai –
Banana Fiber Based Livelihood Opportunities



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Central America

Across Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, the “Together At Home” program is helping more than 5,000 families build financial skills, support early childhood development, and improve health and hygiene practices. In a region where many single mothers face poverty and migration pressures, the program provides parenting workshops, job training, and financial literacy tools to help families thrive at home. “I can now say that I strive to achieve my financial autonomy,” says Astrid, a single mother in Guatemala. The program is led by the **United Ways of Guatemala and Honduras**, with local NGO FUSAL as a strategic partner expanding its reach in El Salvador. Together, they empower families with the critical skills and resources needed to achieve long-term economic stability and security.

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achieve my financial autonomy.”**

Astrid Martinez
Guatemala



COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Every community has great potential and deserves the opportunity to prosper.

United Way works with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors around the world to tackle complex challenges. Through initiatives in crisis response, environmental stewardship, and disaster preparedness and recovery, we are strengthening the community foundations for a more sustainable and secure future.

Nigeria

Through its World Cleanup Day initiative, **United Way Greater Nigeria** targeted high-pollution marketplaces in the urban centers of Lagos and Port Harcourt. The campaign raised awareness among traders about the importance of proper waste management and the economic value of recycling. By equipping communities with tools and knowledge, the initiative promotes a cleaner environment, supports economic opportunity, and inspires a new generation of environmental leaders.

Photo: © United Way Greater Nigeria – World Cleanup Day



Vietnam

Since 2022, United Way has supported planting more than 271,000 trees across 80 hectares of coastal mangrove forests in Tra Vinh province. By helping communities build resilience against climate-related disasters, **United Way Worldwide** and the **Community Chest of Korea**, in partnership with SK Innovation, Manglub Vietnam, **MSD United Way Vietnam**, and SEORIN Company, are preserving biodiversity and strengthening food and income security among the 60% of residents who depend on agriculture and maritime industries. More than 1,400 local residents have participated in educational campaigns that build understanding about environmental sustainability and long-term climate resilience.

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PARTNERING TO GIVE BACK

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Elevating Girls Vision for the Future

Meaningful change happens when people come together to invest their time, talent, and resources. Our progress depends on strong collaboration with partners who share our commitment to building resilient communities.

Partnership is not just a strategy for United Way. We live in the communities we serve and understand the challenges our neighbors face and the innovative solutions that can change lives. That local insight, combined with a global perspective, creates partnerships founded on trust and strengthened by shared learning across our network.

We see the results of this approach worldwide. Through 29,000 community and 44,000 corporate partners, the global United Way network mobilizes the caring power of communities to advance the common good. That is why partnership remains at the heart of everything we do. By collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders, we are driving transformative change at the local, national, and regional levels, and ensuring that the partnership delivers lasting impact where it is needed most. It allows us to respond to local needs, connect people and ideas, and work across the globe to build stronger communities. Join us in creating a future where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



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