

WHO WE ARE

Unbound is an international nonprofit founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. We build relationships of mutual respect and support that bridge cultural, religious and economic divides. We invite all people of goodwill to join us.

OUR MISSION

Unbound's mission is to walk with the poor and marginalized of the world.

OUR WORK

We connect people across economic, cultural, geographical and religious divides to live in solidarity and work toward a greater good.

Our sponsorship program connects an individual sponsor in the U.S. with a child or elderly person in another country. Sponsors, through their support, help provide essential benefits such as education, food, health care and livelihood opportunities for families. The families choose the benefits that best fit their situations and meet the needs of their children.

Taking on poverty alone is daunting. That's why Unbound's small group model is a cornerstone of our program. Families come together to share ideas, pool resources and develop livelihoods.

We believe that relationships are catalysts for change. Sponsors and their sponsored friends develop personal relationships through letters and photos. We also offer group awareness trips and coordinate individual visits for sponsors who want to meet their sponsored friends in person.

QUICK FACTS

- We work with more than **300,000 children, youth and elderly people** in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Unbound distributes direct aid as quickly and efficiently as possible to people who need it. More than **92 percent of all the money we spend goes to program support**.
- We have an **A+ rating from Charity Watch**, and we **meet the BBB Wise Giving Alliance's 20 rigorous standards** for charity accountability.
- Unbound is the only major U.S.-based organization that offers sponsorship for elders.
- With more than 260,000 sponsors throughout the U.S., Unbound has **sponsors in every state**. We are happy to help journalists with **stories about local people** doing great things in the world.

HISTORY

Unbound, formerly Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA), was established in 1981 by brothers Bob, Bud and Jim Hentzen, their sister Nadine Pearce and friend Jerry Tolle. Bob Hentzen, a former Christian Brother, and Tolle, a former Jesuit priest, worked in Central and South America for many years. They developed the sponsorship program to help people living in poverty and to help form real friendships between people from different cultures and economic circumstances.

LEADERSHIP

President and Chief Executive Officer: Scott Wasserman

Chief Governing Officer: Catherine Crosby

Visit the [leadership page](#) at unbound.org for a complete list and bios of staff leaders and board members.

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