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# **UNICEF USA Takes Action**

Congressional Action Teams

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# 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 UNICEF USA initiative launched in 2015. Supported and trained by UNICEF USA staff, CAT members engage with their Members of Congress to cultivate champions for children.

# CAT members meet with Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office in August 2015.

### Who Can Join a 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. UNICEF USA staff will provide you with training and support. All volunteers (18+) 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 guest speakers. During the calls, members share grassroots victories, practice articulating key issues, and prepare to take action together. Actions include writing to and visiting the offices of 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 make the world's children a foreign policy priority, particularly in humanitarian emergencies.

The new U.S. Government Administration and Congress is up and running in Washington, and we are working to get them to put children first in their actions. Much will be at stake for the children we seek to serve and we invite you to advocate alongside us.

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