

## RESULTS' History of Success, 1985-1999

One simple measure of RESULTS' success is our effectiveness in educating our elected representatives and other community leaders about hunger and poverty — and their solutions. Raising public awareness and commitment to these issues is the heart of our work.

**In 1999**, RESULTS global volunteers met with 84 Congressional representatives and 7 senators. They generated 94 editorials and held 11 press conferences. RESULTS domestic volunteers held 13 community education and action rallies, generated 27 editorials and met face-to-face with 64 Congressional representatives and 7 senators. Here is a small sampling of what these volunteers accomplished:

- RESULTS volunteers generated more than 30 editorials in support of increased funding for international tuberculosis control and treatment. The House of Representatives set aside \$35 million for TB for 2000, triple the amount allocated to TB in 1999.
- RESULTS volunteers worked hard to get 65 representatives to sign a letter calling for increased Head Start funding. Funding was increased by \$608 million for fiscal year 2000. This will allow Head Start to serve 40,000 additional children. This increase was the largest ever received by Head Start.

**In 1998**, RESULTS volunteers held face-to-face meetings with representatives and senators, and generated some 80 editorials, 30 op-ed pieces, 101 letters to the editor, and 70 news stories about legislation. Here are just a few examples of the difference that our volunteers and their work made:

- RESULTS and its allies successfully advocated for the Assets for Independence Act. Congress authorized \$125 million for a multi-year project of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), savings plans that permit and encourage low-income people to save to pay tuition, start a business, or buy a home.
- As a consequence of RESULTS' advocacy, Congress increased the Child Survival and Diseases Account from \$650 million to \$700 million, and increased funding for UNICEF to \$105 million. This ensures that funding for basic health care and education for some of the world's neediest children is protected.

**In 1997**, RESULTS Educational Fund convened the first global Microcredit Summit, launching a campaign to reach 100 million of the world's poorest families, especially the women of those families, with credit for self-employment and other business and financial services by the year 2005. Over 2900 people from 137 countries attended.

- RESULTS introduced the World Summit for Children Implementation Act to protect and expand the U.S. portion of foreign aid designated for international children's programs. Congress included a \$650 million Child Survival and Diseases Account in the 1998 foreign aid appropriations bill, with an increase of \$50 million from 1997.
- RESULTS volunteers joined others to lobby against a decrease in WIC, which provides food to low-income pregnant and nursing women and their children at risk of malnutrition, securing an additional \$76 million for the program. Our volunteers also helped pass a bill to provide almost \$4 billion for WIC in 1998.

**In 1996**, the Child Survival and Diseases Account, created in 1995, was extended to include basic education and increased to \$600 million for fiscal year 1997.

**In 1995**, RESULTS fought to preserve funding for children's programs. Congress created a Child Survival and Diseases Account specifically to help children, earmarking \$300 million for child survival — more than in any previous year. WIC funding for 1996 was increased by \$260 million.

**In 1994**, RESULTS and others fought USAID's plan to slash child survival spending. \$75 million of proposed cuts were restored, and language was added to legislation stressing that child survival programs, basic education, and micronutrient programs be funded at the recommended levels.

**In 1993**, RESULTS worked successfully with other organizations to avert cuts in foreign aid programs that alleviate hunger and poverty. Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-OH) said, and has repeated on several occasions: "*Pound for pound, RESULTS is the most effective lobby in Washington.*"

**In 1992**, RESULTS initiated a letter to World Bank President Lewis Preston, signed by nearly 1,400 members of Congress and Parliaments around the world, helped gain a commitment from the Bank to increase the share of its loans targeted to benefit the poor.

**In 1991**, RESULTS and others asked Congress to keep the promises made at the 1990 World Summit for Children. Funding for international children's programs was increased by \$202 million. RESULTS sparked a congressional investigative report on poverty lending that spurred Congress to set aside \$50 million over two years for loans under \$300 to the poorest.

**In 1990**, RESULTS organized Candlelight Vigils to publicize the World Summit for Children. More than 1 million people participated in over 500 U.S. locations and in 74 other countries. UNICEF Director James P. Grant said of the Vigils: "*The Candlelight Vigils served as a catalyst, the trigger point, for the start of the unprecedented media [coverage].*"

**In 1989**, RESULTS worked to increase funding for UNICEF and other cost-effective anti-poverty programs. RESULTS' work helped to secure funding in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for nonprofit organizations working to create low-income housing.

**In 1988**, RESULTS lobbied for the Global Poverty Reduction Act, to channel more foreign aid to anti-poverty programs. Congress later passed a measure based on parts of the bill. Colman McCarthy of the *Washington Post* said: *“There’s not a rich lobby in Washington that wouldn’t trade its limos for the group’s achievements.”*

**In 1987**, RESULTS played a key role in setting aside \$50 million of foreign aid for a program to provide small loans to the poorest of the poor. Volunteers produced over 100 editorials. Rep. Edward Feighan (D-OH) said: *“RESULTS is the most effective lobby working in Washington today. . . . The Self-Sufficiency for the Poor Act would not be law today if it were not for RESULTS.”*

**In 1986**, Congress added \$25 million to the Child Survival Fund after RESULTS volunteers generated 90 editorials — 30 within a month’s time. UNICEF Executive Director James P. Grant wrote and said: *“I want to convey my heartfelt thanks for the unflagging and satisfyingly successful efforts of RESULTS on behalf of vulnerable children and mothers everywhere.”*

**In 1985**, RESULTS helped to resolve a squabble between the U.S. and OPEC that jeopardized the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and its work with small farmers and the landless poor.