

# **Investing in Kids – Investing in Illinois's Future**

#### All Kids Deserve A Strong Start.

All children deserve a strong start to life. Yet far too many children lack the opportunity for quality education, healthy lives – and futures. Each year, millions of children around the world die from preventable causes while

children here in the U.S. fall behind in school because they lack access to quality early childhood education. This is why Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is working on the ground in Illinois. We're engaging directly with the Illinoisans who share our passion to save children. Together, we can ensure all kids have the chance to survive and thrive.

#### Our Causes.

We engage local communities throughout the state, in addition to business and government leaders, to take action on two key issues: 1) investing in programs that save the lives of newborns, children and mothers around the world and 2) supporting early childhood education programs in the U.S.

### Illinoisans Advocating for Kids.

A tremendous number of Illinois residents have already joined in our work, and we hope you will, too! Illinois advocates are using their voices in a number of ways – many of which are often quite simple, yet highly impactful. SCAN activists **post to their social media pages**, **attend fun community events** where they meet interesting people with shared passions, **speak at community events**, **meet with elected officials** and much more! There are countless ways you can use your voice to advocate for children. Joining in our work will positively impact your life as well as the lives of children across the U.S. and globe.



Harini, one of our volunteers, talks with the public at a local event in Bloomington.

## Why Advocacy?

Advocacy is one of the most **powerful and effective** ways you can **engage our elected officials** to address the **issues you are passionate about**. Use your voice to raise awareness about the needs of vulnerable children and partner with our leaders to take action so every child has the opportunity for a strong start in life, with the best chance for a bright future.

#### About Us.

Founded by Save the Children in 2014, Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) is the political voice for kids. We believe that every child deserves the best start in life. As the political advocacy arm of Save the Children, we're building bipartisan will and voter support to make sure every child in the U.S. has access to high-quality early learning and that no mother or child around the globe dies from a preventable disease or illness. By investing in kids and holding leaders accountable, we are helping kids from birth to age five survive and thrive.

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