

United Nations Program

OBJECTIVE:

Educate members about United Nations programs concerning women, children, literacy, human rights, and the environment and support GFWC's status as a UN Non-Governmental Organization Observer

ACTION PLAN

UNITED NATIONS

- o Appoint a chairman to educate members regarding UN issues, programs, and activities.
- o Provide books to local schools with information and activities about the United Nations. Encourage teachers to use UN books and publications, and assist them with developing a Model UN program. (See Resources)
- o Celebrate United Nations Day on October 24 of each year.
- o Become familiar with GFWC's position regarding UN treaties and conventions. (Refer to GFWC Resolutions or contact the GFWC Public Policy Director.)
- o Work with a local chapter of United Nations Association of the USA, which can provide speakers and information about the UN.

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

Founded in 1947, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports UNICEF's work in this country through education, advocacy, and fundraising. The U.S. Fund organizes its work around five core themes that are consistent with UNICEF's organizational priorities. Engage club and community members in activities that fulfill the goals of UNICEF.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF AND WWW.TEACHUNICEF.ORG

- o Celebrate National UNICEF Month in October.
- o Educate youth groups and schools about Trick or Treat UNICEF boxes. Order boxes by calling 800/UNICEF or visit www.UNICEFUSA.org.
- o Visit www.TeachUNICEF.org for lesson plans and activities designed to educate young people and share with schools, parent-teacher associations, and your community.

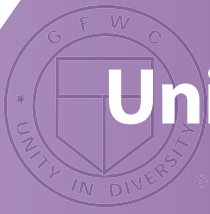
CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIV/AIDS (PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION)

- o Download HIV/AIDS activities (www.UNICEFUSA.org/Volunteer) and use it as a club or community program.
- o Host an international tea or library event and use as fundraising and educational opportunity.
- o Order informational HIV/AIDS video and screen at a club meeting. A limited number of videos are available at no cost. (See Resources)



INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY RATES WILL DOUBLE IN MANY COUNTRIES BY 2010, according to a UNICEF report. In 2007, members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs gave more than \$60,000 to help children all over the world.





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- o Order HIV/AIDS brochures and pins (free). There are 25 pins per package. Use pins as a UNICEF fundraiser, asking for a donation of \$3 per pin: \$3 is the average cost of one dose of medication for the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS. To receive credit for award purposes, club donations **MUST** be sent to the address listed in Resources. Checks should be made payable to U.S. Fund for UNICEF, noting PMTCT on memo line. (See Resources)

WATER /ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION

Unclean water and poor sanitation have claimed more lives over the past century than any other cause. In many developing countries, this continues to be the case.

- o Investigate UNICEF's Inspired Gifts program online at <http://InspiredGifts.UNICEFUSA.org>.
- o Consider raising funds to purchase hand pump water wells at a cost of \$408 each. The deep-well hand pump makes safe water easier to access, which sustains children and prevents deaths.
- o Celebrate the Tap Project in March. Encourage restaurants to participate.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN

UNIFEM places the advancement of women's human rights at the center of all of its efforts, and focuses on four strategic areas: reducing feminized poverty, ending violence against women, reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls, and achieving gender equality in democratic governance in times of peace as well as war.

- o Explore how to become involved with UNIFEM, which directs technical and financial support to programs that empower women. (See Resources)
- o Visit www.SayNoToViolence.org for information regarding the Say No to Violence Against Women campaign.

RESOURCES

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA

801 2nd AVE | New York, NY 10017-4706

P: 212/907-1300 | F: 212/682-9185 | W: www.UNAUSA.org

Contact: Christopher Bailey | cbailey@unausa.org

UNA-USA is a grassroots membership organization dedicated to strengthening the United Nations system and the role of the U.S. in that system, and to promoting multilateral efforts to advance the goals of the United Nations Charter.

U.S. FUND FOR UNICEF

Attn: NGO Dept. 125 Maiden Ln | New York, NY 10038

P: 800/252-FOR-KIDS | P: 212/922-2618 | W: www.UNICEFUSA.org

Contact: Kate Weber | kweber@unicefusa.org





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304 East 45th ST , 15th FL | New York, NY 10017

P: 212/906-6390 | F: 212/906-6705 | W: www.UNIFEM.org

Contact: Joan Libby Hawk, Public Affairs | joan.libby-hawk@undp.org

AWARDS

CLUB

A \$50 award is given annually to one club in the nation to recognize creativity in implementing an effective United Nations Program. The award is based on narrative reports. State chairmen should forward the winning state entry to the national GFWC United Nations Program Chairman by March 15 of each year.

STATE

GFWC certificates are awarded to one state federation in each membership category to recognize outstanding achievement in the GFWC United Nations Program. Award presentations are made annually in honor of junior and general membership participation.

UNICEF

A certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF will be mailed to each club that donates \$400 or more in support of UNICEF programs

Based on U.S. Fund-tracked donations in support of UNICEF programs, the US Fund will present awards at the 2009 and 2010 GFWC Annual International Conventions to the highest donating clubs and states in each of the GFWC membership categories.

*To recognize all GFWC supporters of UNICEF, the U.S. Fund will recognize clubs that have donated to other programs such as "School in a Box" and the General Fund as long as gifts are addressed "Attn. NGO Department." The Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF program has a separate recognition program and gifts sent to the PO Box will not be eligible.

