

**CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT VISITS INDIANA
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July in Indiana brought warm weather and a warm gathering of SGI members, friends and family to celebrate the "Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities" exhibition and the "Spirit of Youth" festival.

The week began with an opening ceremony for the exhibition on July 13. In attendance was SGI-USA General Director Emeritus Fred Zaitso, who thanked the Indiana members for their great victory. Over the course of the week, hundreds of people viewed the exhibition.

On July 19, a symposium on children's rights was also held, including panel speakers Maniari Singh, Shardha Sabesan, Jackie Bowie Sues and Gracia Valliant, leaders and experts in their respective fields on children's rights.

The culminating event for the week was the "Spirit of Youth" festival. Before the show, everyone was treated to carnival games, clowns and festivities for children. With members of the women's and men's divisions providing food, transportation and other support, the youth put together a dynamic show including three children reading their winning essays written in answer to the question, "What do you think is the most important right of a child?" The Oolation singers, Minyo Dancers and the Yu-Yu-Kai Dancers performed together with SGI-USA youth. Music and dance performances filled the stage interspersed with inspirational readings of authors such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and Daisaku Ikeda. The show ended with a rousing performance of "Ode to Joy."

By joining together to make both the exhibition and the festival a success, SGI-USA in Indiana made a great, united leap forward in reaching out to the community and sharing the spirit of youth and the hope of a better world for children.