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*October 24th---UN Day 60th Anniversary Dinner and Program
Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute*

Presentation:

Child Health and Survival: Global and Local Successes and Challenges.

Presenter:

***Mary Ann Murphy,
Executive Director, Partners with Families and Children; Spokane***

Mary Ann Murphy will present the United Nations Millennium Goal # 4 related to saving the lives of millions of children. Starting with a global and national overview, she will bring these issues home by addressing how Partners with Families and Children: Spokane treats the most vulnerable children and their families in our community. She will speak about extraordinary collaborations in Spokane to heal these children and impart hope to their families. She will also discuss how federal and state policies affect

what kind of local solutions can be forged. Mary Ann Murphy is the executive director of Partners with Families and Children: Spokane. This agency is a broad-based collaborative service sponsored by Deaconess and Sacred Heart Medical Centers to evaluate and treat children (and their families) who are victims of abuse and neglect. Mary Ann, who holds a master's degree in developmental psychology, has worked with children and families for over 30 years. She works to create collaborations with law

enforcement, Child Protective Services, the courts, the schools and other social and health treatment providers. She works diligently to influence and change national and state policies to serve the most vulnerable children. She is involved on the national level with the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice and was recently appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to serve as the Chair of the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

In 2005, she received the prestigious Lee Ann Miller Award for advocacy for abused and neglected children in Washington state.

She never tires of advancing her vision and passion of strengthening the fabric of support for families in our community. Her mantra: "There is no rescuing children without addressing needs of families."

UN Day Dinner Reservation Form

CHILD HEALTH AND SURVIVAL:

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND THE MOST VULNERABLE

Monday, October 24, 2005

5:30 Social Time 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Program

\$25. Per Adult and \$10. Per Student

_____ Yes, I am attending the UN Day Dinner at Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute.

My check for _____ is enclosed.

I can't attend but here is a donation .\$. _____.

Please make your check payable to UNA-Spokane. Mail check by Oct. 15 to: UNA Spokane, Janet Eiden, 6324 S. Helena, Spokane, WA 99223. Or call 509-448-0762. Please print names

as you wish them to appear on your name tags:

“There is no rescuing children without addressing needs of families.”

**Mary Ann Murphy
Executive Director**

Partners with Families and Children: Spokane

President's Message Jo Stowell

This is the "Year of the Child". It seems fitting that the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the United Nations should have as its theme the UN's fourth Millennium Development Goal ---"Child Health and Survival: The Millennium Development Goals and the Most Vulnerable". It is fitting because so much of the important work done by the UN in its 60 year history has been to improve the condition of children around the globe.

The first UN agency created for the benefit of children was UNICEF in 1946 to provide emergency needs for European and Chinese children. In 1950 its mandate was broadened to include the long term needs of children worldwide. Several other UN agencies successfully working for the welfare of children include: The World Health Organization which led the effort toward eradication of Small Pox; the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees which gives special attention to children since they make up half of the global refugee population; the UN Development Program which coordinates programs for children to maximize their effectiveness; and UNAIDS which is important to the well-being of children as children make up a large portion of HIV/AIDS victims.

Despite the efforts of the dedicated people working through these vital UN agencies, there is so much yet to be done. One child dies from hunger and disease every five seconds. That's 12.5 deaths per minute, 750 deaths per hour and 18,000 per day. Most of these deaths could be prevented easily and inexpensively. Oral re-hydration packets, which cost \$5.58 for 100 packets, can prevent 15 percent of all under the age of five deaths. For 19 cents you can feed a hungry child in school for a day.

Underlying these incredible statistics is the whole issue of Children's Rights. While the convention on the "Rights of the Child" was ratified by more than any other human rights treaty (by November 2003, 192 countries had ratified the convention), it has not been properly funded and obviously Children's Rights are still being grossly violated in much of the world. Adding to its problems, the US is one of the two countries that has not ratified the treaty. (Somalia does not have a viable government at this time capable of ratifying a treaty.) US opponents have lobbied strongly against the convention claiming it elevates children's rights above parents' rights and because the convention forbids life sentences or the death penalty for children under the age of 18. The US refusal to ratify the convention surely tarnishes the image of the US as a human rights leader.

The speaker for our UN Day celebration has been widely recognized for her life of dedication and contribution to the welfare of children. Her thirty years of working with children and families gives her message credibility and authority. Her vision and passion is the strengthening of family supporters as her deep belief is that "there is no rescuing children without addressing needs of families". In this "Year of the Child" you will surely want to hear the message Mary Ann brings us.

I am sure you will want to hear the children of the Martin Luther King Family Center. I am delighted that their Kuumba Ensemble (Kuumba means creativity) will be entertaining us with their chanting and African drumming.

This is a program you'll not want to miss. Please join us in celebrating the 60th birthday of the United Nations and the "Year of the Child".

Spokane Chapter Calendar

Chapter Board Mtg.
Oct. 11 7:00 pm
Janet Eiden
6324 S. Helena

UN Day Dinner
Oct 24, 5:30 pm
Mukogawa Commons

Fort Wright College
Speaker: Mary Ann Murphy

Adopt a Mine-Field-
Night of a 1000 Dinners
Potluck
Nov. 14. 5:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church

The People Speak...
www.thepeoplespeak.org

When you receive a call from a chapter member to participate, this is what "The People Speak" is all about. We're looking for hosts or for people who would like to attend. Please call Jo at 624-3608 if you want to participate.

The People Speak is a series that brings thoughtful discussion and debate about foreign policy to hundreds of thousands of Americans and foreign citizens in their schools, churches, universities, clubs, homes, and civic organizations. From September 1 to November 30, 2005, you can join participants across the United States and around the world by hosting your own forum or joining one in your area. This year's discussion will focus on what is perhaps the United States' most important foreign policy consideration: its leadership and membership in the United Nations.

The official theme of The People Speak 2005 is: Building a Safer World: Defining the U.S.-U.N. Relationship for the 21st Century Participants will address this in one of four topic areas: • Environment • Poverty, Hunger, and Health • War and Conflict • WMD and Terrorism.

It's easy to get involved. Visit www.thepeoplespeak.org website and register for The People Speak! Once you're registered, you'll have access to a tool kit, topic guides, and everything else you need to host or attend your own The People Speak event.

Membership Application/ Renewal
Yes! I want to join UNA-USA Spokane!

Membership Category Levels

- \$10. Student
- \$25. Introductory (first year only) / \$25. Fixed Income.
- \$40. Individual or Household Member.

Yes! I want to make a contribution of \$ _____ to help carry on the work of the UNA Spokane Chapter!

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