



THE NEWSLETTER OF MINNESOTA ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

## Celebrating Minnesota's Growing Diversity

On December 3, 1998, more than 100 people attended the Refugee and Immigrant Program's second annual "Celebration of Community and Diversity" at the Brian Coyle Community Center. This fundraising event again featured a silent auction, food from 15 ethnic restaurants, and performances of music and dance. At the event, clients, volunteers, staff, immigrant community members and other supporters of Minnesota Advocates came together to celebrate our increasingly diverse community. Everyone enjoyed the buffet of Chinese, Greek, Thai, Indian, Somali, Ethiopian, South American and Mexican food. Many participants did some holiday shopping at the silent auction, which included a wide range of items including African dresses and art, Hmong handicraft, and gift certificates for restaurants, theaters and dance classes.

The highlight of the evening was performances by the **Nimely Pan Africa Dance Company** and **Leo and Kathy Lara**. The energetic dancers performed two sets of traditional African dances attired in brightly colored costumes. The dancers were accompanied by other members of the group who played the drums. At times the room could hardly contain the acrobatics of the dancers! Leo and Kathy Lara delighted the audience with several selections of Latin American music. At one point, the performance became interactive when children and other members of the audience were asked to play instruments.

The Refugee and Immigrant Program would like to thank everyone who helped to make the event so successful. In particular, we would like to thank: **Michael Davis, Jeff Larson, Kathleen Moccio, Rich Thomas & Teena Moy, Peter Thompson**, and the law firms of **Ingber & Aronson** and **Julie Zimmer & Associates** for their generous support of the Program; the restaurants who donated the delicious food; the 24 silent auction donors; **Nimely Pan Africa Dance Company** and **Leo and Kathy Lara**; our Program volunteers; and the Brian Coyle Community Center for the use of their facilities. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for December 2, 1999.

Look inside on page 4 for photos from the celebration!

### Fourth Annual Celebration of International Women's Day

Women's Voices

is fast approaching -- check out the insert for full details!

## ✓ Mark your calendar

The 1999 Human Rights Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, June 3rd at the Minneapolis Hilton. This 15th Anniversary Awards Dinner promises to be the best yet!

### Implement the New MN Grad Standards By Teaching About Immigration:

Minnesota's new graduation standards are the latest talk in education for the coming school year. Studying the complex issues surrounding immigration provides the ideal venue to implement many of these new classroom standards.

#### New Resource for Teachers:

Karla Stone, a local ESL educator and B.I.A.S. Project volunteer, recently compiled *The Energy of a Nation: Immigrants in America and Minnesota's Graduation Standards--Connections to the Profile of Learning*, a document that aligns these new Performance Packages with the B.I.A.S. Project's curriculum *The Energy of a Nation: Immigrants in America*.

These and other educational materials can be obtained by calling Therese Gales of the B.I.A.S. Project at 612-341-3302.

**Refugee and Immigrant  
Program Welcomes  
Faegre & Benson /  
Fredrickson & Byron  
NAPIL Equal Justice Fellow**

**M. Audrey Carr** has joined the staff of the Refugee and Immigrant Program as a Legal Fellow. Audrey was born in Liberia, and lived in several African countries, Europe and Canada before coming to the U.S. Following a career in international business, Audrey worked for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in New York and Africa. She received her J.D. at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. During her fellowship at Minnesota Advocates, Audrey will work primarily on the Refugee and Asylum Project.

Audrey is one of 70 National Association of Public Interest Law Equal Justice Fellows placed at non-profit agencies throughout the country. Special thanks to the law firms of **Faegre & Benson** and **Fredrikson & Byron** for making Audrey's fellowship possible.

**Women's and Children's Programs  
Welcome New Legal Fellow**

**Mary Winston Marrow** has joined the Minnesota Advocates staff working with the Women's Program and Children's Program. After graduating from St. Olaf College, Mary served in the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa for a maternal and child survival project. Upon returning to the U.S., she worked with social services in Anchorage, Alaska. Mary subsequently attended law school at the City University of New York School of Law where she was involved in the International Women's Human Rights Law Clinic and interned with the community Peace Foundation in Cape Town, South Africa where she developed a gender integration project. Additionally, Ms. Marrow helped found the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in the International Criminal Court.

**Welcome Audrey and Mary!**

## Have Cause, Will Travel

Attention attorneys who travel to other countries-- Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights wants to talk with you!

Minnesota Advocates has projects and partnerships in 15 countries and works on protecting human rights in over 20 others. When you make an extended trip, you may have an opportunity to promote Minnesota Advocates' concerns and to assist in-country rights groups. If you are interested, please contact Jack Rendler at 612-341-3302.

### Got Miles?

If you are a frequent flyer, you may have more awarded miles than you can use. Minnesota Advocates can put your extra miles to good use. Please consider donating them to support our fact finding and training missions. Without such help we cannot respond to many worthy requests. Contact Annie Williams at 612-341-3302 if you can help.

### THANKYOU!

Enormous thanks to all of you who responded to our year-end fundraising appeal or renewed your membership. Your support is crucial and much appreciated. We are all very grateful.

## Repeated Atrocities In Kosovo Demand Action

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights recently took action to condemn the Racak village massacre of 45 ethnic Albanians, including elderly, all of whom apparently were civilians. Recent history in Bosnia reminds us once again of the painful lessons resulting from the slowness of the international community to act. The murder and rape of innocents remains a brutal reality in the region.

It is time to heed the lessons learned from first-hand reports of the pervasive and long-lasting disruption of the lives of tens of thousands of men, women and children in Bosnia. Now is the time for the international community to act to stop Kosovo from becoming another Bosnia.

"Once again innocent people are being killed, maimed and driven from their homes for the purpose of 'ethnic cleansing' by Serbian forces under the control of Slobodan Milosovic. And once again he is getting away with it. It's time he was stopped," said Jack Rendler, Minnesota Advocates' Executive Director.

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights called upon the members of Minnesota's Congressional Delegation to insist that the National Security Council and the United Nations do the following:

- *Ensure that chief war crimes prosecutor Louise Arbour is able to persevere in the investigation of war criminals at even the highest levels;*

- *Ensure that William Walker and the international monitoring force remain in place and be able to carry out their responsibilities to protect human rights in Kosovo, unimpeded by Serbian authorities;*

- *Designate the province of Kosovo as a UN protectorate; and*

- *Provide for the safe return to their homes of displaced persons in Kosovo.*

Of the members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation, both Senators Wellstone and Grams serve on the Foreign Relations Committee. Representative Bill Luther serves on the International Relations Committee.

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights has urged the Minnesota Congressional Delegation to communicate these concerns to Sandy Berger at the National Security Council and to Kofi Annan at the United Nations. By insisting on the enforcement of international law, the international community can assure peace and security for all the people of the Kosovo region.

### **Members Action Alert: Kosovo**

Contact Senator Paul Wellstone, Senator Rod Grams and Representative Bill Luther urging them to communicate your concerns to the National Security Council and to the United Nations.

Hon. Paul Wellstone  
U.S. Senate  
SH-136  
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Rod Grams  
U.S. Senate  
SD-257  
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Bill Luther  
U.S. House of Rep.  
117CHOB  
Washington, DC 20515

**Thank you.  
Your quick response matters.**

**The Power of**



## **Minnesota Advocates Celebrates Fifteen Years of Human Rights Achievement**

Ensuring judicial fairness through trial observations in Romania and South Africa; exposing human rights violations in Albania and North Korea; bringing the regional conflict in Chiapas, Mexico to the international forum; and supporting the effort to hold Chile's Augusto Pinochet accountable for human rights atrocities -- these are just a few of the accomplishments that punctuate the past 15 years of service provided by Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. To celebrate these achievements and engage new human rights advocates, *Minnesota Advocates launches its Power of 15 Anniversary Campaign.*

The strength of Minnesota Advocates has been the activism and volunteerism of our members. In the past 15 years, thousands of members and volunteers have made tremendous contributions to the success of our work. *In this spirit, the Power of 15 Campaign challenges each Minnesotan to provide 15 hours of service and \$15 of support to the human rights work of Minnesota Advocates.* By becoming a Human Rights Advocate, Minnesotans can be national and international leaders in the human rights movement.

Human rights are for everyone -- regardless of where we live, what we look like and what we believe. The human rights movement crosses all political, partisan and socioeconomic lines. Whether through educating Minnesota students about human rights and responsibilities; providing advocacy, education, and legal services to asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees in our community; promoting the rights of women locally, nationally and internationally; or protecting child survival in countries such as the U.S., Uganda and Mexico -- Minnesota Advocates is dedicated to partnering with our community members and communities abroad to ensure respect for human rights.

To Become a Human Rights Advocate, phone Minnesota Advocates at 612-341-3302.

*Watch for Power of 15 Events and Information throughout 1999.*

## New Designation of Temporary Protected Status for Liberia, Honduras and Nicaragua

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) establishes a temporary safe haven in the U.S. for nationals of a foreign country if the Attorney General determines that ongoing armed conflict, natural disasters or "extraordinary and temporary conditions" in that country would prevent nationals from returning safely. A person who is granted TPS is allowed to live and work in the U.S. as long as the TPS period is in effect. The initial TPS time period can be extended by the Attorney General if conditions do not improve. TPS recipients must re-register every year that TPS for that country is extended.

Like asylum, TPS is granted only to individuals who are already in the U.S. To be eligible for TPS, you must establish identity, nationality of the TPS country, and physical presence and continual residence in the U.S. since the date of designation. TPS status does not interfere with any other immigration procedures, such as applying for asylum or adjusting through a marriage petition. If you have an asylum client who is a national of a TPS country, you should advise the client to apply for TPS within the registration period. Currently, three countries (Honduras, Liberia and Nicaragua) are in an active TPS registration period.

**Liberia:** Liberians who were in the U.S. by September 28, 1998 may be eligible for TPS until September 28, 1999. Liberians should register for TPS before March 29, 1999. The INS office in Bloomington, MN is accepting walk-in registrations.

**Honduras and Nicaragua:** Honduran and Nicaraguan nationals who were in the U.S. as of December 30, 1998 may be eligible for TPS until July 5, 2000. Hondurans and Nicaraguans should register for TPS before July 5, 1999 by mailing an Application for TPS (Form I-821) and Application for Work Authorization (Form I-765) with appropriate fees to the Nebraska Service Center. For more information, call the TPS hotline at 1-888-557-5398. To order forms, call the INS forms line at 1-800-870-3676. Please contact the Refugee & Asylum Project staff if you have any questions.



*Above: Kathy and Leo Lara;  
At left: A Nimely Pan Africa Dancer*



## Asylum Victory for Client from El Salvador

"Maria" is citizen of El Salvador. Her father was a military officer who became disillusioned with the human rights violations of the military. During the late '80s and early '90s, Maria was persecuted because her father began to openly criticize the human rights violations committed by the military and the Arena Party. On numerous occasions, the military came to Maria's house looking for her father, and warned the family that they were going to pay for his actions. The threats and persecution culminated in March of 1992 when Maria and her family were abducted by death squad members, blindfolded and driven around while the death squad members threatened to kill them. The men also threatened to rape Maria if her father did not cease speaking out against the government. Shortly after this incident, Maria and her family fled El Salvador.

At her asylum hearing, the Immigration Judge ruled that Maria was a credible witness and that she had been persecuted in the past. However, the court ruled that country conditions in El Salvador had changed so that Maria failed to prove that she would be persecuted if she returned to El Salvador.

On March 27, 1998, the Board of Immigration Appeals reversed the Immigration Judge and granted asylum. The Board held that evidence presented at the hearing showed that the death squad activities were continuing despite the peace accord. The Board also stated that Maria's attorney provided credible evidence that some of the death squad members who were responsible for threatening Maria and her family were still operating in El Salvador and had recently threatened to kill any members of the family if they returned to El Salvador.

Many thanks to volunteer attorney **Robert D. Sicoli** of **Thompson & Sicoli, Ltd.** for providing such excellent legal representation to "Maria"!

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and Minnesota Women's Foundation present

# "Women's Voices"

## Fourth Annual Celebration of International Women's Day

### PROGRAM

**8:30 a.m. - Registration & Call to Celebration by DrumHeart**

**9:00 a.m. - Plenary Performance & Panel Discussion**  
DrumHeart, Pangea World Theater & post-play panel discussion

**10:30 a.m. - Workshop Session I** (Choose one)

- ☞ An Introduction to MN's Immigrant Populations
- ☞ Spirituality and Human Rights
- ☞ An Account of Female Genital Mutilation
- ☞ Women's Economic & Political Progress
- ☞ Creative Expression Through Improvisation
- ☞ Genocide by Sanctions: A Report on Iraq
- ☞ Women and Girls in Sports
- ☞ Sexual Orientation & Hate Crimes
- ☞ Women and Finance
- ☞ Young Girls, Self Esteem & Education

**11:40 a.m. - Lunch, Performances & Break-out Sessions**

Meet the Composer's Inaugural performance by Janika Vandervelde, and performances by DrumHeart and Filipino Dancers.

Break-out Sessions (Choose one)

- ☞ Girls' Open Mike
- ☞ Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CLE)

**1:00 p.m. - Workshop Session II** (Choose One)

- ☞ Face to Face: MN & Nicaraguan Youth Talk Sweatshops
- ☞ Battered Immigrant Women (CLE)
- ☞ Women in Detention: Human Rights Violations
- ☞ Women and Cancer and the Environment
- ☞ Women Feed the World
- ☞ Sister to Sister
- ☞ MN Farm Women of the '90s
- ☞ Women and Disabilities
- ☞ Center for Feminist Journalism
- ☞ Census 2000

**2:25 - 3:15 p.m. - Closing Performance & Call to Action**

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre

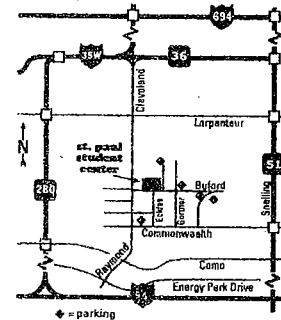
**Raise your voice by joining us!**

**Saturday, March 6, 1999**

**8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

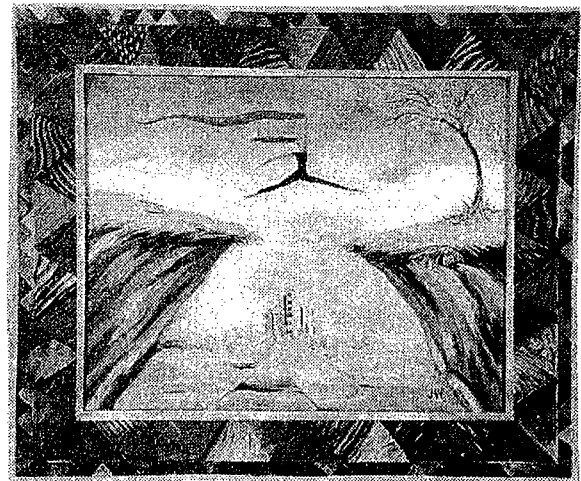
University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center  
2017 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN

**Getting There:**



*"Three issues are paramount in the minds of Minnesota women...crime and physical safety, economic insecurity and the challenge of balancing work and family life."*

*~ authors of Women's Voices - Minnesota*



"Great Leap" by Jane Evershed, printed with permission

**Great Leap T-shirts available at the event!**

**Don't miss Ulali:**

Ulali, the phenomenal Native American a capella singing trio, will hold an educational concert and workshop on Monday, March 1st, 1999, at the Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis; 2400 Third Avenue South. Call AVA at 612-673-9230 for details.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed their time and talent to the success of this event. We especially want to thank the University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center for hosting this event; Jane Evershed for allowing us to use her "Great Leap" as the logo for this year's celebration; Luella Greene and the Minnesota Metro WILPF Arts Committee for decorating the space at the Student Center; WARM for the art scrolls & art pieces in the Paul Whitney Larson Gallery; and the Multiculture Club of Winona Senior High School for the origami peace doves.

## **B.I.A.S Project Expands Work in Greater Minnesota and Wisconsin**

In 1980, the U.S. Census Bureau found the city of Wausau, Wisconsin, to be the most ethnically homogeneous city in the United States with less than one percent of the population coming from a background other than European-American. In the mid-1980s, however, the demographics of the community changed rapidly when Wausau churches helped resettle hundreds of Hmong refugees. News reports on *60 Minutes* and in *Atlantic Monthly* described the difficulties the community was experiencing.

As part of an ongoing effort to ease tensions, the Wausau School District invited the **B.I.A.S Project** to present an in-service for English as Second Language instructors. District enrollment in 1997-98 now consists of nearly 25% minority students.

Therese Gales, Director of Education, and Karla Stone, B.I.A.S. Project volunteer, in October conducted a session attended by more than 60 district educators. The session consisted of an introduction to U.S. immigration policy, a special section on recent immigration to the Upper Midwest, an overview of recent legislative changes affecting immigrants, helpful recommendations on resources and methods on educating about immigration, and an interactive exercise on integrating newcomers into schools and communities.

The Project also conducted teacher training sessions at the **Education Minnesota Annual Professional Conference** and at the **MinneTESOL Conference** in October

### **Other Highlights of the Project's work in the Upper Midwest:**

As the provisions in the 1996 immigration laws are implemented, the B.I.A.S. Project has been working with local and Greater Minnesota communities to inform immigrants and those who work with them about these important legislative changes. In July, Project staff traveled to Worthington and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Therese Gales and Loan Huynh of the Project co-presented with the American Immigration Lawyers Association and Lutheran Social Services of **Sioux Falls** at a Continuing Legal Education seminar in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Presenters included local immigration attorneys and Refugee and Immigrant Program volunteers Michael Davis, Mark Frey, Patricia Mattos, Kathy Moccio, and Steve Thal. Three Immigration and Naturalization Service officials also spoke on the role of the INS. Over 50 Sioux Falls area attorneys and service providers attended the event. Over the past five years, Sioux Falls has received increasing numbers of African refugees, and has seen an increasing Hispanic population.

Gales and Huynh also presented at a July Town Meeting in **Worthington** on immigrant issues.

## **Essay Contest Asks: "Why Are You Glad America Is a Nation of Immigrants"**

"Historically, we have come to this new land in waves, just as the tides wash into the shores....Immigrants have been drawn to this land, pulled by the call of freedom and the dream of a better life."

*The Energy of a Nation: Immigrants in America*

The American Immigration Lawyers Association, the B.I.A.S. Project of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, and the American Immigration Law Foundation are sponsoring an essay contest with the theme "Why I am Glad America is a Nation of Immigrants." The winning entry from the fifth grade competition will be submitted to the national contest. Entries may be in the form of a poem, essay, interview, or any other written form. Deadline for submitting entries to the contest is **March 15, 1999**. In the following weeks, winners at the state level will be announced, and there will be a special Twin Cities awards ceremony in May to honor the winners.

If you are interested in incorporating this contest into a broader teaching unit on immigration, please contact Therese Gales of The B.I.A.S. Project at (612) 341-3302. We are happy to provide materials and advice on teaching about immigration.

### **Roundtable on Human Rights in Ethiopia**

Please join the Refugee & Immigrant Program Staff for a Roundtable talk on current human rights condition in Ethiopia. The roundtable will be held at the Minnesota Advocates office on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at noon. The guest speaker will be Mr. Israel Bobena, an Ethiopian attorney and LLM Candidate at Hamline Law School. Application for one CLE credit has been made. Please RSVP by March 1.

### **THANKS!**

The B.I.A.S. Project would like to thank the Law firm of **Briggs and Morgan, PA** for donating printing for an updated version of *The Energy of a Nation: Immigrants in America* curriculum guide. We appreciate your support!

**Sarah Hartfeldt** for her help with the International Women's Day brochures.

**Jeff Larson** for treating the entire Minnesota Advocates staff to a catered lunch in December. This is the second time in two years that Jeff has rewarded the staff with great food!

## Sex Discrimination and Harassment in Bulgaria

The Women's Program of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights conducted a conference on Women's Human Rights in Bulgaria in November 1998. The conference was a joint effort of the Women's Program and two Bulgarian NGOs - the Gender Project Foundation and the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation. The conference provided an opportunity for journalists, lawyers, judges, teachers, policy makers, government officials, and representatives from social service and non-governmental organizations to meet and discuss initiatives to combat discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace, the media's treatment of violence against women, gender education and domestic violence in Bulgaria.

The conference was attended by over 60 participants from all regions of Bulgaria. Minnesota Advocates was represented by **Rachel Johnson, Robin Phillips, Mary Marrow, and Malinda Schmiechen**. Training sessions included presentations on international legal standards and protections for women, the role of the media in addressing violence against women, and the recent research results on sex discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace in Bulgaria.

## Nepal Workshop

The Women's Program at Minnesota Advocates and Saathi, a Nepalese Women's Human Rights Organization, jointly conducted a training workshop on domestic violence in Kathmandu, Nepal in November 1998. The workshop covered human rights law, advocacy principles and legal strategies for addressing the problem. Participants included women's advocates, lawyers, government officials, journalists and police officers. More than thirty women and men attended the conference.

A volunteer team from Minnesota Advocates including: **Aviva Breen, Kathleen Graham, Robin Maher, Robin Phillips and Jessica Weltman** (in chairs in bottom photo) conducted the training sessions. The delegation also participated in round table discussions about a proposed law on domestic violence sponsored by Nepal's Ministry of Women and Social Welfare. The team distributed copies of Minnesota Advocates' newly published report *Domestic Violence in Nepal*.  
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Right: Women's Program Staff Mary Winston Marrow, Malinda Schmiechen and Rachel Johnson in Sofia, Bulgaria.



Working with the Gender Project Foundation, Bulgaria.



The Nepal group poses for a picture. The Minnesota Advocates volunteers are seated in the second row from the bottom.

## Two New Reports on Domestic Violence

The Women's Program released two reports, *Domestic Violence in Macedonia* and *Domestic Violence in Nepal* in the fall in September 1998. The reports document the nature and prevalence of domestic violence in each country and analyze the legal system response to the problem. Although the legal systems and cultures in these countries are dramatically different, the countries are similar in their failure to respond adequately to widespread violence against women in their homes. These reports, along with previous reports of the Women's Program, illustrate the universal nature of domestic violence and the need for international attention to the problem. For copies of the reports, please call the Minnesota Advocates office at 612-341-3302.

## Mexico Health and Human Rights Workshops a Success

The Child Survival Project hosted two regional workshops on child health and human rights in Mexico in collaboration with Mexican and international organizations. The workshops, which focused on human rights associated with preventable child deaths, were held in Oaxaca, Oaxaca on November 27 and 28, 1998, and Chihuahua, Chihuahua on December 1 and 2, 1998. Each workshop brought together Mexican, U.S., and other international activists, organizations, and officials working in the areas of children's rights, women's rights, indigenous rights, health, education, and economic development to discuss issues and strategize methods to improve child survival and social and economic conditions in their communities.

In preparation for the Mexico workshops, Sosamma Samuel, and two volunteers, Elizabeth Esse and Kathleen Sullivan, made an advance trip to Mexico in October. Elizabeth served as the coordinator of the southern workshop in Oaxaca, and Kathleen (a 1998 Partners in Human Rights Fellow) was coordinator for northern workshop in Chihuahua.

From November 26 through December 3, Sosamma with Cheryl Thomas, former Staff and Board Member, traveled to Oaxaca and Chihuahua to host the workshops. The workshops included participants from 150 organizations representing more than 25 states and diverse populations in Mexico. Each workshop also included a panel of international experts in the fields of health, women's rights, children's rights, indigenous rights, education, and economic development. Cheryl served as an expert panelist on women's issues for each workshop. Both events were well received by our Mexican counterparts and generated considerable media attention in Mexico.

The Project now will share the information from the workshops with both participants and others in Mexico and elsewhere. The Project is preparing summary reports of the events, including strategies and action plans. The Project will also assist in-country contacts in implementing action plans in their communities. In addition, the Project will provide a voice for these communities in international institutions and forums for policy and program assistance.

Special thanks to Cheryl, Elizabeth, and Kathleen for their invaluable service in coordinating and hosting the Mexico workshops; our volunteer Mexico Workshop Planning Committee Members: Julie Anne Fishel, Lilian Meza, George "Bud" Moore, Maria Calvo Rosenstone, and Debra Schneider for their support in making these events wonderfully successful; and volunteers Myra Gomez and Luis Perrera for their tremendous translation assistance.

January 1999

## New Child Survival and Human Rights Curriculum

"More than 12 million children under the age of five still die needlessly each year from "diseases of poverty," including immunizable childhood diseases, malaria, intestinal and respiratory infections, lack of food and clean water, violence, and lack of primary health care...even within industrialized nations, significant disparities in infant and child mortality persist...the continuing worldwide crisis of excessive child mortality is not only a tragedy, it is a human rights violation."

—Global Child Survival: A Human Rights Priority

The Children's Human Rights Program and Partners in Human Rights Education Program of Minnesota Advocates have joined together to create a multi-disciplinary curriculum Survival: Every Child's Right, designed to help students understand the underlying social, economic and political factors which deny children's fundamental rights to survival and healthy development, and to engage students in taking action to protect these rights.

The content of this new curriculum is based on the Children's Program's report Global Child Survival: A Human Rights Priority. Issued in the spring of 1998, the report documents *preventable deaths among children under-age five as a human rights violation* in three countries—Uganda, Mexico, and the United States. The Children's Program is using this report as a basis for a number of child-centered policy, advocacy and education initiatives in the three case-study countries.

Survival: Every Child's Right uses social studies, health, math, and data analysis to introduce students to the interconnections between health and international human rights by focusing on specific issues related to child survival. Lesson plans utilize interactive, hands-on techniques, including case studies, group work, and role playing to raise students' awareness of the importance of equal access to health care, clean water, and adequate nutritious food for child survival in both developing and industrialized countries. The curriculum is ideal for upper middle and high school classrooms and will assist students to meet their graduation requirements.

Survival: Every Child's Right was written with funding from the Ford Foundation and will be piloted in the Twin Cities metro area this spring. **The first teacher training is offered free of charge and will be held on February 6, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Law School.** Three continuing education credits and breakfast will be provided. The training will familiarize teachers with the curriculum and pertinent international human rights documents. In addition, teachers will have an opportunity to meet others piloting the curriculum. To register for the training call Huy Pham or Marna Anderson at the Minnesota Advocates, office, 612-341-3302.

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**Yes, I want to become an Advocate and show my commitment to human rights!**

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