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## Director's Comment

### Second Annual Peace Builder Award Luncheon

The GAME Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Second Annual Peace Builder Award ceremony and luncheon. The event is scheduled Saturday, November 8, at Figlio Italian Restaurant, 46th and Broadway on the Country Club Plaza. Cost of the luncheon and program is \$25 per person. The Call for Nominations application form is available on our website at [kcglobalconcepts.org](http://kcglobalconcepts.org). Nomination deadline is October 1.

Candidates (individuals or organizations) for the Peace Builder Award must have demonstrated outstanding performance in the area of global and intercultural understanding. The award recognizes consistent action and advocacy in the areas of education, political, economic, and environmental justice--with a focus on global community.

This annual event also serves as a membership recruitment venue and, in addition, includes a silent auction of international gifts. Invitations will be mailed by mid-October. Mark your calendars and plan to bring a guest with you on November 8!

Sara Pedram, Director



### Report from CRC Campaign in Washington D.C.

August 2008

#### Hill Visits

Since January, the Campaign has made four round of Senate visits and will complete a fifth round in September. The purpose of these visits is to re-educate and raise awareness of the CRC and the Campaign among staffers. We are circulating a statement for the *Congressional Record*, a letter to the President, and draft text for a Senate CRC Resolution. While the visits have been very positive, we do not anticipate the next President taking action until the third year of his Administration. After the November elections, we will revisit/revise our strategy accordingly.

#### Senate Briefing 2008

In follow-up to the April 2007 Senate Briefing the Campaign co-hosted on juvenile justice and the CRC, we are organizing a Senate Briefing for November 20, 2008 (CRC's 19th Anniversary).

This event will look at the CRC in the context of children's health issues in the U.S. and is being co-sponsored by the APA- American Psychological Association and CWLA- Child Welfare League of America. Also, we are working to secure support from the AAP- American Academy of Pediatrics. Once our Senate host confirms receipt of the room, we will release additional details.

### Event 2009

The Campaign's National Event, "The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Does it Matter? The Impact on the U.S. – A Systems Approach", will be held at the Georgetown University Law Center on June 1-2, 2009. The focus of this event is to give a political profile to the Convention by looking at the following specific issues affecting children in the U.S. within the context of the CRC: health, education, child welfare, juvenile justice, and roles/responsibilities of children. Each topic will be investigated from the perspectives of the individual (youth essay contest winners), family, community, and society. We are in the process of identifying and inviting experts to speak at the event. In addition, we are looking for an outlet to publish a monograph of panelists' papers. The Save the Date will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with online registration to follow in early 2009.

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Quotations of the Issue:

**"He who has health, has hope. And he who has hope, has everything."**

Arabian Proverb

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## **World Health Organization: "Commission on Social Determinants of Health - Final Report"**

Social justice is a matter of life and death. It affects the way people live, their consequent chance of illness, and their risk of premature death. We watch in wonder as life expectancy and good health continue to increase in parts of the world and in alarm as they fail to improve in others. A girl born today can expect to live for more than 80 years if she is born in some countries – but less than 45 years if she is born in others. Within countries there are dramatic differences in health that are closely linked with degrees of social disadvantage. Differences of this magnitude, within and between countries, simply should never happen. These inequities in health, avoidable health inequalities, arise because of the circumstances in which people grow, live, work, and age, and the systems put in place to deal with illness. The conditions in which people live and die are, in turn, shaped by political, social, and economic forces.

(From the Introduction to the Report.

[http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/final\\_report/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/final_report/en/index.html) )



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### From the Executive Summary:

Our children have dramatically different life chances depending on where they were born. In Japan or Sweden they can expect to live more than 80 years; in Brazil, 72 years; India, 63 years; and in one of several African countries, fewer than 50 years. And within countries, the differences in life chances are dramatic and are seen worldwide. The poorest of the poor have high levels of illness and premature mortality. But poor health is not confined to those worst off. In countries at all levels of income, health and illness follow a social gradient: the lower the socioeconomic position, the worse the health.

It does not have to be this way and it is not right that it should be like this. Where systematic differences in health are judged to be avoidable by reasonable action they are, quite simply, unfair. It is this that we label health inequity. Putting right these inequities – the huge and remediable differences in health between and within countries – is a matter of social justice. Reducing health inequities is, for the Commission on Social Determinants of Health (hereafter, the Commission), an ethical imperative. Social injustice is killing people on a grand scale.

(From the Executive Summary of the Report [http://www.who.int/social\\_determinants/final\\_report/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/social_determinants/final_report/en/index.html) )

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**“It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.”**

Mahatma Gandhi

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### Upcoming Events Local and National



**Saturday, October 4, 2008**, Boy Scout Training and G.A.M.E. table at MCC-Longview's upcoming Multicultural Festival.

**Sunday, October 12, 2008 2:00-4:00p.m.**G.A.M.E. Board of Director's meeting Plaza Library.

**Friday, October 24, 2008 7:00 pm** , United Nations Day Dinner, Pierson Auditorium, UMKC, Guest Speaker, Dr. John Stone, member of Governing Bureau of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

**Saturday, November 8, 2008, 11:30 a.m.**, G.A.M.E. Peace Builder Award, Auction and Luncheon at Figlio Italian Restaurant.

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### United Nations Events for October-November



**October 16, 1945** World Food Day (FAO)

**October 17, 1963** International Day for Eradication of Poverty

**October 24, 1945** United Nations Day

**November 7, 1985** UN Convention for the protection of the Ozone Layer adopted in Vienna 1985, ratified by 176 nations in 2001.

**November 16, 1945**

a) Signing of UNESCO Charter 1945

b) International Day of Tolerance adopted 1995

c) The Law of the Sea in force 1994

**November 20,1989** Universal Children Day.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child unanimously adopted by General Assembly 1989

**November 25,1981** International Day for Elimination of Violence against women adopted by General Assembly 1981.

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Membership Form:

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