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As we move through March, Global Unites continues to expand its global footprint by strengthening youth leadership, fostering dialogue, and driving community-based peacebuilding initiatives across its network. From the launch of new global platforms and the successful graduation of emerging leaders, to dynamic grassroots engagements led by country chapters, this month reflects a growing movement rooted in action, collaboration, and shared purpose. Across diverse contexts, teams have actively engaged youth, built partnerships, facilitated learning spaces, and advanced innovative approaches to conflict transformation and social cohesion. These collective efforts highlight the power of unity in diversity and reinforce our commitment to inspiring, connecting, and equipping individuals to become agents of positive change in their communities and beyond.

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COUNTRY CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS



UGANDA UNITES

Uganda Unites experienced a dynamic and impactful month, marked by strong youth engagement, organizational growth, and innovation in program delivery. The team hosted a Youth Voice X Space session, creating a platform for open dialogue among young people, while also conducting volunteer training sessions to strengthen capacity and leadership. Their outreach efforts were extensive, with 14 engagements across schools and communities, including Peace Club follow-ups and community sessions. A major milestone was the successful facilitation of a Workplace Conflict Resolution Workshop, which brought together professionals from diverse sectors to address issues such as bias, communication breakdown, and cultural differences. This initiative not only advanced the organization's mission but also positioned Uganda Unites as a key player in corporate training and sustainable income generation.



**Volunteer
Uganda Unites**

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Volunteering with Uganda Unites has been a deeply enriching experience. Through the “Little by Little” campaign, I have developed practical skills in community outreach and fundraising, learning how to confidently engage individuals and mobilize support.

I have also strengthened my ability to craft formal communication for clients and partners, as well as collaborate effectively with fellow volunteers to achieve shared goals.

Additionally, this experience has instilled in me the importance of accountability, particularly the value of attending meetings and being punctual. This has significantly improved the efficiency and overall impact of the teams I am involved with, including the Administration and Fundraising team at Uganda Unites.

In my role as a Commissioner of the Electoral Commission at university, the team I lead has become more active, coordinated, and engaging as a result.

On 26th March 2026, I participated in a community engagement focused on conflict management in the workplace, where I gained a deeper understanding of the root causes of conflict, including religion, tribalism, and poor communication. I also learned practical resolution strategies such as mediation and active listening, which I later shared with my university peers, extending the impact beyond the engagement itself.

This experience has shaped how I relate with others. I now pay closer attention when people share their challenges and take a more proactive approach to supporting them in navigating and resolving conflicts constructively.





AFGHANISTAN UNITES

In March, Afghanistan Unites focused on strengthening its internal network and laying the foundation for future programming in a complex operating environment. The team actively engaged with GUMTA graduates, introducing them to the movement's vision and inviting them to take on active roles within upcoming initiatives. These conversations not only expanded the volunteer base but also reinforced a shared commitment to peacebuilding. At the same time, strategic planning sessions were held to identify feasible and impactful online programs, ensuring that activities remain accessible and relevant despite contextual challenges. This adaptive approach reflects Afghanistan Unites' resilience and dedication to sustaining youth-led peace efforts.



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LIBERIA UNITES

Liberia Unites delivered one of its most expansive months of engagement, reaching over 1,700 individuals across multiple counties through school and community-based initiatives. School Relations Engagements were conducted across eight schools, equipping students and youth leaders with knowledge and inspiration to become active change-makers. Community engagements in Grand Bassa and Montserrado brought together hundreds of participants for meaningful discussions on leadership and social responsibility. A particularly heartwarming highlight was the Easter celebration, where children received gifts, snacks, and educational materials, creating a joyful and memorable experience. The team also strengthened institutional partnerships through meetings with universities and advanced preparations for the Future Leaders Conference (FLC) through site visits and strategic discussions, demonstrating strong momentum toward long-term impact.



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Marvelous P. F Willie
Liberia Unites

I am truly grateful to Liberia Unites for taking the time to visit our school, The Buchanan Open Bible Standard School, during your school relations tour and engagement. Your presence meant a lot to me and my fellow students, and it was both inspiring and enlightening.

Through your session, I gained a deeper understanding of service learning and youth leadership. It encouraged me to see myself not just as a student, but as someone who can actively contribute to my community. The teachings have motivated me to grow, lead, and make a positive impact.

I am especially excited about the opportunity to stay connected and would be honored to volunteer with Liberia Unites going forward.

Thank you for empowering young people like me and for investing in our future.





NEPAL UNITES

Nepal Unites focused on building strategic relationships and preparing the ground for future youth engagement initiatives. Key meetings were held with school leadership, including discussions with the principal of Sanskar Gurukul, to promote participation in the Next Gen Oratory Competition. These engagements aim to inspire young people to develop confidence, public speaking skills, and leadership qualities. Internally, the team also met with advisors and leadership members to align on priorities and strengthen coordination. While the month centered on planning and relationship-building, it set a strong foundation for expanding programs and increasing youth participation in the coming months.



Birodh Khatiwada
Nuwakot, Bagmati Province
Nepal Unites

TESTIMONIAL

I am deeply committed to the objectives of the Nepal Unites movement : unity, cooperation, and positive social transformation. I have been continuously working in the areas of disability rights, social inclusion, human rights, and youth empowerment. My focus is on ensuring equal participation and dignity for persons with disabilities in society. I will continue to actively engage with Nepal Unites initiatives to build an inclusive and united community.





KENYA UNITES

In March, Kenya Unites continued to bridge grassroots engagement with research-driven peacebuilding. The team conducted Peace Club sessions in key learning institutions, fostering dialogue and leadership among students. A significant achievement was the successful implementation of the first Focus Group Discussion under the Global Unites–Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI) partnership, where students shared their lived experiences and perspectives on peace. These insights contribute to a deeper, community-centered understanding of peacebuilding. Alongside this, Kenya Unites strengthened its fundraising and partnership efforts, securing support for learners to participate in national debate competitions and engaging with partners such as AFSC and Peace Labs. These efforts reflect a growing emphasis on collaboration, sustainability, and impact.



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INDIA UNITES

In March, India Unites continued advancing its commitment to peacebuilding, interfaith dialogue, and youth empowerment through a series of impactful initiatives. A Peace Club Centre was inaugurated to serve as a hub for long-term social and community activities. The team actively engaged in global and local peace dialogues, including participation in the Annual Ramadan Dinner hosted by the British Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, representing interfaith and peacebuilding efforts alongside diverse stakeholders. India Unites also marked International Women's Day by organizing a self-defense workshop and a capacity-building session focused on the economic empowerment of young women.

Further strengthening its role in dialogue and advocacy, the team participated in a session led by renowned Gandhian peacebuilder Om Prakash Shah, contributing to discussions on grassroots interfaith relationships and the importance of India-Pakistan dialogue. Through these initiatives, India Unites continues to foster inclusive conversations, empower youth, and promote sustainable peace at the community level.

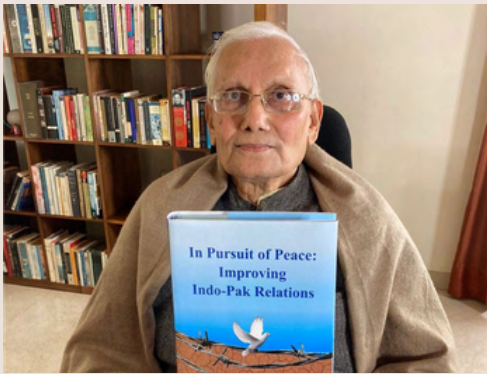


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Om Prakash Shah
Indo Pakistan Peace Activist, Author & Founder of Centre For Peace & Progress

India Unites & dynamic youth of India unites bring a refreshing & reviving perspective to the challenging work of interfaith work





THE WORLD WE SHARE

Launching “The World We Share” A New Global Podcast Initiative

In March, Global Unites Headquarters marked a significant milestone with the successful launch of its in-house media studio and flagship podcast series, “The World We Share.” This initiative represents a bold step toward creating a global platform for dialogue, reflection, and critical engagement on some of the most pressing issues shaping our world today.

Designed to explore the realities of an increasingly interconnected world, the podcast brings together conversations on geopolitics, global conflicts, and social transformation, bridging complex international topics with the perspectives of young people and peacebuilders. Hosted by Prashan De Visser, the series aims to unpack global developments in a way that is accessible, thought-provoking, and grounded in the values of unity, dialogue, and collective responsibility.

Within its first month, the podcast successfully released three impactful episodes recorded at the newly established Global Unites studio. Episode one, “Understanding the Iran–Israel–US Crisis,” explored the complexities of one of the most sensitive geopolitical tensions of our time. This was followed by “Iran: Lost Four Decades,” which provided a deeper historical and analytical perspective on the country’s trajectory and its implications for the region. The third episode, “The Role of Gulf States in the Middle East War,” examined the strategic influence and evolving roles of key regional actors in ongoing conflicts.

These conversations reflect Global Unites’ commitment to going beyond surface-level narratives and creating space for informed, balanced, and meaningful dialogue. By connecting global issues with youth engagement and peacebuilding perspectives, “The World We Share” not only informs but also inspires critical thinking and responsible global citizenship.

This initiative stands as a powerful extension of Global Unites’ mission, amplifying voices, encouraging dialogue, and fostering a deeper understanding of the shared challenges that define our world. As the series continues to grow, it is set to become a key platform for engaging young leaders and global audiences in conversations that truly matter.



MAGE RATA

EXPLORING IDENTITY THROUGH CONVERSATION

In addition to its global podcast initiatives, Global Unites Headquarters also launched “Mage Rata,” a locally grounded podcast series aimed at exploring the question of Sri Lankan identity through diverse voices and lived experiences. This initiative creates a space for meaningful conversations with individuals from a wide range of sectors, including entrepreneurs, politicians, social leaders, activists, actors, lawyers, and sports personalities.

Mage Rata goes beyond surface-level discussions by diving into the personal journeys, values, and perspectives that shape how individuals understand their role within the nation. Through these conversations, the series seeks to unpack what it truly means to be Sri Lankan in today’s context—bridging differences, highlighting shared experiences, and fostering a deeper sense of belonging and unity.

By engaging voices from across disciplines and communities, the podcast encourages reflection, dialogue, and a more inclusive understanding of identity. It also provides young people with the opportunity to learn from real-life experiences, challenges, and insights of leaders and changemakers who are shaping the country in different ways.

This initiative reflects Global Unites’ continued commitment to connecting local narratives with broader conversations on unity and social cohesion, reminding us that understanding who we are is a critical step toward building a more peaceful and united society.



GUMTA GRADUATION

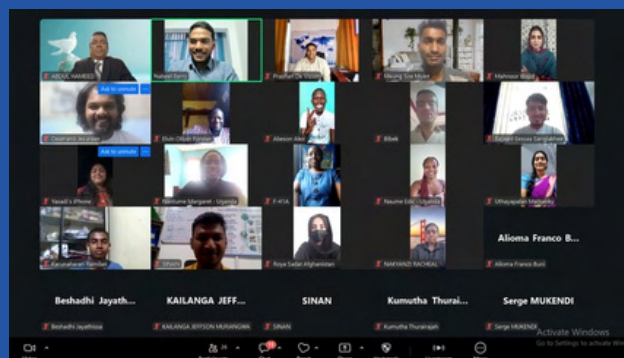
GLOBAL UNITES MASTER TRAINERS ACADEMY

A major highlight of March was the successful completion of the Global Unites Master Trainers Academy (GUMTA), with 26 Master Trainers graduating after completing all four modules of the program. The graduation ceremony was held virtually on 24th March, bringing together participants, leadership, and supporters from across the Global Unites network in a live online celebration.

The academy, designed as a structured leadership and peacebuilding program, focused on four key modules: Non-Violence, Youth Leadership and Character, Grassroots Movements, and Reconciliation & Conflict Transformation. Through these modules, participants were equipped with essential knowledge and practical skills in conflict transformation, facilitation, community engagement, and values-based leadership. The learning journey combined interactive sessions, practical assignments, and peer collaboration, enabling participants to translate theory into meaningful action within their communities.

The graduation ceremony not only celebrated the successful completion of the program but also recognized excellence and commitment. Top 10 performers were acknowledged in each module, along with an overall Top 10, highlighting outstanding dedication and impact throughout the academy. All 26 participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their achievement and readiness to take on leadership roles.

More than just the conclusion of a training program, the graduation marks the beginning of a new phase of impact. These Master Trainers are already stepping into active roles, initiating Peace Clubs, facilitating dialogue sessions, and mentoring other young leaders in their respective communities. The ripple effect of this program continues to grow across countries, strengthening Global Unites' vision of building a strong, connected network of grassroots peacebuilders committed to creating lasting change.



GRADUATION

GLOBAL UNITES MASTER TRAINERS ACADEMY

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Global Unites Master Trainers Academy

GUMTA overall top 10

TOP -10

 Masika Vivian Ziporah	 Yasadi Siriwardana	 Abeson Alex	 Uthayapalan Mathanky	 Desmand Jesuraan Joseph
 Arike Jacob	 Edic Naume	 Diana Miskinyar	 Maung Soe Myint	 Hadisa Mohammadi

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Global Unites Master Trainers Academy

GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS

TOP -10

 Elvin Oliver Forster	 Yasadi Siriwardana	 Abeson Alex	 Uthayapalan Mathanky	 Desmand Jesuraan Joseph
 Arike Jacob	 Edic Naume	 Diana Miskinyar	 Nakyenzi Racheal	 MBAYA MBAYA MANASSE

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Global Unites Master Trainers Academy

RECONCILIATION AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

TOP -10

 Nantume Margaret	 NKONGE JOHNSON	 Maung Soe Myint	 Arzath Areeff	 Roya Sadat
 Edic Naume	 Kumutha Thurairajah	 S. Sathusana	 TUMWESIGYE BRIEF	 Michael Saviour Adomati

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NON-VIOLENCE

TOP -10

 Desmand Jesuraan Joseph	 Muhammad Kazem Diyar	 Maung Soe Myint	 Serge MUKENDI MUKENDI	 Githmi Bandaranayake
 Diana Koppelt	 ARIKE JACOB	 BRIAN WABWIRE	 Hadisa Mohammadi	 Muadi Kazadi Riennidie

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Global Unites Master Trainers Academy

Youth Leadership and Characters

TOP -10

 Abeson Alex (Uganda)	 Vivian Masika (Uganda)	 Yasadi Siriwardana (Sri Lanka)	 AGABABYOONA JOEL (Uganda)	 Sarah Gribani (South Sudan)
 Hadisa (Afghanistan)	 Nakyenzi Racheal (Uganda)	 FREDDY SEBUYANGE (DRC - Congo)	 ARIKE JACOB (Uganda)	 Habib Ullah (Pakistan)





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CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

South Asia

The Champions of Change – South Asia Finals, held on 28th March 2026, marked a significant milestone in celebrating youth-led impact and leadership across the region. This flagship initiative by Global Unites South Asia brought together passionate changemakers who are actively working to address some of the most pressing social challenges within their communities. The competition served as a platform to recognize, elevate, and support young leaders committed to creating meaningful and sustainable change.

The program was structured around four key thematic categories: Peace & Non-Violence, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Mental Wellness, and Gender Equality. Each category highlighted a critical area of social transformation, showcasing diverse initiatives led by youth who are driving change through dialogue, innovation, advocacy, and community engagement. From promoting harmony and conflict resolution to advancing inclusive economic opportunities, mental health awareness, and gender equity, the finalists represented the strength and diversity of youth leadership in South Asia.

Following a competitive selection process that combined public engagement, detailed application reviews, and expert evaluations, the top contestants advanced to the final stage. During the live finals, participants presented their initiatives, demonstrating not only the impact of their work but also their vision for scaling and sustaining their efforts. The evaluation process integrated public voting, live audience participation, and a panel of judges, ensuring a transparent and well-rounded assessment of each participant.

At the conclusion of the event, four outstanding winners were announced, each representing excellence in their respective category. Each winner is awarded a micro-grant to further strengthen and expand their initiatives in 2026, reinforcing Global Unites' commitment to supporting impactful, youth-led solutions.

Peace & Non-Violence Champion: Collective Pakistan – Pakistan

Entrepreneurship & Innovation Champion: Aneeqa Areeb Amjad – Pakistan

Mental Wellness Champion: Maheswaran Kavishankari Kawya – Sri Lanka

Gender Equality Champion: Samir Pariyar – Nepal





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Beyond the competition, the Champions of Change initiative continues to serve as a long-term platform for engagement, collaboration, and growth. All participants were recognized for their efforts and welcomed into the Global Unites network, gaining access to training opportunities, regional programs, and international platforms. This initiative not only celebrates achievement but also builds a community of changemakers dedicated to shaping a more just, inclusive, and peaceful future.

The Champions of Change Finals stood as a powerful reminder of the potential of young people to lead transformation. As Global Unites South Asia moves forward, it remains committed to amplifying these voices and supporting the next generation of leaders who are redefining the future of the region.



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Peace & Non-Violence Champion

Congratulations

Winners of \$500 Micro-Grant to strengthen social impact.



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COLLECTIVE PAKISTAN



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Entrepreneurship & Innovation Champion

Congratulations

Winners of \$1000 seed investment to expand the business.



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ANEEQA AREEB AMJAD



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Mental Wellness Champion

Congratulations

Winners of \$500 Micro-Grant to strengthen social impact.



MWC 10

MAHESWARAN KAVISHANKARI KAWYA



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Gender Equality Champion

Congratulations

Winners of \$500 Micro-Grant to strengthen social impact.



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SAMIR PARIYAR



DIGITAL MEDIA TRAINING

On 28th March, Global Unites hosted a Digital Media Team Training Session for members interested in strengthening their digital storytelling skills. The session brought together media leads from country chapters to learn how to create and amplify impactful stories online. Humanitarian storyteller Josh Kim and award-winning filmmaker and venture strategist Art Hooker led the session, sharing practical tips on capturing stories with just a phone, understanding the psychology behind storytelling, and using accessible tools for editing. Participants gained insights on how to connect with audiences emotionally, convey meaningful messages, and drive action, all while embracing creativity over technical perfection. This training empowered Global Unites members to harness the power of digital media to strengthen their movements and share their stories more effectively.

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Digital Media Training

Lead, create, and amplify your impact online

Saturday
28 March, 2026

Time
8.00pm (IST)

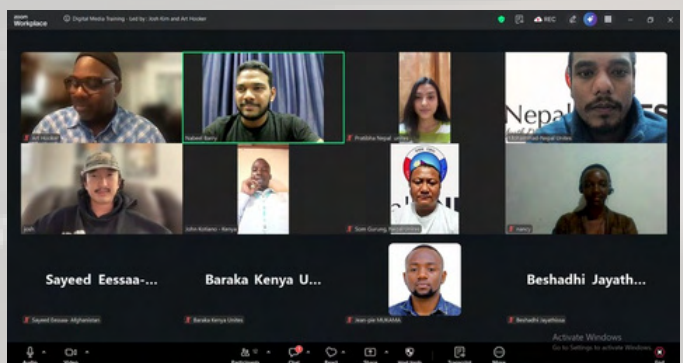
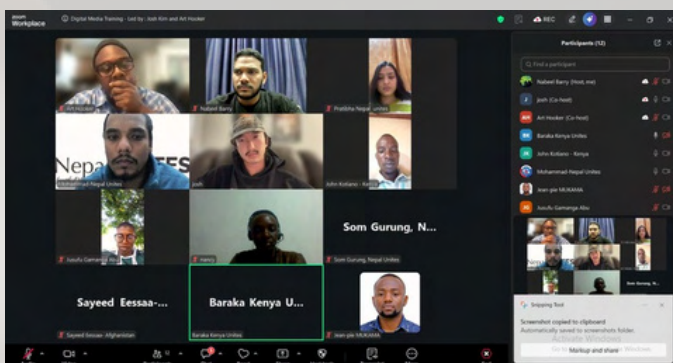
Scan & Register Now!

Led by:

Joshua Kim
Joshua Kim is the founder of Wherever You Go Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to telling the stories of underserved communities around the world. After working as a touring videographer and photographer with major artists, he stepped away from the entertainment industry to focus on humanitarian storytelling. Joshua has traveled to over 60 countries, documenting and supporting initiatives that serve orphans, refugees, and vulnerable communities. Through film and photography, his work aims to connect people to real stories and inspire meaningful action.

Art Hooker
Art Hooker is an award-winning filmmaker and venture strategist working at the intersection of storytelling, leadership, and civic innovation. With over a decade of experience, he explores how narrative, discipline, and identity can drive real-world impact beyond awareness. He has led national campaigns and collaborates with global institutions to embed purpose into practice through structured, action-oriented approaches.

Let's strengthen our digital voice together!
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UMBRELLA OF HOPE

On 1st April, Global Unites marked the launch of Phase 3 of the Umbrella of Hope initiative with the introduction of the Community Cupboard program in Anamaduwa and Arachchikattuwa in the Puttalam District. Moving beyond immediate relief, this phase focuses on long-term community empowerment by creating shared spaces where children can learn, play, and connect. Each Community Cupboard is equipped with sports and recreational items, encouraging physical activity, creativity, and social interaction among children, helping restore a sense of normalcy and wellbeing. More than just a resource hub, the initiative represents a meaningful step toward supporting children's emotional and social development while strengthening community bonds. This milestone reflects the continued commitment of Global Unites, made possible through the support of dedicated donors, partners, and volunteers, as the initiative expands its impact across more communities.



Lead the Change 2026 Programs & Opportunities

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

As we build momentum in 2026, we are excited to introduce upcoming programs designed to equip, challenge, and inspire the next generation of peacebuilders.

Global Unites Summer Program 2026



Our flagship Summer Program will run in two cohorts:

- **Cohort I: May – June 2026**
- **Cohort II: July – August 2026**

This immersive program will bring together emerging youth leaders from across our network for structured learning, dialogue, and collaborative action.

Participants will engage in:

- Peace education and non-violence training
- Leadership and mentorship sessions
- Intercultural and interfaith dialogue
- Community-based project development
- Global exchange and peer collaboration

**All-Inclusive
Package
5000 USD**

The Summer Program reflects our continued investment in youth leadership and sustainable peacebuilding.



Sign up and Apply Now!

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Account Number 466006135717

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Winchester, MA 01890

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Thank You for Making This Possible!

January was only the beginning.

The foundation laid this month sets the tone for expanded impact throughout 2026.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you.





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