

Children's Rights

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Children Have Rights

- ❖ UNICEF believes that children are human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of passive objects of care and charity.
- ❖ UNICEF is working to protect the Rights of all children, especially children in war torn countries, or children with disabilities.
- ❖ Around the world, at least 93 million children—or 1 in 20 of those aged 14 or younger—live with a moderate or severe disability.
- ❖ Children with disabilities are targets of discrimination, exclusion, stigmatization, neglect, exploitation, violence and abuse. Worst of all, children with disabilities are too often invisible—ignored by governments and communities.
- ❖ We believe in ZERO discrimination against children with disabilities.

UNICEF's Goals for Children



Convention on the Rights of the Child

International treaty recognized that children are not possessions, but people who have human rights. It also recognized the incredible importance of parents and families in providing the best environment for children to grow.

The United States is the only country in the U.N. that has not ratified the CRC. UNICEF is asking all of its high school members to sign a petition asking the President, and our congressmen, to ratify the
CRC.

<http://www.unicefusa.org/help/advocate/ratify-convention-rights-child>

Advocacy

Sign the [petition](#) to ask Washington to ratify Convention on the Rights of the Child. Send us the confirmation for 1 hr You can use the school address for privacy

THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

in child friendly language

Every child in Canada and around the world from birth to 18 has rights. Rights are what you should have or be able to do to survive, thrive and meet your full potential. All rights are equally important and are connected to each other. You are born with these rights, and no one can take them away.

UNICEF Canada wants to support you and your school as you explore rights, respect and responsibility for yourself and others here and around the world. UNICEF Canada's Rights Respecting Schools (RRS) initiative uses the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (the Convention) to make sure everyone feels included and respected. It includes giving you meaningful opportunities to voice opinions about your school, and to make it the best school it can be!

Article 1
Everyone under 18 has these rights.



Article 2
All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, or whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.



Article 3
All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.



Article 4
The government has a responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.



Article 5
Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.



Article 6
You have the right to be alive.



Article 7
You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognized by the government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).



Article 8
You have the right to an identity – an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.



Article 9
You have the right to live with your parents, unless it is best for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.



Article 10
If you live in a different country than your parents, you have the right to be together in the same place, unless it is necessary.



Article 11
You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.



Article 12
You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.



Article 13
You have the right to share what you think with other people, writing, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.



Article 14
You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.



Article 15
You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.



Article 16
You have the right to privacy.



Article 17
You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you read and understand the information you need.



Article 18
You have the right to be raised by your parents if possible.



Article 20
You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.



Article 21
You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.



Article 22
You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country, as well as all the rights in this Convention.



Article 23
You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this Convention, so that you can live a full life.



Article 24
You have the right to the best healthcare possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.



Article 25
If you live in care or in other situations away from home, you have the right to have things being arrangements made at regular intervals if there are the most appropriate.



Article 26
You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.



Article 27
You have the right to food, clothing, or safe places to live and to have your back needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.



Article 28
You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.



Article 29
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



Article 30
You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.



Article 31
You have the right to play and rest.



Article 33
You have the right to protection from harmful drugs and from the drug trade.



Article 34
You have the right to be free from sexual abuse.



Article 35
No one is allowed to kidnap or sell you.



Article 36
You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (being taken advantage of).



Article 38
You have the right to protection from being used in war. Children under 15 cannot be forced to go into the army or take part in war.



Article 39
You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.



Article 40
You have the right to legal help and fair treatment in the justice system that respects your rights.



Article 41
If the laws of your country provide better protection of your rights than the articles in this Convention, those laws should apply.



Article 42
You have the right to know your rights and to have help if you have been hurt, neglected or badly treated.



Article 43-54
These articles explain how governments and international organizations like UNICEF will work to ensure children are protected with their rights.





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Fight Unfair



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nearly half of the people living
in extreme poverty are children.

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unfair is:
more than 700 million
women alive today were
married as children.

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unfair is:
nearly 700 children a day risk
their lives to flee war and violence
and seek safety in Europe.

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unfair is:
every year for the next decade, about 175
million children will be affected by natural
disasters caused by climate change.

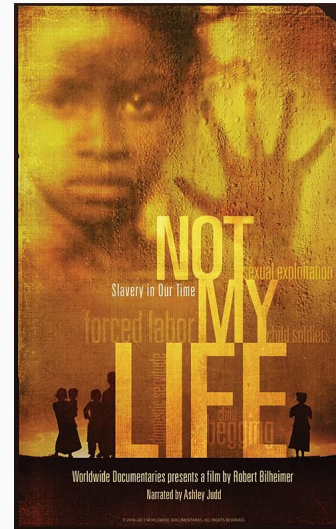
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Not My Life movie

Challenging though it may be, Not My Life's message is ultimately one of hope. Victims of slavery can be set free and go on to live happy and productive lives. Those who advocate for slavery victims are growing in numbers, and are increasingly effective. At this crossroads for the defining human rights issue of our time, Not My Life tells us, as the late Jonathan Mann said, "We can no longer flee, no longer hide, no longer separate ourselves."

We will be watching Not My Life on January 20, 2016.



Upcoming Events

- Bake Sale- TBD
- Canned food drive- TBD
- Shoeboxes- Nov 17
- **Chipotle Night- Dec 5th from 5-9pm**



Christmas Boxes

Make a Christmas shoebox:

Fill it with a small toy, supplies and hygiene items, and a \$7 shipping fee

Return boxes by November 17

Shop UNICEF- links on website, send receipt for hours

Tribute Cards: \$25 minimum donation sends a card to someone of your choice

Market: home goods and jewelry, use the code for %10 off

Inspired Gift: Buy something for people in need -> Send a card to someone you made the donation in honor of

Current Events

Unicef is constantly identifying and addressing new threats to children across the world. We will be doing an optional monthly club meeting to discuss new and pressing issues, and how UNICEF is handling them. Please let us know who will be interested in attending.



Next meeting:
December 9