



UPLIFT A CHILD International

2025 Annual Report



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A YEAR OF IMPACT

The year 2025 marked a period of meaningful progress for Uplift A Child. Guided by our mission to empower underprivileged children through education and holistic support, we strengthened our programs and deepened our engagement with the communities we serve. Our team and partners worked diligently to ensure that every child remained in school and had the opportunity to thrive. These collective efforts reflect our continued commitment to advancing educational equity and long-term impact.

Our Mission: Empowering Communities Through Education

Our mission is to identify impoverished and needy children, enroll them in school, and support them from kindergarten through high school. By keeping children off the streets and equipping them with fundamental skills, we empower them to become self-sufficient and productive members of society.



Program Impact Highlights

In 2025, Uplift A Child achieved several key milestones that strengthened our ability to support children and families. Through new and expanded partnerships, we increased our sponsorship capacity and welcomed around 180 additional children into our program, ensuring they received the educational support necessary for continued success.

Our team conducted numerous school visits, providing direct engagement with students, monitoring academic progress, and fostering strong relationships with educators and families. These visits remain a vital component of our model, enabling us to offer timely guidance and ensure each child receives the support they need.

To further enhance students' confidence and sense of belonging, we facilitated the distribution of school uniforms, helping children feel prepared, included, and supported in their learning environments.

Collectively, these achievements underscore our commitment to delivering consistent, high-quality support and advancing our mission to uplift children through education.

CHILDREN SUPPORTED GLOBALLY



India: 880



Nepal: 120



Congo: 207



Rwanda: 60



Kenya: 10



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

School Visits Across Regions

We were able to meet with children from more than 15 different schools during our Annual Program events and other gatherings held across Nepal, Kalimpong, Assam, West Bengal, Tuni, Hyderabad, Nuzvid, Narsapur, and Visakhapatnam. These visits allowed us to connect directly with students, understand their needs, and strengthen partnerships with schools and communities.



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Annual Program](#)
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[2025 Kalimpong, West Bengal
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[2025 Assam & Other West Bengal Schools
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[2025 Tuni, Andhra Pradesh
Annual Program](#)
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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Books & Uniforms Distributed

We provided books and uniforms for **more than 1000 children**, giving them not just the tools for learning but also the dignity, confidence, and pride to walk into school each day ready to shine



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Spoken English Sessions

“With the dedicated support of volunteers Aarin and Aayush from the US, we conducted online Spoken English sessions for our children in Tuni. These classes have significantly strengthened communication skills and benefited 180 students at Sri Arunodhaya Vidyaniketan School.



Sponsor Engagement

Sponsors Ujwal Gattupalli and Srisupraja Kandrakota made heartfelt visits to meet the children on two separate occasions, sharing love, encouragement, and personal time that created bonds beyond borders. Their presence brought immense joy, inspired hope, and reminded each child that they are valued and supported. These visits not only strengthened the children’s confidence but also deepened the connection between sponsors and the community.



[Mr. Ujwal's Visit](#)
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[Ms. Srisupraja's Visit](#)
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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteer-Led Fundraiser at Saint Louis University (USA)

On November 9th, our dedicated volunteer at Saint Louis University, **Srisupraja and her team** organized a meaningful fundraiser during the campus's annual Diwali Program. The event beautifully combined cultural celebration with service, drawing strong participation from students and community members.



Through a combination of ticket sales, a jhumka fundraiser, and generous anonymous donations, the initiative raised \$400 in support of Uplift a Child. Most of the contributions came from \$5 event tickets, reflecting enthusiastic engagement from the campus community. The jhumka fundraiser, though a smaller portion of the total, added a thoughtful and creative touch to the overall effort.

The funds raised through this event are now being used to support Heronika an child from Vizag, helping provide her with access to education, basic necessities, and family support. This student-led initiative demonstrated the real impact of community-based fundraising and highlighted the importance of transparency and awareness. At the ticketing table, the volunteer team intentionally shared information about Uplift a Child's mission, ensuring attendees understood how their contributions would directly benefit a child in need.

The Diwali Program itself was a vibrant celebration of South Asian culture, featuring multiple dance performances, a singing group, and a joyful finale with sparklers. The evening brought together students in a memorable moment of unity, pride, and purpose. This fundraiser stands as a powerful example of how young people across the world can champion our mission and create meaningful change — one event, one child, and one act of kindness at a time.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteer Srisupraja and the SLU community for their kindness, initiative, and commitment to uplifting a child's life. Their efforts remind us how meaningful change can begin with one inspired individual.

[Fundraiser Event at St. Louis University](#)
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OUR TEAM'S IMPACT

This year, our team walked hand in hand with the children and their families, going beyond classrooms to truly understand their lives. We visited homes, sitting with parents to listen to their challenges and dreams, and reassuring them that we stand beside them in every step of life. Through parents' meetings, we strengthened trust and reminded families that education is a shared journey.

We carefully reviewed each child's academic reports, celebrating successes and identifying those who needed extra encouragement. For children who struggled, our team offered personal guidance, motivating them to believe in themselves and strive for improvement. Every visit, every conversation, and every smile deepened our connection with the children, helping us understand their unique needs and aspirations.

By knowing each child personally, we built bonds that go beyond sponsorship — bonds rooted in care, empathy, and hope. This close engagement ensures that our support is not just financial, but emotional and holistic, empowering children to grow with confidence and dignity.



ABOUT OUR CHILDREN IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

We are deeply saddened by the conflict between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda in 2025. We continue to pray for a peaceful resolution and for life to return to normal in both countries. This conflict caused children in the DRC to lose an entire year of schooling. Despite extremely limited resources, our local volunteers worked tirelessly to coordinate and provide essential support, even while schools remained closed.

When schools eventually reopened, only a small number of children were able to re-enroll for the 2026 academic year. We encourage you to [watch the video from our 2023 visit to the DRC](#) to see all 207 of the children we support.



UPLIFT A CHILD RWANDA



Uplift a Child began its work in Kemembe, a small town located 240 kilometers from Rwanda's capital city, Kigali. During our CEO's 2024 visit to Africa, 60 children in this community were identified as needing educational support. Most of these children come from underprivileged families and it is our privilege to help them.

In 2025, we proudly supported all 60 children, and with our partnership, they are now excelling in their studies. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Emmanuel for his dedication in coordinating support and volunteering his time to help Uplift a Child serve children in Rwanda.

UPLIFT A CHILD CEO RECOGNIZED BY SWITZERLAND

On 29 November 2025, Mr. Sam Vonumu, Founder and CEO of Uplift A Child, was awarded an **Honorary Doctorate by Dunster Business School, Switzerland**, in recognition of his lifelong dedication to uplifting underprivileged children through education, protection, and community empowerment.

The degree was conferred during an online convocation ceremony, as Mr. Vonumu was unable to attend in person. Despite the virtual format, the occasion reflected deep respect and admiration for his decades of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to transforming the lives of children across India, Nepal, DR Congo, Rwanda, Kenya, and South Africa.

During the ceremony, Mr. Vonumu spoke about Uplift A Child's mission and highlighted the organization's ongoing work to support and empower children around the world. His remarks offered a meaningful reflection on the impact of our programs and the collective effort behind our mission.

You are welcome to watch the convocation video using the link below.

[WATCH CONVOCATION VIDEO HERE](#)

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

During the 2025 fiscal year, Uplift A Child raised a total of **\$298,372** through the generous support of our donors, partners, and well-wishers. Program and operational expenses amounted to \$291,853, enabling us to deliver essential educational support and services to children across our global programs.

This resulted in a **surplus of \$6,519**, which will be carried forward to strengthen upcoming initiatives and ensure continuity of support for the children we serve.

The funds raised this year directly **benefited 1,277 children** across India, Nepal, DR Congo, Rwanda, and Kenya—providing access to education, school supplies, uniforms, and ongoing guidance through our sponsorship and engagement programs.

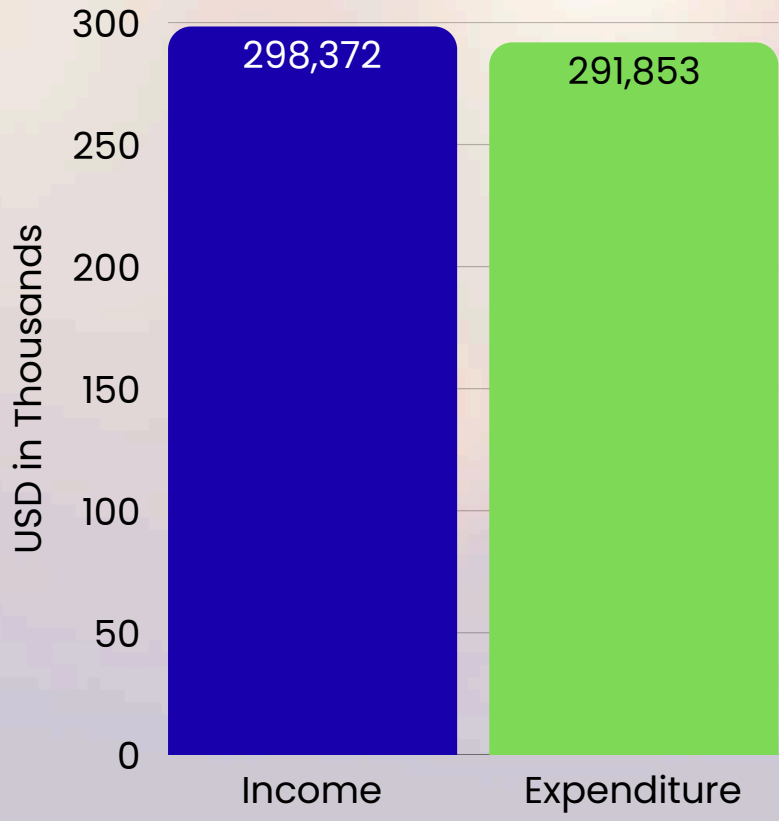
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every donor, sponsor, volunteer, and supporter who made this impact possible. Your commitment continues to transform lives and empower children toward a brighter future.

Financial Summary

Total Funds
\$298,372

Total Expenses
\$291,853

Fund Surplus
\$6,519



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors continues to guide Uplift a Child with dedication, wisdom, and a shared commitment to our mission. We extend our sincere gratitude to our existing board members for their ongoing leadership and contributions throughout the year.

We are also pleased to welcome our new board members, whose experience and passion strengthen our vision for the future.

We thank all our board members for their unwavering support and for helping us uplift more children each year.



Dr. Sam Vonumu
Founder, CEO & Chairman of the Board



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Board Member



Srivani Tadvai
Board Member



Vikram Bhimarasetty
Board Member

Gratitude & Acknowledgments

Honoring our incredible supporters, partners, & community contributions

At Uplift A Child Forever, we are immensely **grateful** for the unwavering support from our sponsors and volunteers. Their dedication empowers us to change lives through education, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive.

This year, we witnessed the incredible impact of our community efforts. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, local schools, and generous sponsors, we have fostered a nurturing environment that promotes learning and development for every child we serve, building a brighter future together.

Thank you

Sponsors

Our sponsors provide essential funding, ensuring we can supply necessary resources.

Volunteers

Volunteers dedicate countless hours to supporting our programs and activities.

Schools

Partner schools play a vital role in facilitating education for our children.

Community

The community rallies around our mission, fostering a supportive network.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SUPPORT A CHILD?

It costs US \$255 – \$300 per year to educate one child which includes:

- Complete one year tuition fee,
- 3 pairs of Uniforms,
- 2 Pairs of Shoes,
- 3 pairs of Socks,
- Tie & Belt,
- Complete set of Text books,
- Complete Set of Notebooks

**ONLY
US \$25
a month**

Uplift A Child team will update you on the progress of the child 3 times a year and you are welcome to visit your sponsored child anytime.

If you would like to support a child's education, please reach out to us—your generosity can change a life!

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