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SGI REPORT: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS EXHIBIT
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THE "Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" exhibition, sponsored by the SGI-USA, celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The exhibit is an upbeat celebration of the wonder of youth while, at the same time, it makes the viewer aware of certain basic human rights abuses facing children around the world. It presents children's issues as they relate to such themes as community and homelessness, education and child labor, health and nutrition, environment, violence and war and peace.

The exhibit is based on the "United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child," a ground-breaking treaty that expanded the world's legal boundaries to legitimize the needs of children. The first international human rights treaty for children, it was adopted by the United Nations in 1989, and has been ratified by more than 185 countries.

"Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" has received recognition for its outstanding content and interactive presentation through mayoral proclamations and has been shown at museums, including the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, as well as state and local government buildings throughout the United States.

This acclaimed exhibit is currently on a fifteen-city national tour working its way to the Western part of the United States with upcoming shows in St. Petersburg, Minneapolis, Colorado Springs and Tacoma. □