BUILDING A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN:
The United Nations
Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Third Biennial
Global and Multicultural Education Center’s
Kansas City Conference

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September 17-18, 2004

Kauffman Foundation, Conference Center
4801 Rockhill Road
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Conference Co-Chairs
Missouri State Senator       Rev. Dr. Robert H. Meneilly
Charles B. Wheeler, M.D. J.D.   Pastor Emeritus, Village Presbyterian Church

Manny Pedram, Ph.D. Conference Coordinator
Building A World Fit for Children:
Schedule of Activities

Simultaneous Panel Series
Session 1: Promoting Healthy Lives
Moderators: Yolanda Huet Vaughn, M.D., Linda Vogel, Kathy Fuger

Session 2: Promoting Quality Education
Moderators: Gregory Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Mary Annah. Mosley, Richard Dawson

Session 3: Protecting Against Abuse, Exploitation and Violence
Moderators: Kathy Butterfield, Pamela Hoch, Hattie Williams

Session 4: Arms and International Conflicts: Children and War
Moderators: James Everett, Jude La Claire, Ph.D.

Friday, September 17, 2004
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 Welcome
Senator Wheeler & Rev. Dr. Meneilly
9:15 “Convention on the Rights of the Child: The basis of CRC, Where does the U.S. stand on the CRC?” Mr. Martin Scherr
10:00 Introduction of Panelists and Moderators
Norman Burkart
10:15 Break
10:30 Simultaneous Panel Series
11:30 Break
11:45 Luncheon
Recognition of schools and students: Dr. Robert Meneilly, Haumana Johannsen
“When Children Become Our Priority” Janice S. Ellis, Ph.D.
1:15 Break
1:30 Simultaneous Panel Series
2:30 Break
2:45 General Session Marty Scherr, “Building a World Fit for Children” - Reports from Simultaneous Panel Series
4:00 Adjourn
6:30 Reception
7:00 Dinner and General Session Senator Wheeler & Rev. Dr. Robert Meneilly
- A message from Mayor Barnes
- Tribute to Charles Bebb, Partner in CRC 2000-2002 Manny Pedram, Ph.D.
- Winner of Essay Contest and Teacher Recognition
- “Toward a World Fit for Children” Martin Rendon, UNICEF
- Comments from our sponsors:
  Mr. Jay Sjerven, President, United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City
  Dr. Gregory Brown, President, Global & Multicultural Education Center

Saturday, September 18, 2004
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 Welcome
Senator Wheeler & Rev. Dr. Meneilly
10:00 Introduction of Panelists and Moderators, Norman Burkart
10:15 Break
10:30 Simultaneous Panel Series
11:30 Break
11:45 Luncheon
Recognition of guests
“Building a World Fit for Children” Lewis W. Diuguid
1:15 Break
1:30 Simultaneous Panel Series
2:30 Break
2:45 General Session Rev. Robert Meneilly and Greg Brown Reports from Simultaneous Panel Series
5:00 Recognize supporting organizations with display tables.
Signing the Resolution Haumana Johannsen
Final comments: Co-chairs

Performance by Students CRC 2000
Building A World Fit for Children: Leadership and Speakers

Senator Charles B. Wheeler, M.D., J.D. has been chairman of G.A.M.E.‘s Biennial Conference “Building A World Fit for Children.” since 1999. He is in his first term as Missouri State Senator. His background includes eight years (1971-79) as the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri; Jackson County Coroner; Judge of Jackson County Western District Court; faculty of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Medical School and University of Kansas School of Medicine. Senator Wheeler has consistently expanded the international community in Kansas City and served for 20 years on the board of directors of Kansas City Sister Cities. During his term the city council passed “mundialization,” proclaiming Kansas City as a “World City.” In addition, the annual event known as the Mayor’s United Nations Day Event was started.

Dr. Robert Meneilly, known to many as “Dr. Bob” is Pastor Emeritus and founder of Village Presbyterian Church. In his 52 years of ministry, he has provided leadership in advancing international peace and fellowship in routine church activities including the United Nations, Unicef, Harmony in a World of Difference, and Interfaith Peace Alliance. He chaired the Mayor’s U.N. Day Committee in 1981 and received Mayor’s World Citizen Award in 1999. He chaired the Mainstream Coalition and has served on the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child Steering committee since 2000.

Mr. Martin Scherr, Senior Associate of Child Rights and Protection, International Social Service - USA Branch. Prior to joining International Social Service Mr. Scherr directed the international office of the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) since 1997, consisting of CWLA member agencies on international issues, representing CWLA with United Nations Agencies, USAID, Child Rights Caucus, Council of NGO and other international organizations. Mr. Scherr was a Peace Corps volunteer leader in the Philippines where he coordinated the work of more than 30 Peace Corps volunteers. He was Associate Peace Corps Director in Honduras where he supervised volunteers and was liaison with Honduras government social and welfare agencies.

Janice S. Ellis, Ph.D. is president of the Partnership for Children. Prior to this position, she managed her own full service marketing firm and was director of marketing and development for Marion Merrell Dow. Dr. Ellis experience includes eight years working with the Mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Dr. Ellis has a long history of civic and community involvement. In 1985, she founded REACH FOR THE STARS, a nationally recognized teen pregnancy prevention program. Dr. Ellis has published numerous articles for national trade and professional publications. She has written a newspaper column during her career, including The Kansas City Star, The Kansas City Call and The Kansas City Globe.

Mr. Martin Rendón has been Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF since 1995. He joined the organization in 1993. He previously worked for over two decades as a Congressional aide on the staff of Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-OH) and Rep. Bill Green (R-NY). He served for eight years on the Associate Staff of the House Rules Committee and was Staff Director of the House Select Committee on Hunger from 1989 to 1993. Rendón's first job on Capitol Hill was as an intern for Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D).

Mr. Lewis Diuguid is vice president for community resources at The Kansas City Star. He serves on the editorial board and is responsible for The Star’s philanthropic efforts in the community. Since 1995 he has co-chaired the diversity initiative at The Star and since 1993 has trained Star staff in diversity workshops. Mr. Diuguid is a founding member, treasurer, newsletter editor and Media Awards Committee chairman of the Kansas City Association of Black Journalists. He is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, a member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, a member of the Monroe Trotter Group of Black Voices in Commentary and serves on the Board of Directors of the University of Missouri Alumni Association. He has received several awards, including the 2000 Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism.
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
BUILDING A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN
2004 Biennial Kansas City Conference

Name: ____________________________________________ Telephone (day): ______________________________________

Organization/School: ________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Email address: _______________________________________________________________________________________

For single day Registration (Please check (x) those parts of the Conference you will attend)

☐ Friday, September 17, 2004 Conference:
  - Conference Fee $35
  - Lunch $20
  - Reception $5
  - Dinner $35

☐ Saturday, September 18, 2004 Conference:
  - Conference Fee $35
  - Lunch $20

☐ PRE-REGISTRATION for entire conference by September 1, 2004 $125.
  - After September 1 - $150.00

☐ STUDENT/TEACHER PRE-REGISTRATION $25

Hotel Accommodations within proximity of Kauffman Conference Center:

- Holiday Inn Express, 801 Westport Road (816) 931-1000
- Marriott Country Club Plaza, 4445 Main (816) 531-3000
- Fairmont Plaza, 401 Ward Parkway (816) 756-1500 or 866/540-4459
- KCI Airport Shuttle (816) 243-5000 or (800) 243-6383 is available to and from hotels. One way $15.00 or $25.00 Round Trip
- Quicksilver Airport Service (913) 262-0905 with advance reservation will meet you at the airport upon your arrival and return you to the airport for your departure.

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Steering Committee
The Global and Multicultural Education Center has been advancing the Convention on the Rights of the Child with its biennial conferences since 2000. The success of these conferences have been due to the support from many individuals with an interest in children’s health, education and well-being, child related organizations and the United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City. Our sincere thanks to the following individuals and organizations constituting the third biennial conference steering committee:

Co-Chairs
Missouri State Senator, Charles B. Wheeler, M. D.
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Conference Purpose
* To promote awareness and understanding of the provisions of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child
* To explore the meaning of the articles of the Convention and to examine and design models that incorporate children’s rights in the context of human rights
* To discuss the issues related to the ratification of the Convention by the U.S. Senate
* To network with local, regional, national, and international organizations to “Build a World Fit for Children”

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