

# Volunteers

## Congressional Action Teams

### Interested in Advocacy?

#### Want to Make a Difference for the World's Children?

Join a UNICEF Congressional Action Team or a monthly national advocacy call, and learn how to be an effective advocate!

#### What Are Congressional Action Teams (CATs)?

CATs are a new U.S. Fund initiative launched in 2015. Supported and trained by U.S. Fund staff, CAT members engage with their members of Congress to cultivate champions for children.

#### Who Can Join a Congressional Action Team (CAT)?

Anyone who loves the work of UNICEF and has a strong desire to make a difference can join a CAT! You don't have to be an expert on Congress or the issues affecting the world's children. U.S. Fund staff will provide you with training and support. All volunteers are welcome to join the monthly calls to learn more. Consider starting a new CAT in your city.

#### What Do CATs Do?

- CAT members in each city meet together once a month for a national conference call with



UNICEF Club Leaders advocate in D.C. during the UNICEF Student Summit.

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guest speakers. During the calls, members share grassroots victories, practice articulating the issues, and prepare to take action together. Actions include writing and visiting elected officials.

- Together, CAT members have urged their Representatives and Senators to maintain the U.S. government contribution to UNICEF, support the Girls Count Act, protect runaway and homeless youth from trafficking, and, most recently, ensure that the most vulnerable people on the planet are not forgotten with the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in September 2015.

**To get involved**, email [volunteer@unicefusa.org](mailto:volunteer@unicefusa.org), or connect with your regional Global Citizenship Fellow.