



ONE NEWSLETTER

for Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin

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EDITORS' NOTE

ONE members are a bit like the US Postal Service; neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow can stop us! Even in the middle of a frigid winter in our snowy region, ONE members are taking action! This edition of the newsletter features stories about ONE members reaching out to legislators, fellow students, community members, and even peers across the globe in Africa to make poverty history.

ONE newsletter serves ONE region of the U.S. as a place to share ideas, compare experiences, and inspire ONE another to take action in the fight against extreme poverty.

Sincerely,
Morgan Granata and Leise Grimmer
ONE volunteers, Illinois

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MAKING THE CASE FOR THE GLOBAL CHILD SURVIVAL ACT

By Janet Bantz Glavin, Janice Ringenberg, and Sarah Vogler, Illinois

As part of a class project, ONE members wrote a mock testimony for the upcoming Congressional hearing on the Child Survival Act (H.R. 2266).

Mr. Chairman and House Foreign Affairs Committee members – we thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. When the House Committee on Foreign Affairs takes up the U.S. Commitment to Global Child Survival Act of 2007 (CSA) we urge you to support this legislation so we, as a country, can do something about the 10 million children who die each year from a preventable and treatable disease like pneumonia. This legislation will give children living in the world's poorest countries access to the simple and proven interventions – such as immunizations, antibiotics, clean drinking water and vitamin supplements – that can save lives.

In 2000, 189 nations, including the United States, agreed upon eight Millennium Development Goals that would provide a framework for improving health, economic, and environmental conditions in developing countries. The CSA is merely an effort to make good on our promises – the implementation of a pledge the U.S. has already made.

This legislation contains three critical components. First, the development of a comprehensive strategy for improving child and maternal health will ensure a cohesive effort and minimize duplication of efforts. Second, the CSA will establish a task force to monitor goals and guarantee that service delivery stays on track. Finally, the CSA has two clear and specific outcomes – to reduce by two-thirds the mortality rate of children under five, and reduce by three-quarters the number of pregnancy-related deaths by 2015. Based on current estimates, meeting these goals would prevent the death of 5.4 million children under five and 400,000 pregnant women annually. (continued on page 3)

SIGN THE ONE DECLARATION TODAY at www.one.org

WE BELIEVE that in the best American tradition of helping others help themselves, now is the time to join with other countries in a historic pact for compassion and justice to help the poorest people of the world overcome AIDS and extreme poverty.

WE RECOGNIZE that a pact including such measures as fair trade, debt relief, fighting corruption and over time, directing an amount equal to one percent of the U.S. budget toward meeting basic needs - education, health, clean water, food and care for orphans - would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the poorest countries.

WE COMMIT ourselves - one person, one voice, one vote at a time - to make a better, safer world for all.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 02/28/08 | New Prague, MN | ONE Information Session |
| 03/01/08 | Bloomington, IN | Speaking with ONE Voice - a ONE issue and advocacy training |
| 03/08/08 | International Woman's Day | Consider a house party around MDGs 3,4, or 5 |
| 03/13/08 | Shakopee, MN | ONE Information Session |
| 03/20/08 | Minneapolis, MN | ONE Social - Bowling |
| 03/22/08 | World Water Day | Carry a gallon of water all day to begin to understand what its like for the billion people without access to clean water. Tell others why you are doing it and about MDG 7. |
| 03/24/08 | World Tuberculosis Day | Talk about MDG 6. |
| 4/5/08 | Wheaton, IL | DGAAN meeting |
| 4/17/08 | Twin Cities, MN | ONE Group Meets to plan upcoming activities |
| 04/18/08 | Libertyville, IL | Battle of the Bands for ONE |
| 04/22/08 | Earth Day | Find an event already planned near you and ask if you can have a ONE table there. MDG 7. |
| 04/25/08 | World Malaria Day | Brush up on malaria facts to use at BBQs during the summer. MDG 6. |
| 05/06/08 | Indiana Primary | Ask a presidential candidate to address extreme poverty when they visit your town |
| 05/18/08 | International AIDS Candlelight Memorial | Think about planning a memorial – with another an HIV/AIDS group in your community. |
| 05/24/08 | Start of Memorial Day Weekend | Summer is here! Think about tabling at local festivals and markets |

Check ONE.org events pages for more information on specific events and to see what else is happening near you!

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - a quick refresher

1. Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
2. Achieve Universal Primary Education
3. Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
4. Reduce Child Mortality
5. Improve Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other Diseases
7. Ensure Environmental Sustainability
8. Create a Global Partnership for Development

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DUPAGE GLOCAL AIDS ACTION NETWORK CELEBRATES 5TH YEAR OF ACTION



In December 2007, the DuPage Glocal AIDS Action Network (DGAAN) celebrated its fifth anniversary on World AIDS Day, with a memorial service in Wheaton, IL.

DGAAN began as the vision of Sr. Sheila Kinsey of the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters after she met other activists from her area following Bono's Heart of America tour in December 2002. Sr. Sheila enlisted the help of Professors Sandra Joireman and Ashley Woodiwiss of Wheaton College to set up an ecumenical community group that would act on issues related to HIV/AIDS both globally and locally. DGAAN has three goals: 1) to build a strong voice of advocacy for those with HIV/AIDS in the DuPage area and to expand that voice into local, national, and international arenas; 2) to find ways to network successfully and build an enduring community of people interested in HIV/AIDS and related issues; and 3) to offer hope to stop the spread of AIDS globally and locally.

DGAAN members include students, community activists, religious leaders, and concerned citizens who educated themselves to lobby their government officials on issues related to HIV/AIDS, debt relief, and other poverty issues. With such similar issues, DGAAN works very closely with ONE – as most DGAAN members are also ONE members.

DGAAN meets every other month at the Wheaton Franciscan Campus where attendees learn what is happening with regard to people living with HIV/AIDS in the local community, in Illinois, and around the world. Visit www.dgaan.org for directions and more information on the next meeting.

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Children in Zambia – credit Tatia Gibbons, Illinois

Are you a parent/teacher and want to introduce your children/students to the issues of extreme poverty and global disease?

Check out the Parent/Teachers ONE group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ptONE/>



ONE Twin Cities group tables at African World AIDS Day in Minneapolis in December 2007

Connect with Other ONE Members Near You

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| Onechicago2015 | Chicago, Illinois |
| ONEdecaturIL | Decatur, Illinois |
| Bloomington_Normal_One | Bloomington/Normal, IL |
| ONEIndianapolis | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| Onesbu | Muncie, Indiana |
| WarsawONECampaign | Warsaw, Indiana |
| ONE FargoMoorhead | North Dakota |
| ONEMinneapolis | Twin Cities, Minnesota |
| MadisonONE | Madison, Wisconsin |
| MKonecampaign | Milwaukee, Wisconsin |

All groups can be found at [http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/\[insertgroupname\]](http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/[insertgroupname])

CHILD SURVIVAL *continued from page 1*

We share with you today these noteworthy observations from research highlighted and documented by the Global Health Council. Today, one in four of the world's 600 million children under the age of five lives in a country where their risk of death is at least twenty times higher than in the U.S. The vast majority of these children are born into families that earn less than \$2 a day. We know that the global community, over the span of thirty years, has used targeted and effective methods to save millions of children. But it is not enough. We are losing a staggering 30,000 children each and every day, with approximately 44% of these deaths caused by malaria, diarrhea, and pneumonia.

Let us imagine that in our home state of Illinois, with a 2006 estimated population of 885,000 children under the age of 5, that we started experiencing a death rate of these children of 30,000 per day. Not taking new births into account, this entire population of children would be wiped out in just one month! Would you be alarmed? If you were the governor of Illinois, would you ask our President to declare a state of emergency?

In order to stop this emergency, we need to fulfill our country's commitment made in 2000 and put forth in the Millennium Development Goals. We're not asking for something that wasn't already promised. Support of the CSA represents our sincere commitment to improving the quality of human life and to our role as a global partner. Children are a critical component of healthy communities. Without their survival to adulthood, they cannot contribute to the security, economic growth, and civil stability of nations.

Would it be worth it to you, to your constituents, to spend \$0.50 per child to eradicate child deaths caused by pneumonia and diarrhea alone? For another \$3.00 per child for an insecticide treated bed-net, you could prevent those deaths caused by contracting malaria. We are in a state of emergency, and you could end it for less than the average cost of a pack of cigarettes or a "Happy Meal" for your child or grandchild.

We have testified before you today because we absolutely believe that child survival needs to be a U.S. priority. People are our greatest resource. To continue to ignore this urgent call does a disservice to us, and to our global neighbors. We implore you, please pass the U.S. Commitment to Global Child Survival Act of 2007.

Sources include www.savethechildren.org, www.one.org, www.globalhealth.org, and quickfacts.census.gov.

Although these ONE members won't be testifying, ONE champion, Sen. Frist is scheduled to testify at the Congressional hearing on CSA in mid-March. Stay tuned to the ONE blog for more information.

NEWS FROM THE REGION

INDIANA

On February 8th, Jenny Courson and Kelli Fennell delivered almost 900 hundred letters to Senator Richard Lugar's office in downtown Indianapolis. The volunteers had a brief meeting with Susan Brouillette, the Senator's Assistant State Director. She was impressed with the number of letters. She highlighted how important it is to get these letters, and what an impression it makes! Yeah ONE members! Thank you to all of the Indiana ONE campaigners for your letters!

MINNESOTA

In Belle Plaine, Rochelle Gibbs submitted a resolution for addressing extreme poverty to the democratic party during the caucus on February 5th. It passed unanimously.

In Minneapolis, Nadja Gale and Kristi Bremmer (below) delivered letters asking U.S. Senator Norm Coleman to co-sponsor the Global Child Survival Act.



Residents of the Twin Cities and the surrounding area are now connected on both Yahoo Groups (ONEMinneapolis) and on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=22553776160.

ILLINOIS

At the University of Chicago, Megha Shankar, Liz Kerr, and Chrissy Hu (under the guidance of Karen Roddie) accepted the ONE Campus Challenge of increasing the number of college students who want to make poverty history and started a ONE group on campus. They plan on tabling at upcoming events to raise awareness and joining forces with other student groups on campus.

ONE members in Peoria and Barrington also delivered letters on the Child Survival Act to their Congressmen.

**Let other ONE members know what you are up to!
Send your updates to newsfromone@gmail.com.**



ONE POWERS UP



In early 2008, ONE flew more than 100 of the best student leaders in the country to Washington, DC, for the Power 100 Conference. For three days, students heard from the premier experts in the field of global poverty, dove deeper into the challenge, and talked smack to students from other schools.

Two participants from our region shared their experiences with *ONE*newsletter.

Meeting Jenna Bush was definitely one of faves from the Summit! It was great to get to hear her speak about her experiences in Africa. I am just now starting my ONE branch here at Indiana University. We are having our first meeting soon, and I can't wait to see how it goes!!

-- Jessica Beckner, Indiana University, Bloomington

The thing that really inspired me most at the Summit was the discussion on debt relief. I was stunned to learn there is so much we can do about it. I also loved hearing about Jenna Bush and Senator Frist's experiences in Africa. I am proud of starting a ONE chapter at University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana. I think we are going to have a lot of support since we are such a big campus and have so many other groups out there fighting for the same thing as ONE.

-- Clare O'Connor, University of Illinois, Champaign

We want your ideas and articles for the newsletter! Please submit materials (or questions) to newsfromone@gmail.com. Submissions are accepted on a rolling deadline.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"I have been asked a question many a time, 'who is your hero?' I say my hero does not depend on the position that a person occupies. My heroes are those simple men and women who have committed themselves to fighting poverty wherever it is to be found in the world."

-- Nelson Mandela

BUILDING A BRIDGE FROM CHICAGO TO ZAMBIA

By Jenna Luetkehans, Wheaton Academy, Illinois

For the past six years, Wheaton Academy, a high school in West Chicago, has partnered with World Vision to build a long-term relationship with the Kakolo Village community in Zambia. Over the course of the years, students have raised nearly \$600,000 to fund a schoolhouse; a medical clinic; clean water wells; homes for orphans; thousands of soccer balls, jerseys, and shoes; and food and anti-retroviral medicines for Kakolo. This year's Zambia Project is focused on expanding the schoolhouse so that children can complete their formal schooling in their own community. For more information visit www.projectleast.com.

This spring, Wheaton Academy will be hosting the World Vision AIDS Experience, an interactive exhibit exploring the life of a child on the AIDS stricken continent of Africa. Being the only non-church to host the Experience, Wheaton Academy has a unique opportunity to share the exhibit with a large number and diverse group of this generation of students. The AIDS Experience will be at Wheaton Academy April 18-23, open every day and evening for students, adults, schools, church groups, and members of the local community to visit. For more information about and to sign up to attend the Experience visit www.worldvisionexperience.org.

Jenna was part of a winter class on extreme poverty in which the students read articles, watched movies, and spoke with guest lecturers on the issues. They also wrote their congressman asking him to support the Jubilee Act and PEPFAR.

VOLUNTEER TIPS

ONE has a new resource available for volunteers called the **ONE Action Pack!** The ONE Action Pack is a great source for information on how to make the most of your volunteer efforts.

ONE is also considering monthly calls to tell volunteers about upcoming events and field questions. Let us know if your interested!

Email Annisa.Wanat@one.org for more information on either of these opportunities!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Karen Roddie has been a dedicated volunteer since the ONE Chicago group began in 2004. Karen, a social worker by trade, has had hands-on experience with the effects of poverty on families and children. She is the field work manager for Chicago Postsecondary Transition Project at the University of Chicago as well as a Young Life leader with Union Avenue Community Outreach. Karen was always passionate about ending poverty domestically, and was introduced to ONE when she was an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer at a Bread for the World conference. She saw ONE as a vehicle to take her fight against poverty global.

Karen has contributed to ONE in many ways. From organizing volunteers for events, such as a Chicago AIDS walk or the YearlyKos Bloggers' Convention, to scheduling volunteer meetings and posting to the listserve to keep the ONE Chicago group running smoothly – Karen has done her share of "this and that". Additionally, she has started a ONE group at the University of Chicago, tabled at Hyde Park Vineyard Church, developed a guide for and hosted an *American Idol Gives Back* watch party, and helped with the filming of an upcoming short about people of faith involved with ONE.

"Fighting poverty is just a part of my life. It's what I do. As I continue to advocate for the poor, alongside the poor, I look forward to meeting milestones to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and seeing extreme global poverty disappear," says Roddie. But her commitment doesn't stop there. "My concerns are not only for global poverty but for domestic poverty. These are two very different "types" of poverty but both require concern and action to make sure they stay at the front of the minds of those in power. Now and down the road, I hope to do my part and make an impact in both of these areas."



Karen's (far right) Idol Watch Party