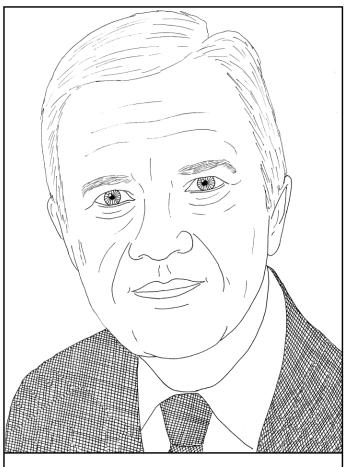
## WHAT'S YOUR BETTERWORLD ISSUE? HUMAN RIGHTS



"Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life..."

-- Jimmy Carter

Throughout history, societies have usually been structured with a powerful minority deciding the course of the lives of the majority. Through the ages, people have worked to change those systems so that they are more fair for everyone. As the world has become more global and interconnected, the human rights movement has been able to spread throughout the world, winning rights for people everywhere. Many victories have been won, but there is still a long way to go.

After the horrors of World War II, the United Nations was created to provide a forum for nations to work out their problems peacefully, and to help nations work together to create a more peaceful, just and sustainable world for all. Protecting and promoting human rights is a cornerstone in the goals of the UN. On December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which clearly outlined the basic human rights and freedoms to which all people should be entitled. This document continues to be a cornerstone in the struggle for a better world.

Many people and organizations work throughout the year to help protect human rights - often placing their own lives in danger. Human Rights Day is an important global occasion to remind us about the importance of protecting human rights for all.

## Be A Hero For A Better World!

- 1. Find out more
- 2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
- 3. Contribute to organizations working to defend human rights

## **Human Rights Organizations**

- Amnesty International (amnesty.org)
- Carter Center (cartercenter.org)
- Human Rights First (humanrightsfirst.org)
- Human Rights Watch (hri.org)
- Rights International (rightsinternational.org)
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (ohchr.org)
- Witness (witness.org)
- Women's Human Rights Net (whrnet.org)

For more on Human Rights - www.BetterWorld.net/humanrights.htm

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