Dear Human Rights Supporters:

It is both humbling and inspiring to look back on the accomplishments of Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights over the past 20 years and the talented people who have dedicated their time to fulfilling our mission. The founders of the organization had tremendous vision about the capacity of a committed group of individuals to impact the international human rights movement and at the same time, build a greater Minnesota.

While we reflect on the great successes of the organization, we continue to be challenged by the work yet to be done. Terrorism and the resulting increase in anti-immigrant sentiment, trafficking in women and girls, domestic violence, discrimination and the rise of religious fundamentalism, all make human rights one of the defining issues of our time. As a result, the work of Minnesota Advocates is now more important than ever. Our innovative programs and projects provide documentation, advocacy, direct representation, and education on some of the most difficult human rights issues facing us today.

As we begin a new era in our human rights work, Minnesota Advocates would like to share and celebrate our past accomplishments with you. This 20th Anniversary Report highlights some of the important work that:

- identified and analyzed conflicts in regions such as Chiapas and Kosovo long before they received international media attention;
- helped expose human rights violations in “closed” countries such as Albania, North Korea, and Saudi Arabia;
- provided legal representation to thousands of indigent political asylum applicants;
- launched educational campaigns to defuse anti-immigrant sentiment and to address human rights issues in the Midwest;
- trained activists from 12 countries in Eastern Europe and Nepal to use international human rights law to eliminate violence against women;
- established a school in Sankhu, Nepal to provide an education to children at risk of child labor;
- investigated child mortality in Mexico, Uganda, and the United States;
- monitored the truth and reconciliation process in Peru;
- initiated school-based education programs including human rights curricula for K-12 students; and
- promoted the abolition of the death penalty in the United States and helped facilitate pro-bono legal representation for death row inmates.

It is the generosity and participation of our members and volunteers that make it possible for Minnesota Advocates to respond to increasing human rights needs worldwide. We have 50 volunteers for every paid member of our staff. Your continued support will help expand Minnesota Advocates’ capacity to protect and promote the rights of children, women, immigrants, refugees, and other marginalized groups.

We look forward to working together with you throughout the coming years.

Sincerely,

Robin Phillips
Executive Director

Steven E. Carlson
President of the Board
MINNESOTA ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS celebrates its twentieth anniversary in 2003. The organization is committed to the impartial promotion and protection of international human rights. Minnesota Advocates builds on our community’s unique spirit of social justice to advocate for human rights at home and around the world. The organization employs 15 full-time staff members and has approximately 3,500 members, including more than 700 active volunteers who contribute an estimated $3 million annually of in-kind services. Minnesota Advocates holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations, which allows the organization to advise and provide information to the UN.

Minnesota Advocates pursues abuses of both civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights—those essential principles that sustain freedoms and reinforce the rule of law. The organization investigates and exposes human rights violations; represents immigrants and refugees who are human rights victims; trains and assists groups that protect human rights; and works through education and advocacy to engage the public, policy makers and children in dialog about human rights, tolerance and racial understanding.

Minnesota Advocates has received international recognition for a broad range of innovative programs to promote human rights and prevent the violation of those rights. Since 1983, staff and volunteers have produced more than 50 reports documenting human rights practices in more than 25 countries; engaged more than 25,000 students and community members in the ways that human rights issues touch their lives; and provided legal representation and assistance to more than 4,500 indigent refugees seeking asylum in the United States from torture and persecution in their home countries.

Minnesota Advocates is governed by a 27-member Board of Directors, which includes lawyers, clients, artists, former public officials, educators, and other community leaders. The board is charged with overall authority and responsibility for the organization. Each program has volunteer representation on the Board of Directors, as well as an advisory committee.

HISTORY

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights was the inspiration of a group of Minnesota lawyers who recognized the significance of international human rights and the opportunity that exists in Minnesota to promote and protect those rights worldwide. The group organized and trained local professionals and advocates to use their skills and experience to defend human rights here and around the world. Minnesota Advocates’ approach to human rights advocacy is unique in the international human rights movement.

Minnesota Advocates was established in 1983 as Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee. The Committee was formed to educate its members, lawyers, and the public about human rights issues; to promote, support and encourage the efforts of lawyers worldwide in their attempts to establish judicial systems that give meaningful protection to human rights; and to contribute legal expertise in specific instances involving international human rights issues. The organization changed its name to Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights in 1992 to reflect the broader scope of the organization’s work in human rights.

Minnesota Advocates has worked since its founding to advocate for human rights issues locally, nationally, and internationally. Since its earliest years, the organization worked to elevate the profile of human rights issues throughout the community. Over the past 20 years, Minnesota Advocates’ ground-breaking work—in countries such as Albania, Mexico, Uzbekistan, Poland, Nepal, Moldova and Uganda, and the U.S. — has placed it at the forefront of the international human rights movement.

One of the organization’s first projects to receive international recognition was the preparation and publication of The Manual on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions, known as the “Minnesota Protocol.” This document details proper forensic procedures when conducting investigations and autopsies in cases of politically-motivated homicide. The “Minnesota Protocol” was adopted by the United Nations as a best practice in reviewing such cases, and continues to be used throughout the world to document human rights abuses. It remains one of the most significant human rights advocacy initiatives by a non-governmental organization.

The following pages reflect not only the history and accomplishments of Minnesota Advocates, but also the development of the human rights movement over the past 20 years. Through the vision of the founding members; the energy and commitment of the board, staff, and volunteers; and the generosity of our supporters, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights is expanding and increasing the impact and value of its work in Minnesota and around the world.
Professor David Weissbrodt:

International human rights scholar, author, advocate and longtime Minnesota Advocates board member, David Weissbrodt brings passion, intellectual energy and scholarly leadership to his work advancing the cause of human rights. He has been a Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Minnesota Law School since 1975.

As Director of the University’s Human Rights Center, his Human Rights Library has accumulated one of the world’s largest and most active archives on international law. One of our community’s true international citizens, Weissbrodt in 2001 was elected Chairperson of the U.N. Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights—the first U.S. citizen ever to be asked to chair the Sub-Commission and the first U.S. citizen since Eleanor Roosevelt to head a U.N. human rights body.

Paul and Sheila Wellstone, In Memoriam:

Senator Paul Wellstone and his wife Sheila were tireless promoters of human rights, and their leadership in the Senate on these issues was unparalleled. Senator Wellstone, a man of legendary passion and conviction, used his position on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to advocate for human rights throughout the world. Senate leader Tom Daschle said, “He was the most noble and courageous man I have ever known.”

Sheila Wellstone was an international leader on violence against women who greatly influenced her husband’s work on this issue. Before they died in an airplane accident during the 2002 campaign, the Wellstones were key figures in the passage of every piece of significant federal legislation on domestic violence over the past decade, including the Violence Against Women Act. Sheila Wellstone was instrumental in creating the nation’s first one-stop call center for battered women in Minnesota. Sheila served for six years on Minnesota Advocates’ Women’s Program Advisory Committee.
Guest of Honor/Presenter, Honorable Mary Robinson:

An uncompromising voice for human rights, Mary Robinson, the former President of Ireland, recently completed an accomplished and high profile term as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Governments did not always welcome her steadfast commitment to the protection of human rights. But Robinson—human rights lawyer, first women to be President of Ireland—continued to speak out and travel to countries such as China, Colombia, Somalia and Rwanda where human rights were under attack.

Her current project, the Ethical Globalization Initiative, seeks to make human rights standards a more prominent part of the globalization process. With her experience and leadership in the field of human rights, and her extensive network of contacts among world leaders, she is also working to support local and national human rights efforts using the New Partnership for Africa’s Development as a case study.

PAST HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS


2001  Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, Past President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and John Anthony Kaiser, MHM (1932-2000) for his Human Rights Activism in Kenya.

2000  U.S. Representative Bruce Vento, for his commitment to human rights throughout his career; Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association of Rochester, Minnesota, for their services to Southeastern Minnesota's immigrant and refugee community.

1999  Baltasar Garzón Real, the Spanish Magistrate whose leadership initiated the case against ex-Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet; and Wilma Mankiller, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, whose life and work are dedicated to Native American and women's issues.

1998  Arvonne Fraser and Loretta Frederick in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the area of women's human rights; The Women's Center and Refleksione for their work to prevent violence against women in Albania.

1997  Sulo Sherestha-Shah, President of RUGMARK-Nepal and owner of a rug factory that provides innovative programs to support children; and the Broad Meadows Middle School of Quincy, Massachusetts that demonstrated the power of youth activism by raising over $100,000 to build a school in honor of Iqbal Masih.

1996  Justice Richard Goldstone, Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. His integrity and vision made the tribunal an effective instrument of justice.

1995  M. Nazie Eftekhar, Jose Lamas, W. George Meredith, Viet Ngo and Rock Ralebipi, highlighting outstanding contributions of immigrants.

1994  James P. Grant, Executive Director of UNICEF, and the National Street Children's Movement, Brazil, for their work protecting our world's children.

1993  Jadranka Cigelj and Dr. Shana Swiss, for their work preventing rape in wartime.

1992  Radio Enriquilo, Fernando Solanas, and Laura Waterman Wittstock, for their work promoting and protecting freedom of expression.

1991  Yuri Afanas'ev, on behalf of the democracy movement in the Soviet Union.

1990  Dith Pran, Pan Marann, Sova Niev, and Sos Duong, in memory of the victims of genocide in Cambodia.

1989  Maria Socorro Diokno, Free Legal Assistance Group of the Philippines.

1988  Dr. Inge Genefke, International Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims, Copenhagen.

1987  Organizations of families of the detained and disappeared in Argentina, Guatemala and South Africa.

1986  U.S. Representative Bill Frenzel, for his work on behalf of Soviet Jews.

1985  Mayor Don Fraser, for his international human rights work.
Colleen Beebe, the Executive Director of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, is an attorney practicing in the area of immigration law in St. Paul, MN. A graduate of the University of Minnesota and Hamline University School of Law, she is also an Adjunct Professor at Hamline University School of Law and the University of Minnesota, where she teaches about the inter-American human rights system. Fluent in Spanish, Ms. Beebe has lived and traveled extensively in Latin America. She has worked with Fundación Social in Bogotá, Colombia, Comunidad Kairós and Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Paz y Esperanza in Lima and Ayacucho, Peru. Ms. Beebe has also volunteered with the Minnesota Overground Railroad, the Colombia Support Group of Minnesota and currently is a volunteer with Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and co-founder of Peace and Hope Partnership International, a local human rights non-profit that exists to support the work of faith-based human rights groups in the Americas.

Shelly Bertrand began teaching about human rights seven years ago, and she has been integrating the principles of human rights into her classroom ever since. As an ELL (English Language Learners) teacher at Washington Technology Magnet Middle School in St. Paul, she helps students connect human rights issues with their own lives. One example is her “local heroes series,” which compares compelling historical figures such as Mother Teresa, Cesar Chavez, and Florence Nightingale with community leaders and activists, many of whom are immigrants or refugees. Such projects make human rights come to life for Shelly’s class. As one student said, “It is great to teach kids how to understand other cultures. It is the best thing to teach kids about their own culture too.” Shelly recently received a Fulbright travel grant to create a curriculum on human rights in South Africa. She will surely return as a “local hero” for the students at her school.

Johanna Bond has dedicated hundreds of hours as a volunteer for Minnesota Advocates’ Women’s Program throughout the years, most recently on a project documenting domestic violence and employment discrimination in Poland. Johanna teaches in the International Women’s Human Rights Clinic (IWHRC) and serves as the Assistant Director of the Clinic at Georgetown University Law School. She has also volunteered on Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights’ projects in Nepal, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Uganda and Mexico. Johanna served as a Fulbright Senior Scholar and a consultant to the United Nations Development Fund for Women. Her publications include a forthcoming law review article on intersectionality and international women’s human rights, a law review article on human rights fact-finding as clinical method, a co-authored book chapter on violence against women as an international human rights issue, and a forthcoming edited volume on women’s human rights in Ghana, Uganda, and Tanzania. Johanna’s extraordinary commitment, skills and intellect have made a huge difference in the promotion of women’s human rights.
In the spring of 2001, two Somali men in immigration custody called Minnesota Advocates to say they were within days of being deported back into the chaos of their homeland. Jeffrey Keyes of the firm of Briggs & Morgan, and a Minnesota Advocates volunteer for 10 years, took the case. He recruited Kevin Magnuson, a Briggs colleague, to work on what would become a groundbreaking series of cases barring illegal deportation to Somalia. Jeff and Kevin argued successfully in federal court that deportation to a war-torn country without a recognized government violates federal law. Similar rulings followed in other federal courts in Minnesota and around the country. One such order, Farah v. INS, stopped another attempted illegal deportation to Somalia, and a month later Farah was released under the first ruling in the country permanently releasing a Somali detainee under INS supervision.

In February, 2003, Jeff argued a case—Jama v. INS—before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. In April, 2003, another U.S. District Court ruled in Omar, et al. v. INS that deportation to Somalia in its present condition violates federal law, barring the deportation of four Somalis and ordering their release. Jama and Farah are currently on appeal before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Representing Ayub Abucar, Keyse Jama, Abdullahi Farah, Ali Omar, Mohamed Mohamed, Abdulkadir Mohamed, and Mahad Omar, Jeff and Kevin have dedicated hundreds of hours protecting the rights of their clients. Because of their tireless efforts and professional creativity, Somalis throughout the United States are today free from the threat of immediate removal to Somalia.
ADVOCACY

- Represented a Polish immigrant in gaining reparations from the German government for her imprisonment in a concentration camp during World War II
- Established the Political Asylum Project to assist individuals seeking asylum based on politically motivated human rights violations
- Established the Inquest Procedures Project to work with forensic pathologists to prepare guidelines for dealing with cases of alleged political killings
- Established a liaison with the Buenos Aires Bar Association to support its efforts regarding the annulment of the amnesty law in Argentina
- Launched the Indigenous Peoples’ Project and prepared a brief for submission to the United Nations advocating an international obligation of all members to bargain in good faith with their indigenous populations
- Launched the Right to Leave and Return Project and assisted in a study for the United Nations on the right to leave and return to one’s country
- Established the Amicus Briefs Project to prepare briefs on U.S. cases involving international human rights, norms, or issues
- Provided assistance to Rita Yeh, a Taiwanese prisoner, in response to a request from Amnesty International

EDUCATION

- Presented at a panel discussion on International Human Rights Law at William Mitchell College of Law
- Co-sponsored a presentation on human rights issues in El Salvador
- Presented “What Can Minnesota Lawyers Do About International Human Rights” to the Minnesota Bar community
- Hosted a discussion on the Supreme Court’s June 5th opinion in INS v. Stevic and Congress’ actions concerning the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration litigation
- Launched the International Human Rights Treaties Project to promote the ratification of human rights treaties
- Promoted the ratification of various international human rights treaties by the United States Senate
- Invited Jovito Salonga, President of the principal opposition party in the Philippines, and hosted a presentation on Philippine politics, the Philippine elections, and the status of the campaign for human rights in the Philippines

FACTFINDINGS

- Sent delegations to the Third Annual Working Group meeting on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations
- Launched the Geneva Conventions Project and conducted research regarding the application of the Geneva Convention to military aid for El Salvador and Afghanistan
- Sent a delegation to El Salvador to work with the Committee of the Mothers of the Disappeared
- Conducted research and submitted material to the United Nations on human rights violations in Albania, particularly as it relates to Greek-Albanians
- Established the Human Rights Violations Project to investigate and oppose violations in countries such as Albania, Argentina, North Korea, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Soviet Union, Taiwan, Yugoslavia, and various Central American countries
- Established the Foreign Election Project to sponsor the creation of a bi-partisan group to monitor elections in foreign countries
- Investigated the criminal prosecution of a former legal advisor to the Solidarity Union in Poland
- Established the Independence of the Legal Profession Project to study the protection of the lawyers, judges, and jurors for an international proposal of standards to the U.N. Human Rights Sub-Commission
- Established the Trial Observation Project to send observers to trials of human rights interest in such countries as Namibia
- Developed and submitted a statement to the U.N. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities regarding the problems of protecting the independence of jurors
- Sent a delegation to Uruguay to observe the national election
- Investigated human rights violations in Chile
- Sent a delegation to South Africa to observe the country’s system of pass law trials

PUBLICATIONS

- Assisted in drafting a Duluth City Council resolution supporting the sanctuary given to a Salvadoran refugee by a Duluth church
- Prepared a critique of the UNESCO human rights complaint procedures
ADVOCACY
- Launched the First Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser for his achievement in the area of international human rights
- Established the North Korea Project to develop a methodology for human rights fact finding in a “mystery country”
- Proposed the establishment of the Minnesota Center for the Treatment of Victims of Torture and presented at the Minnesota State Bar Convention
- Appeared as amicus curiae in the case of Gaspersohn v. Harnet County Board of Education in the Supreme Court of North Carolina
- Endorsed letters and telegrams on behalf of lawyers and judges around the world who are suffering from human rights abuses
- Initiated a project to encourage the United States to donate funds to the U.N. Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
- Supported a proposed Minneapolis city ordinance on divestment in South Africa
- Assisted the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in drafting a resolution respecting participation by indigenous peoples in the work of the U.N.
- Issued a 33-page report on Autopsy Standards and disseminated it to the United Nations, other international organizations, and NGOs

EDUCATION
- Hosted a presentation by Kim Dae Jung, the principal South Korean opposition leader and a noted human rights advocate
- Hosted a presentation by Wladyslaw Sila-Nowicki, a prominent Polish human rights lawyer and legal advisor to Solidarity
- Hosted “Human Rights in the Soviet Union” a presentation by Tatiana Yankelvich, the step-daughter of Soviet dissident and Nobel Laureate Andrei Sakharov
- Hosted “Political Developments and Human Rights Issues in Thailand,” a presentation by Sutham Saengpratoom
- Presented at a conference, “The United Nations Actions for Human Rights”
- Hosted a presentation “Peoples Rights in China,” given by Ke Xiao Ming, a law faculty member at Fudan University in Shanghai, China

FACTFINDING
- Monitored and publicized the fairness of the 1985 election process in Liberia
- Sent delegations to the International Rehabilitation and Research Center for Torture Victims in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Sent delegations to Harlingen, Texas to examine the status of Central American refugees
- Sent a delegation to South Africa to observe a treason trial
- Sent a delegation to visit human rights organizations, lawyers, and judges in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras

PUBLICATIONS
- Wrote a company policy on basic human rights for the Coca-Cola Company
- The Minnesota Protocol: Preventing Arbitrary Killing through an Adequate Death Investigation and Autopsy (draft)
ADVOCACY
- Launched the Habeas Corpus Project to search for the disappeared in Guatemala
- Produced a documentary about Alicia de Garcia and the Committee of Mothers of the Disappeared in El Salvador
- Helped establish the Center for Victims of Torture
- Hosted the Second Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored U.S. Representative Bill Frenzel for his work on behalf of Soviet Jews

EDUCATION
- Held a seminar concerning the World Court and the Nicaragua v. United States case
- Presented a program on the impact of the Holocaust on international human rights law
- Started the annual asylum training seminar to train lawyers on the basics of asylum law and procedure

FACTFINDING
- Investigated the case of Judge Carlos Cerda in Chile, who had been unjustly suspended from his judicial duties for opposing a higher court order to stop his investigation into the “disappearance” of ten individuals
- Observed the trial of Ioan Constantina Ruta in Bucharest, Romania

PUBLICATIONS
- Oakdale: First Year of Operation, a report which revealed unfair treatment of alien detainees in the Oakdale Detention Center in Louisiana
- The Freedom Flotilla Six Years Later: From Mariel to Minnesota

ADVOCACY
- Hosted travel seminars to El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua
- Held a seminar about the findings of the Central America Firsthand Mission

EDUCATION
- Wrote a monthly feature column in the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch requesting letters on behalf of political prisoners

FACTFINDING
- Held a seminar on the use of medical testimony in asylum cases, international human rights, and remedies for Southeast Asian refugees
- Sponsored a travel seminar to the Philippines
- Co-sponsored a seminar, “Victims of Torture: Recognition and Treatment,” with the Center for Victims of Torture
- Sponsored the second annual asylum training seminar

PUBLICATIONS
- The Minnesota Center for Torture Victims: Setbacks and Advances for a Proposed American Model Treatment Program

FACTFINDING
- Sent a delegation to Guatemala to investigate the status of habeas corpus cases
- Interviewed several individuals on the status of the Greek minority in Albania
- Sent a delegation to South Korea and Japan to interview knowledgeable sources concerning human rights in North Korea
- Sent a delegation to Tunisia to investigate the alleged suppression of the activities of the Tunisian League of Human Rights
ADVOCACY

- Testified before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, D.C. on the Committee’s use of *habeas corpus* petitions in search of Guatemala’s disappeared.
- Testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus on legal issues concerning disappearances in Romania, Sri Lanka, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and Guatemala.
- Launched a campaign on behalf of the 18 opposition groups and human rights organizations banned by the government of South Africa.
- Launched a campaign on behalf of attorneys arrested in Paraguay for planning a rally to observe the 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Submitted an *amicus* brief to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- Drafted an *amicus* brief to the Board of Immigration Appeals concerning the denial of asylum for a Salvadoran client.
- Sent a representative to a forum of international human rights lawyers in Manila in support of Filipino attorneys threatened for their work in the Free Legal Assistance Group.
- Sent a representative to Argentina for a colloquium to consider the need for an International Convention against the Forced Disappearance of Persons.
- Sent a representative to the 44th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to monitor the adoption of general principles regarding death investigations.
- Established a “Corporate Focus Group,” including lawyers from the general counsel’s offices of various local businesses, to increase involvement of business leaders in human rights issues.
- Hosted the Fourth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Dr. Inge Genefke, International Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims, Copenhagen.

EDUCATION

- Commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 5th Anniversary of the organization by hosting a human rights seminar.
- Sponsored a forum to address the international legal implications of the Arab-Israeli struggle over the West Bank.
- Sponsored third travel seminar to Central America (attended by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer).
- Sponsored the third annual asylum training seminar.

FACTFINDING

- Sent delegation to Haiti to document human rights abuses against children.
- Sent delegation to Mexico to investigate border violations of human rights.
- Investigated the work of the Australia Royal Commission on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in custody, and presented the result to the U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Populations during the Session of the U.N. Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea*.
- *Albania: Violations of the Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion*.
- *Report on the Australian Royal Commission on the Aboriginal and Torres-Strait Islander Deaths in Custody*.
ADVOCACY
- Joined a campaign to secure international protection for Cambodians in Thai refugee camps and for those individuals seeking to return to Cambodia after the projected withdrawal of Vietnamese forces
- Responded to events in Tiananmen Square by establishing a panel of attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to low-income Chinese students
- Reviewed the autopsies performed on the six Jesuits assassinated in El Salvador
- Secured the establishment of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s International Bar Relations Committee to develop relationships between the MSBA and Bar Associations of foreign countries
- Helped plan an international conference in Warsaw, Poland, on the implementation of the U.N. Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief
- Provided written testimony to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law on the use of humanitarian parole for family reunification of Cambodians
- Met with U.S. Under-Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Richard Schifter, on emerging human rights concerns
- Hosted the Fifth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Maria Socorro Diokno of the Free Legal Assistance Group of the Philippines

FACTFINDING
- Sent a follow-up mission to Tunisia to investigate changes in human rights conditions
- Sent a delegation to Haiti and submitted the findings to the ILO through the Minnesota Education Association
- Sent a delegation to the Philippines to observe lawyers representing individuals accused of political crimes
- Researched the use of habeas corpus in human rights cases in Argentina
- Investigated the human rights conditions of the Sikh minority in India
- Interviewed exiled Albanians in Greece, Yugoslavia, and Italy

PUBLICATIONS
- Orientation Manual for Nongovernmental Organizations to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights
- Children’s Rights in Haiti
- Restavek: Child Domestic Labor in Haiti
- The Philippines: A Human Rights Scrapbook

EDUCATION
- Aired a monthly cable television program, “Human Rights: The Minnesota Connection”
- Initiated a luncheon speaker series on South Africa, “Perspectives on Apartheid”
- Sponsored a study tour led by Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser to the Philippines and met with President Corazon Aquino and the Secretaries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Justice
- Held a seminar on the judiciary and human rights in the Caribbean Commonwealth
- Sponsored the fourth annual asylum training seminar

Cambodian community members provide personal testimonies during mock trial.
ADVOCACY
- Testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, advocating U.S. ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the U.N. in 1984
- Testified about children’s rights in Haiti before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Hosted the Sixth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Dith Pran, Pan Marann, Sova Niev, and Sos Duong in memory of the victims of genocide in Cambodia

EDUCATION
- Hosted a public forum featuring David Hawk of the Cambodian Documentation Commission, Curt Robinson of the U.S. Committee for Refugees, and several local Cambodian community leaders
- Held the first family reunification seminar of Cambodian refugees
- Hosted a mock trial of the government of Democratic Kampuchea on charges of violating the Genocide Convention
- Sponsored the fifth annual asylum training seminar

FACTFINDING
- Investigated the judiciary’s use of habeas corpus for disappearances and other human rights abuses in Guatemala
- Sent delegations to the Philippines to interview former foreign workers in Saudi Arabia
- Traveled to Mexico to investigate and assess its human rights situation and justice system
- Investigated the human rights conditions at the INS Krome Detention Center in Miami, Florida

PUBLICATIONS
- Justice Suspended: The Failure of the Habeas Corpus System in Guatemala
- Paper Protection: Human Rights Violations and the Mexican Criminal Justice System
- Human Rights in the People’s Socialist Republic of Albania
- Assisting Indigent Political Asylum Seekers in the United States: A Model for Volunteer Legal Assistance

ANNUAL 1990 OVERVIEW

The 1990 Human Rights Awards Dinner honored survivors of the Cambodian genocide. Sos Duong, shown here with his family, was among those recognized.

ANNUAL 1991 OVERVIEW

Barb Frey, then the Executive Director of Minnesota Advocates, led a team that investigated the effectiveness of legal reforms in Albania.

Minnesota Advocates received the American Immigration Lawyers Association Human Rights Award at AILA’s Annual Conference in Chicago

ADVOCACY
- Held a bipartisan forum on the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Hosted the Seventh Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Yuri Afanas’ev on behalf of the democracy movement in the Soviet Union

EDUCATION
- Held trainings for human rights investigators in Mexico
- Sponsored a travel seminar to Israel and the Occupied Territories
- Sponsored the sixth annual asylum training seminar

FACTFINDING
- Sent a delegation to Mexico City to meet with Mexican government officials to discuss human rights reforms
- Conducted a mission to Cairo and London to obtain firsthand information from Arab human rights groups and former residents of Saudi Arabia

PUBLICATIONS
- Visited Albania to investigate the effectiveness of legal reforms
- Investigated indigenous rights in Guatemala
- Investigated the murder of journalist and political activist Dr. Victor Manuel Orpeza Contreas in Mexico

- Hidden from View: Human Rights Conditions in the Krome Detention Center
- The Homicide of Dr. Victor Manuel Orpeza Contreas: A Case Study of Failed Human Rights Reforms in Mexico
- Habeas Corpus and the Protection of Human Rights in Argentina
ADVOCACY
- Led a delegation to train public officials of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic
- The Supreme Court granted *a certiori* in *Sullivan v. Louisiana*, a death sentence case handled by a volunteer of Minnesota Advocates
- In the Fifth Circuit, death row inmate Alvin Scott Loyd, represented by a Minnesota Advocate’s volunteer, won *habeas corpus* relief and a right to a rehearing on his death sentence
- Provided legal assistance to 281 clients with their asylum and humanitarian parole cases
- Called on Canada, Mexico, and the United States to link their participation in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with a new commitment to enforce international human rights law
- Hosted the Eighth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Radio Enriquillo, Fernando Solanas, and Laura Waterman Wittstock for their work protecting freedom of expression

EDUCATION
- Held a seminar for the training of asylum volunteers (officials of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees traveled from Geneva, Switzerland and Washington, D.C. to participate)
- Co-sponsored an international seminar “Identity, Filiation, and Restitution: 25 years of Struggle by the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo”
- Co-sponsored three evenings of video screenings for “Echoes of Discontent” that exemplified the interrelationship between art and human rights
- Established the Human Rights Education Project to teach tolerance and understanding and to raise awareness of world problems and solutions
- Gave instruction on free speech issues to Czech law students in Prague
- Sponsored the seventh annual asylum training seminar

FACTFINDING
- Submitted country reports on the status of women in Romania, Nicaragua and Peru to the U.N. Committee on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- Sent a representative as Legal Officer to the African Commission on Human Rights in Gambia
- Sent a delegation to Kenya to investigate conditions of Somali refugees
- Sent delegations to Mexico to investigate human rights conditions in Chiapas

PUBLICATIONS
- *Conquest Continued: Disregard for Human and Indigenous Rights in the Mexican State of Chiapas*
- *No Double Standards for International Law: Linkage of NAFTA with Hemispheric System of Human Rights*
- *Shame in the House of Saud: Contempt for Fundamental Human Rights in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*
- *Trimming the Cat’s Claws: The Politics of Impunity in Albania*
- *“No One Can Hear Us”: Somali Refugees in Kenya*
Dr. Shana Swiss and Jadranka Cigelj recognized for their work on preventing rape in wartime. Shown with Nancy Arnison (former Director of Policy and Programs), Cheryl Thomas (Women's Program Founder), Barbara Frey (Founding Member and former Executive Director), and Margaret Chutich (Women's Program Advisory Board).

**ADVOCACY**
- Launched a campaign to respond to human rights violations in Haiti since the violent military coup in September 1991
- Co-sponsored a Death Penalty Conference in Minneapolis
- Brought international attention to escalating human rights violations in Kosovo
- Drafted the "Minnesota Plan," to prevent massive human rights violations in Kosovo
- Sent delegations to the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland
- Assisted Tibetans resettling in Minnesota
- Campaigned on behalf of death row inmate Gary Graham, resulting in three stays of his execution date
- Provided legal assistance to 341 refugees and asylum seekers
- Hosted the Ninth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Jadranka Cigelj and Dr. Shana Swiss for their work preventing rape in wartime

**EDUCATION**
- Sponsored the eighth annual asylum training seminar

**FACTFINDING**
- Sent a delegation to Mexico to conduct field research on the Mexican judiciary
- Collected and analyzed information supporting the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal regarding the former Yugoslavia
- Traveled to Kosovo to test recommendations for conflict prevention in Kosovo

**PUBLICATIONS**
- Civilians at Risk: Military and Police Abuses in the Mexican Countryside
- The Minnesota Plan: Recommendations for Preventing Gross Human Rights Violations in Kosovo
- Sarajevo and Self-Determination: Building an Old New World Order?

Sen. Paul Wellstone helped at a Minnesota Advocates event to gather signatures on a petition to support the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
ADVOCACY
- Sent a joint delegation to Macedonia and worked for the constitutional and legislative protection of ethnic minorities
- Established the B.I.A.S. (Building Immigrant Awareness and Support) Project to combat anti-immigrant sentiment in Minnesota
- Established the Conflict Prevention Project
- Worked with women’s rights groups in Romania to increase public education on the issue of domestic violence and on the international standards that exist to prevent it
- Spoke at an international conference in Mexico focusing on human rights, sociological, historical, and anthropological concerns in rural Mexico
- Conducted a round table on domestic violence in Eastern Europe
- Provided legal assistance to 369 refugees and asylum seekers
- Hosted the Tenth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored James P. Grant, Executive Director of UNICEF, and the National Street Children’s Movement, Brazil

EDUCATION
- Hosted “The Refugee and Immigrant Experience,” a conference for Minnesota high school students on causes and conditions of refugee flight and survival, human rights, and immigration issues
- Produced a program for children “In the Spirit of Peace” on Radio AAHS (AM1280)
- Co-sponsored the conference “The American Community: Melting Pot or Boiling Point”
- Presented at a conference in Fargo/Moorhead to disseminate accurate information and positive images of refugees and immigrants
- Trained educators and community leaders in Worthington on immigration
- Sponsored the ninth annual asylum training seminar

FACTFINDING
- Sent a delegation to Mexico shortly after the uprising in Chiapas to investigate arbitrary execution and torture committed by the Mexican military, military bombings of civilian communities, disappearances of civilians, and lack of access to certain indigenous communities
- Observed legal proceedings against five members of the Greek minority party in Albania, known as Omonia, who were charged with espionage
- Investigated domestic violence as a human rights violation in Romania

PUBLICATIONS
- The Mexican Coordination of National Public Security: A Discussion of Legal and Human Rights Issues
- Harassment of Human Rights Defendants in Mexico
- Trial Observation Report: The Trial of Five Ethnic Greeks for Espionage
- Condificando Represión: El Código Penal para el Estado de Chiapas
- Una Perspectiva Internacional del Proceso Electoral 1994: Derechos Electorales y Derechos Humanos
- Shifting Human Rights Advocacy in Mexico: The Censure of Brigadier General José Francisco Gallardo Rodríguez

Minnesota Advocates staff member Sarah DeCosse was part of the delegation that investigated officially-sanctioned violence in Chiapas, Mexico.
**ADVOCACY**

- Sponsored 10 first-year law students from the University of Minnesota Law School to work with the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), preparing Guatemalan, Honduran, and Nicaraguan clients
- Sent 20 representatives from Minnesota Advocates to attend the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing
- Sent trial observers to political trials in Egypt and Malawi
- Filed an *amicus* brief on an espionage case in Albania
- Submitted an amicus brief in a religious freedom case in Pakistan
- Launched the Harry A. Blackmun Project, a three-pronged initiative to educate about death penalty issues
- Co-sponsored two local seminars on women’s human rights to educate about the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- Hosted the Eleventh Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored M. Nazie Eftekhari, Jose Lamas, W. George Meredith, Viet Ngo, and Rocky Ralebipi highlighting outstanding contributions of immigrants

**EDUCATION**

- Published a high school-level video and curriculum guide and an elementary-level curriculum guide on immigration

**FACTFINDING**

- Investigated the massacre of 17 civilians in the Mexican State of Guerrero
- Investigated human rights violations against women in Haiti
- Sent a delegation to Kosovo and Macedonia to investigate conflict prevention efforts
- Investigated domestic violence as a human rights violation in Bulgaria and Romania

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *Press Restrictions in Albania*
- *Lifting the Last Curtain: A Report on Domestic Violence in Romania*
- *Another Violence Against Women: The Lack of Accountability in Haiti*
- *Derechos Humanos y Poder Judicial en México*
- *Massacre in Mexico: Killings and Cover-Up in the State of Guerrero*
- *The Immigrant and Refugee Experience: Who Are the Newcomers?* (elementary-level curriculum)
- *The Myths and Facts of Immigration: An Informational Packet*
- *The Energy of a Nation: Immigrants in America* (high school-level video and study guide)
**ADVOCACY**
- Represented death row inmate Donald Gunsby who was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court of Florida
- Co-sponsored the first Inter-Balkan Workshop on Domestic Violence in Tirana, Albania
- Launched the Child Survival Project
- Provided legal assistance to 556 refugees and asylum seekers
- Hosted the Twelfth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Justice Richard Goldstone, Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda

**EDUCATION**
- Launched the First Annual International Women’s Day Celebration
- Co-sponsored, with 7 Hmong agencies, an informational meeting on changes in immigration and welfare laws
- Presented at 2 conferences in Fargo on immigration issues
- Presented to local Vietnamese, Ethiopian, and Somali immigrants on recent changes in immigration law
- Facilitated a strategy session for directors of local Mutual Assistance Associations to develop a platform of action in response to changes in welfare law
- Commemorated Human Rights Day with the first annual event on December 10
- Sponsored the eleventh annual asylum training seminar
- Distributed over 39,000 copies of *Many Faces of Immigration*, a newspaper supplement featuring immigrants and refugees in South West Minnesota.

**FACTFINDING**
- Sent a delegation to Nepal to investigate and document domestic violence as a human rights abuse
- Conducted human rights investigations in Oaxaca and Chiapas

**PUBLICATIONS**
- *Domestic Violence in Albania*
- *Domestic Violence in Bulgaria*
- *Many Faces of Immigration*
- *The Rule of Lawlessness in Mexico: Human Rights Violations in the State of Oaxaca*
- *Summary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action*
ADVOCACY
- Launched the Campaign Against Forced Child Labor
- Hosted a conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, for women from 12 countries on legal strategies to combat domestic violence in conjunction with two Albanian human rights groups
- Held workshops on domestic violence in Bulgaria
- Responded to 1305 requests for information on immigration issues, country documentation, and referrals
- Provided legal assistance to 621 refugees and asylum seekers
- Submitted an *amicus* brief to the InterAmerican Court of Human Rights concerning the request of the government of Mexico for an advisory opinion related to a death row inmate who was a Mexican National
- Hosted the Thirteenth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner and honored Sulo Shrestha-Shah, President of RUGMARK-Nepal and owner of a rug factory that provides a number of innovative programs that support children

EDUCATION
- Trained more than 100 lawyers and advocates on Asylum Law at the Twelfth Annual Asylum Training
- Sponsored a study seminar to El Salvador
- Launched the annual Refugee and Immigrant Program Celebration of Community and Diversity
- Co-sponsored “One Tree, Many Roots: A Nation of Stories,” an essay contest on refugee and immigrant issues for middle school students in Minnesota
- Hosted an informational meeting on immigration law for local Sudanese immigrants and refugees
- Co-sponsored “Immigration Law for Employers,” a seminar for Minnesota employers on legal requirements for hiring immigrants
- Educated hundreds of Minnesota students on child labor and on the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Held the Second Annual International Women’s Day Celebration

FACTFINDING
- Sent delegation to Macedonia to research and document domestic violence
- Conducted preliminary research and documentation of employment discrimination and sexual harassment in Bulgaria
- Sent delegations to Mexico and Uganda to document child survival, health, and human rights issues
- Conducted research on child survival, health and human rights issues in the United States

PUBLICATIONS
- *Handbook on Human Rights in Situations of Conflict*

Jacqueline Regis leads a workshop on immigrant women and self esteem at Minnesota Advocates’ International Women’s Day celebration.

A Minnesota Advocates’ delegation met many young people in Nepal.
ADVOCACY
- Hosted regional workshops in Chihuahua and Oaxaca, Mexico, on child health and human rights
- Launched the Campaign Against Forced Labor in Nepal
- Established the Battered Immigrant, Refugee and Undocumented Women and Children Project
- Petitioned British House of Lords and Home Secretary to allow the extradition of General Augusto Pinochet to Spain to face charges of crimes against humanity
- Met with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and National Security Council Chairman Sandy Berger to recommend actions in Kosovo and China
- Provided a training for police officers, volunteers and activists in Nepal who work with victims of domestic violence
- Conducted a seminar on women’s human rights in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Participated in coalition of human rights groups to place human rights concerns in China on the agenda of the U.S./China summit meetings
- Assisted with Congressional enactment of The Torture Victims Relief Act
- Distributed membership actions on Kosovo, Afghanistan, Burma, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Mexico, China, Tunisia, Congo (Zaire), Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Turkey, Sierra Leone
- Attended Diplomatic Conference in Rome on the International Criminal Court and worked for creation of the Court
- Arranged representation of death row inmates in California, Texas and Florida
- Assisted with the case of Hetherwick Ntaba, an opposition political leader in Malawi, resulting in the charges against him being dropped
- Attended meeting of the ambassadors and trade ministers of the countries of the Southern African Development Community
- Presented submission to the Vienna Plus Five Conference on the status of the rights of refugees, child survival, and the rights of women
- Hosted the Fourteenth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner featuring Radhika Coomaraswamy, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, and honoring women’s advocates Arvonne Fraser, Loretta Frederick, and Women’s Center and Refleksione of Albania

EDUCATION
- Created the curriculum, Good Things Happen When Students Take Action
- Held conference on Women’s Human Rights in Bulgaria
- Made presentations on immigration in Worthington, Winona, Mankato, Northfield, Fargo, and Sioux Falls
- Made several presentations on child survival and economic, social, and cultural rights to law and medical students, and public health and human rights workers
- Conducted in-service training for 60 ESL educators in Wausau, Wisconsin
- Coordinated the Third Annual International Women’s Day Celebration
- Sponsored the thirteenth annual asylum training seminar
- Celebrated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 50th Anniversary by hosting town hall forums at Minneapolis and St. Paul City Halls
- Participated in symposia hosted by University of Minnesota in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration
- Led workshops at “Stand Together for Human Rights,” a Midwest celebration of the Universal Declaration held at Northwestern University Law School.
- Held second annual Celebration of Community and Diversity

FACTFINDING
- Investigated domestic violence in Nepal and Macedonia

PUBLICATIONS
- Domestic Violence in Nepal
- Domestic Violence in Macedonia
- The Energy of a Nation: Immigrants in America and Minnesota’s Graduation Standards: Connections to the Profile of Learning
- Good Things Happen When Students Take Action
With the help of Minneota Advocates, students at Pratt Community School in Minneapolis are among thousands of students in the state who are learning about human rights.

**ADVOCACY**
- Provided legal representation to more than 900 Midwestern residents in their asylum cases
- Presented the BIAS Project to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, as part of the UN session on racism as a human rights issue
- Assisted The Coalition Against Torture and Racial Discrimination in drafting a shadow report on US compliance with the UN Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Sponsored a workshop at the Makerere University School of Law in Kampala, Uganda, on children’s and women’s rights, child survival strategies, social development and poverty reduction
- Launched the One School at a Time Project, a school for children in a rural village of Nepal that is trying to curb forced labor
- Launched the Human Rights Education for Community Change Project, an initiative to help schools in greater Minnesota face the challenges of increasing diversity
- Hosted the Fifteenth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner honoring Baltazar Garzon Real, Magistrate for Spain’s National Court, and Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. Special recognition awards given to Hon. Walter F. Mondale and Hon. Harold Stassen

**EDUCATION**
- Provided information on recent immigration-related legislative changes to immigrant and refugee populations, as well as an estimated 1,500 educators, social workers, and school district staff development coordinators
- Provided testimony to the Minnesota State Legislature on immigration issues
- Coordinated the Fourth Annual International Women’s Day celebration
- Presented on women’s human rights at the Amnesty International Annual General Meeting and the Minnesota State Bar Association’s annual convention
- Provided information on domestic violence as a human rights abuse at a local battered women’s shelter
- Created classroom activities, trained teachers and wrote curriculum drafts aimed at presenting information about children’s rights to survival and development
- Co-sponsored the conference on Children’s Human Rights: Implementing Practical Strategies in Minnesota
- Sponsored a human rights education fair for local and national participants in the Amnesty International Annual General Meeting

**FACTFINDING**
- Launched the Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Poland project at the invitation of the Women’s Rights Center in Warsaw

**PUBLICATIONS**
- *Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Bulgaria*
- *Survival: Every Child’s Right*

Minnesota Advocates supports the Sankhu School in rural Nepal to educate some of that region’s poorest children.
ADVOCACY

- Provided legal services to an increasing number of East African asylum seekers and torture victims fleeing persecution
- Participated in the Forgotten Refugees Campaign, a national effort carried out by community based agencies to restore justice to the U.S. asylum system
- Hosted the Sixteenth Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner, featuring Mark G. Yudof, President, University of Minnesota, and presented the 2000 Human Rights Awards to Hon. Bruce F. Vento, United States Congressman, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association, Rochester, Minnesota
- Volunteer attorneys Steve Pincus and Chuck Lloyd won the release of Albert Burrell from death row at the Louisiana State Penitentiary

EDUCATION

- Co-sponsored Fifth Annual International Women’s Day celebration
- Recruited and trained more than 30 new volunteer attorneys to provide legal services to asylum seekers
- Provided technical training and assistance to NGO’s, community advocates, and government officials in Uganda to promote the child’s right to survive
- Provided training on women’s human rights for advocates, volunteers and the National Police Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal

FACT FINDING

- Conducted research and documented trafficking in women and domestic violence as human rights violations, and the legal system response to these issues, in Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

PUBLICATIONS

- Trafficking in Women: Moldova and Ukraine
- Domestic Violence in Armenia
- Domestic Violence in Moldova
- Domestic Violence in Ukraine
- Domestic Violence in Uzbekistan
ADVOCACY

- Provided assistance to more than 900 indigent Minnesota residents through legal assistance in asylum, Convention Against Torture, and family reunification cases
- Provided more than 550 detainees with legal advice in advance of immigration hearings, in collaboration with Centro Legal and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
- Successfully blocked the federal government’s attempts to deport Somali immigrants back to war-torn Somalia
- Launched the Children’s Asylum Project to represent the growing population of children seeking asylum and special juvenile immigrant status
- Launched the RIGHTS Sites Project, a network of schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul that showcase human rights education
- Hosted a series of workshops on child survival as a human rights abuse in Mexico
- Hosted the Seventeenth Human Rights Award Dinner honoring past president of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Gabrielle Kirk McDonald and Human Rights Activist John Anthony Kaiser, MHM

EDUCATION

- Trained Hennepin County employees on immigrant and refugee issues
- Coordinated the Sixth Annual International Women’s Day celebration with panel discussions and educational workshops
- Brought together more than 150 individuals from over 75 organizations in three regional meetings on human rights and immigration issues in Minnesota, called The Human Rights Education for Community Change Project
- Made more than twenty presentations at conferences and meetings about children’s human rights
- Featured Juan P. Osuna, member of the Board of Immigration Appeals, at our Annual Asylum Conference
- Worked with local partners in Mexico to provide workshops about children’s rights
- Worked with the Human Rights Resource Center to produce and distribute 30,000 copies of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Sponsored a symposium featuring the former Secretary of State, Madeleine K. Albright
- Joined with the defense bar in Minnesota after 9/11 to organize and train volunteer lawyers to provide legal assistance to foreign nationals in interviews with government officials to ensure the protection of human rights
- Launched the Women’s Human Rights Speaker Series, a monthly forum on issues facing women around the world

FACTFINDING

- Presented a report on domestic violence in Armenia in the capital of Yerevan
- Worked with local officials in Ukraine and Moldova on the use and distribution of reports on domestic violence and the trafficking of women for the sex industry
- Collaborated with Georgetown University’s Law School to publish two reports on human rights abuses of women in Poland

PUBLICATIONS

- Full Rights, Whole Children—A Case Study of Child Survival and Human Rights in Mexico
Dr. Robert H. Kirschner, a University of Chicago forensic pathologist who worked with Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights to create guidelines to investigate murder and executions overseas, died of cancer in November, 2002. He was 61.

Kirschner was among the first to systematically apply forensic pathology to investigate human rights violations, and one of his earliest projects in the mid-1980s was with Minnesota Advocates. Joining lawyers and pathologists in Minnesota, Kirschner helped draft the Model Protocol for a Legal Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions. That document, generally referred to as the Minnesota Protocol, details forensic procedures when investigating cases of politically motivated homicide. The protocol was eventually adopted by the United Nations and continues to be used around the world.

“To say that Bob was dedicated to human rights is a vast understatement,” said Leonard Rubenstein of Physicians for Human Rights after Kirschner’s death. “He simply would not tolerate abuses anywhere, and he gave the world scientific evidence to bring the perpetrators to justice.”
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## Statement of Financial Position — June 30, 2002

### Assets

**Current Assets**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents $346,196
- Accounts Receivable 25,945
- Unconditional Promises to Give 164,384
- Cash Value of Life Insurance 4,380
- Prepaid Expenses 7,317
- **Total Current Assets** $548,222

- Promises to Give, Non-current 13,850
- Property & Equipment — Net 5,960
- **Total Assets** $568,032

### Liabilities and Net Assets

**Current Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable 32,086
- Accrued Expenses 30,463
- **Total Current Liabilities** $62,549

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted Net Assets 344,783
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 160,700
- **Total Net Assets** $505,483

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** $568,032

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## Statement of Activities — Year Ended June 30, 2002

### Support and Revenue

**Support**
- Foundation & Corporate Contributions $329,189
- Individual Contributions 74,312
- In-Kind Donations 2,607,293
- Government Grants 71,416
- **Total Support** $3,082,210

**Revenue**
- Special Events $157,942
- Program Services 10,853
- Sales of Publications 587
- Interest Income 5,402
- Other 4,618
- **Total Revenue** $179,402

**Total Support and Revenue** $3,261,612

### Expenses

**Program Services**
- Education $134,429
- Refugee & Immigrant 2,828,705
- Women’s Human Rights 159,136
- **Total Program Expenses** $3,222,270

**Administration and Fundraising** 289,858

**Total Expenses** $3,412,128

**Change in Net Assets** ($150,516)

**Net Assets, Beginning of Year** 655,999

**Net Assets, End of Year** $505,483