



Rahsaan Graham

Expert in education and issues of child protection, child development, and children living with disabilities

Rahsaan is World Vision's Senior Director for Child Protection and Education. The son of an educator and a youth development specialist, he realized as a teenager that he wanted to help vulnerable children—especially those with disabilities—to see their value and overcome challenges to reach their potential. As a pediatric occupational therapist, he worked with children with disabilities in underserved communities, first in Minneapolis and then in New York City.

Rahsaan joined World Vision shortly after the organization began responding to the events of 9/11. As director of the Vision Youth Program—World Vision's first U.S. Programs work in New York City—he led World Vision's church partnerships to reach at-risk children affected by the tragedy. He subsequently played a key role in World Vision's response to Hurricane Katrina and its Miami-based relief efforts after the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Today he directs business planning and project design and manages a privately funded portfolio of international work for the most vulnerable children. This includes children at risk of trafficking, child marriage, abuse in the home, school-based and gender-based violence, and those without opportunities for early childhood development and basic learning in safe schools.

Rahsaan received his undergraduate degree from North Park University and a master's in occupational therapy from Rush University, and continues to be a licensed pediatric occupational therapist. He is co-founder and chairman of the board of the Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School in New York City, which focuses on English-language learners and children with special needs.

Rahsaan is married to Michelle, and they live in New York City with their two school-age daughters.

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