

**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS EXHIBITION CELEBRATES FOURTH YEAR  
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Since its first showing in 1996, "Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" has appeared in 19 cities across the United States. It has received mayoral proclamations, state resolutions and congressional letters of recognition. To date, more than 45,000 people—both big and small—have seen this exhibition in museums, libraries, shopping malls and university campuses. Thanks to the hard work and dedicated efforts of SGI-USA members, child advocacy organizations and local community supporters, the exhibition has been accessible and convenient for people from all walks of life to see.

Working for the happiness of others and upholding human rights has been the proud legacy of the SGI, and this naturally extends to the rights of children. As we know and recognize—especially through the efforts of the Boys and Girls Groups across the country—children are our future, therefore it is imperative to nurture and invest in their positive growth and development.

I feel that exhibition committees across the United States, by reaching out to community organizations and organizing educational activities around the topic of children's rights, have done just that. They have used the exhibition as one more opportunity to contribute to our children's positive growth and development. In addition, I believe they have laid the foundation for what hopefully will be a long-lasting cooperation between our local organizations and our communities.

And I believe the positive impact doesn't end there. Most locations had never before hosted an SGI-USA exhibition and were somewhat overwhelmed by the often daunting tasks at hand. No matter how much the tension may have risen or what obstacles may have come up, in each location, the committee members rose to the occasion and created meaningful events for the community and family and friends to attend. Some even expressed their surprise (and delight!) at their own potential and capabilities.

I feel so fortunate to be involved in this project, and it has been my privilege and honor to meet so many fantastic people around the country. I can't express enough my appreciation to everyone who has supported this exhibition. Thank you very much!

So what's next? Well, "Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" will end the year 2000 with two more showings at the Avenues Mall in Jacksonville, Fla. (Oct. 16–29) and at California State University, Channel Islands (Nov. 10–19). For more detailed information, please check out our Web site at [www.kidsrights.org](http://www.kidsrights.org).