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# UNITED WORLD SCHOOLS – USA

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## 85 cents of every dollar raised globally goes **directly** to our schools

United World Schools (UWS) believes every child deserves access to quality, inclusive classrooms. Through the private support of donors around the world, our pioneering model has built more than 260 elementary schools across Myanmar, Madagascar, Nepal, and Cambodia at an average cost of less than \$40,000 per site. With a typical annual operating budget under \$10,000 per school, our sustainability and results speak for themselves.

UWS schools consistently meet and exceed national standards in each of our countries, our emphasis on girls education ensures equal access as a minimum build requirement for all of our schools, and our community-centric approach develops an ecosystem of lifelong learning and growth around our learning sites.

By supporting UWS-USA with a tax-deductible contribution<sup>1</sup>, you can give one of our 45,000 students the assurance that UWS will always have a classroom waiting for them. Or you can give the next community hope that a UWS school will soon open for their children.



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## About United World Schools

UWS schools are the only schools in the communities where we build. Without our schools, children will often walk 10 miles or more – each way – IF they attend any school at all. UWS schools range from 50-150 students aged 4-11 and typically include teacher’s quarters and libraries. In many cases, we provide the community basic electricity through solar panels; and water and sanitation facilities for community-wide use. Think of our schools as not just places of learning, but truly centers of community.

We typically recruit, train, and develop teachers from within our local communities to work alongside co-hired government teachers. This provides new job opportunities within the local communities and ensures that the education we provide is relevant to local contexts. Community teachers are vital to ensure indigenous cultures and dialects continue even as children learn to national standards and languages.



**45,000**  
children reached



**1,200**  
Local and  
government  
teachers



**260**  
schools

## Community Approach

United World Schools’ country teams spend months, often years developing relationships across hundreds of remote communities most in need of educational resources. Long before the first shovels ever hit the ground, we begin establishing the local oversight and relationships to ensure our schools will be truly owned and embraced by the entire host community. These principles include:

- ✓ UWS schools are always community-owned;
- ✓ The community donates the land for the school;
- ✓ The community commits to helping UWS build the school.

From the outset, we set up a School Support Committee (SSC) – a governing body of parents and local leaders committed to school development. We empower SSC members to manage the school locally and to help each school to grow and flourish. Working closely with families, we address barriers to education while raising awareness of the rights of all children to receive a quality education.

Our long-term goal is for every community to one-day run their school independently and sustainably. Over time, the local community assumes greater management responsibility while UWS concurrently works with national and local governments to increase their contributions to staffing and operating costs. This approach allows us to gradually transition schools into national education systems, typically over a five to seven-year period, and direct resources to new communities. UWS only transitions schools once we are confident our current communities are on a sustainable path for their future.

**The UWS Partner School program is designed to channel children's passions and energies in the service of helping others, with lifelong results. Students dream up innovative ways to raise funds to support a UWS School while also raising awareness and educating those in their own community about the needs of children living in unreached regions of the world.**



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## UWS Partner School Program

Schools across the world have joined UWS in support of its unique mission through the UWS Partner School Program. UWS Partner School students solve real problems in the world today, and for generations to come. Through their efforts, they bring education and literacy to UWS communities that otherwise would not have access to schools. They are not passive observers of the world. They are active "Global Citizens" producing measurable, positive outcomes for real people, today. Through communications with UWS Country Directors and Education Officers, Partner School students gain experiential learning about the impact their support is having on the

children at their UWS school and its surrounding community.

When character development is a central tenet of a school's mission; and social emotional learning is a core feature of a school's community building and diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging strategy; activating a child's empathy and compassion creates opportunities for deep learning. As students learn about the struggles of children living in some of the poorest, most remote regions of the world who are often marginalized because of their ethnicity, religious beliefs or social status, the Partner School Program awakens a sense of duty to reach out and help their peers in UWS schools.

### UWS-USA Partner School students:

- ✓ Develop true global perspectives;
- ✓ Become true Global Citizens through their actions;
- ✓ Learn the culture and community, geography, and history in an important part of the world – built around their school's UWS Partner School in Cambodia, Myanmar, Madagascar, or Nepal;
- ✓ Set and reach real goals that impact the lives of many people in their community, and UWS communities across the world;
- ✓ Learn that the impossible is possible if they work hard and commit themselves to a cause greater than themselves;
- ✓ Activate empathy, compassion, curiosity, and gratitude.

**To learn more visit [partners.uwsusa.org](https://partners.uwsusa.org)**

# Your Partnership

**85 cents of every dollar raised globally goes directly to our schools**

Our partnership team is ready to work with you and your advisors to add UWS to your giving portfolio. Whether you build your own school, underwrite an existing school, or support a cohort of students, your gift will change lives, communities, and futures – for generations to come.

Some donors envision a school. Our partnership team will work to select the country, location, and size that fits your vision.

Other donors wish to help support the ongoing operations of an existing school. On average, it costs \$10,000 to operate a 100+ student school, including teachers salaries and operational costs. By supporting an existing school, you enable UWS to focus resources on building in new communities.

Perhaps your giving priorities will focus on specific cohorts of students. For example, some donors prefer to sponsor 100 girls per year across all of our schools, thereby underwriting our gender equity initiatives. Our partnership team can create a cohort sponsorship model to meet your objectives.

Opportunities	School Build (\$35,000+)	Sponsor a Current School (\$10,000+)	Cohort Sponsorship (\$5,000+)	School Supply/Operations Sponsorship (\$1,000+)	All donations to UWS-USA
Naming Rights on your School	✓				
Ability to Visit / Virtual Visit your School	✓	✓			
Tailored Quarterly Updates from your School	✓	✓			
Tailored Quarterly Updates from your Cohort			✓		
UWS USA Advisory Council Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Quarter Webinars and Country Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Listing in UWS-USA Annual Report and Website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Contact us for fundraising opportunities designed just for our Partner School Program**

**Give directly anytime at [donate.uwsusa.org](https://donate.uwsusa.org)**

# UWS-USA Advisory Council

The US Advisory Council was established to provide support to the mission and advancement of United World Schools throughout the world. Working closely with UWS' US and UK Trustees and Directors, the Advisors:

- ✔ Promote the UWS brand and objectives within their networks and communities through outreach and advocacy; and work to build UWS into a credible and well-known organization throughout the United States;
- ✔ Provide advice, counsel and support to UWS-USA and global Boards, staff, and country-teams
- ✔ Ensure the financial stability of the UWS network through direct giving; fundraising advice and support; and institutional grant and contract advice and support.
- ✔ Expand and enhance the UWS network of partner schools within the United States.

The UWS Advisory Council meets virtually twice a year and in-person once a year in-person. Meetings are analogous to Board meetings with similar programmatic and operational updates on the state of the organization, however members have no fiduciary obligations to the entity. Once per year, the Council convenes in-person with the UWS-USA Board and UWS program staff in rotating cities throughout the US and/or Europe to collaborate on annual and strategic planning for UWS.

Members also have opportunities to participate in official UWS travel delegations to operations in Madagascar, Cambodia, Nepal, and the United Kingdom (with new countries coming soon).



Photo: UWS

Members come from different backgrounds/sectors and typically join based on factors that include:

1. Proven commitment to the ideals and objectives of the UWS mission;
2. Board, staff, or volunteer experience in non-profit operations and/or non-profit fundraising;
3. Financial capacity to support UWS and/or connections and networks with relevant capacity to support UWS (public or private);
4. Experience in K-12 international education, and/or human rights & development;
5. Other discrete skills and expertise in media, finance, strategy, government affairs, and other sectors relevant to furthering the mission of UWS-USA and its objective of ensuring classrooms for children throughout the world.

**For more information,  
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