

Building Champions for the End of Poverty

Often as a child in Illinois, Ted felt the pangs of hunger. As an adult, he longed to change the policies that hold poverty in place, but didn't know how. Karen took her students and a truckload of donations to Mexico each year, but felt that nothing she did really impacted the poverty there. Bob quit his job as a lawyer when he was diagnosed with cancer — he was determined to make a difference with the rest of his life.

Each of these people, and hundreds more, have found what they're looking for — a way to act on their vision of a world

“Having the experience of talking to congress-people and their aides and having them listen to our issues and take action as a result made me feel really empowered as a citizen.

Citizens really can steer the government.”

—Lisa Treumuth,
RESULTS volunteer

changes lives — of those who don't believe they can make a difference and of those living in poverty in the United States and around the world.

without poverty through the powerful support of the nonprofit organization RESULTS. *And so can you.*

RESULTS and its sister organization, RESULTS Educational Fund, work to empower everyday people to become champions for the end of hunger and poverty. These individuals, in turn, inspire our elected representatives to be champions in Congress. By giving volunteers the training, tools, and support needed to make their voices heard in the corridors of power, RESULTS

Heidi Topp Brooks



How We Create RESULTS

Our model is unique and powerful. In over 100 communities across the U.S., RESULTS volunteers meet monthly to take targeted actions to improve our nation's commitment to effective anti-poverty efforts. Chapters can focus on U.S. or international poverty, or both. Their activities range from calling for more resources for proven programs to ensuring that government policies actually break the cycle of poverty.

Each group is supported by RESULTS' staff and volunteer leaders, who coach volunteers on how to:

- ▶ Speak powerfully about the causes of and solutions to poverty;
- ▶ Develop relationships with elected officials who determine policies and funding levels;
- ▶ Work with the media to raise awareness and build public pressure; and
- ▶ Mobilize communities to take action.

The success of our work proves that ordinary citizens can generate extraordinary changes. See the other side to learn more.

RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund

RESULTS builds the public and political will to end poverty through the organization's two wings —

RESULTS, Inc. is a nonprofit, grassroots advocacy organization committed to creating the political will to end hunger and poverty by empowering individuals to speak out for effective solutions to poverty. RESULTS has chapters in over 100 U.S. cities and international affiliates in six countries.

RESULTS Educational Fund focuses on building the public will to end poverty by educating the public, media, and leaders through forums, trainings, press calls, and research. Its projects include the Microcredit Summit Campaign and Advocacy to Control Tuberculosis Internationally (ACTION).

A Leading Force in Ending Poverty and Hunger Worldwide

RESULTS volunteers form one of the most engaged and effective grassroots networks in the world. Through their advocacy, they have successfully championed innovative efforts to reduce poverty and dramatically increased awareness of and funding for vital programs.

RESULTS is one of the original forces behind the microcredit movement, which has reached almost 100 million of the world's poorest with loans for small businesses. Our advocacy was instrumental in passing legislation that requires that half of U.S. microcredit funding benefit the world's poorest, and in securing more funds to prevent and treat diseases of poverty, such as tuberculosis. RESULTS has also built support for ending hunger and poverty for Americans through investments in health care, early childhood development, and Food Stamps. These are just a few examples of our many successful campaigns.

—Muhammad Yunus, 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and RESULTS board member

RESULTS' 2008 campaigns include:

Healthy Families

Diseases and lack of access to health care keep millions of people trapped in poverty. With 47 million Americans uninsured, RESULTS is working to make health care for all by 2010 a national priority. Internationally, we focus on ensuring universal access to treatment for TB, HIV/AIDS, and major killer diseases of children, and on eliminating barriers to health care, including the shortage of health care workers.

“RESULTS provides a roadmap for global involvement in planning for a better future.”

—Former President Jimmy Carter

Education for All

In 2000, world leaders made a commitment to provide free universal primary education for all children by 2015.

To meet this goal, RESULTS advocates

for U.S. investment in basic education in the poorest countries and the elimination of school fees. In the U.S., we support educational opportunities for low-income children that break the cycle of poverty, such as Head Start.

Economic Opportunity

Poverty is as much a condition of opportunity as of income. In addition to increasing access to microcredit, RESULTS seeks to address the asset and income gaps in the U.S. with fair tax policies, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, and cutting-edge asset-building programs like Individual Development Accounts.

Empowering Citizens

RESULTS is reviving democracy to create health, hope, and opportunity for all. In 2007, our volunteer activists:

- ▶ held 172 meetings with members of Congress,
- ▶ hosted over 400 educational community outreach events,
- ▶ and generated over 350 pieces of media.

These actions were instrumental in leveraging \$500 million in foreign aid funding to treat diseases of poverty and expand access to microcredit and primary education. They also helped pass legislation to strengthen the Head Start program for nearly 1 million American children.

“I don't know of a more effective organization in terms of raising the important issues of our time for our country and for the world ... It's truly remarkable what this organization has done.”

—Congressman Jim Walsh



To learn more about RESULTS and find out how you can be involved:

VISIT our website at www.results.org,

EMAIL us at results@results.org,

CALL (202) 783-7100,

or **MAIL** this form to:

RESULTS/RESULTS Educational Fund
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Washington, DC 20002

I want to be part of the solution!

- I'd like to learn about RESULTS activities in my area.
 - I want to join the RESULTS Action Network and receive email alerts.
 - I'd like to join RESULTS and receive the *RESULTS Advocate* quarterly newsletter. Here is my \$35 annual membership contribution.
- I'm particularly interested in International or U.S. poverty issues.

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