IFSW Intern Participates in 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the CRC at UN Headquarters

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is an international treaty adopted by the United Nations on November 20, 1989, establishing global standards to ensure the protection, survival, and development of all children, without discrimination. Countries that ratify the treaty pledge to protect children from economic and sexual exploitation, violence, and other forms of abuse and to advance the rights of children to education, health care, and a decent standard of living. The convention also addresses children's rights to a name and nationality, to be heard, to be fairly treated when accused of offenses, when deprived of parental care, and other rights.

On November 20th, there was reason to celebrate. It was the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention of the Rights of the Child. UNICEF gathered people from all throughout the world to celebrate this momentous occasion in the General Assembly Hall at the UN Headquarters in New York. They praised the work that has been done but acknowledged that the work needed to continue to help protect the rights of children around the world. IFSW intern, Brittany Larkin remarked, "to be in the room was electric; to be surrounded by people who all worked towards the same goal, was unbelievably moving".

Some of the world's biggest names in music, film, fashion and entertainment have come together to create an interactive music video covering John Lennon's iconic anthem of hope "Imagine." An online smartphone app allows everyday people to record their own version of "Imagine" alongside their favorite stars, in what UNICEF hopes will be the largest ever global sing-along. The interactive video which has been named "the #IMAGINE project" was unveiled during a musical event of the CRC Anniversary.

To participate, visit http://imagine.unicef.org/en/ Download the free TouchCast app, sing your version of Imagine with John Lennon and share with friends. Your voice will be part of a new 'world version' of Imagine for UNICEF, to be released in time for New Year's Eve 2014. Every child counts. #EVERYVOICECOUNTS

FACT SHEET: A summary of the rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Photos by Brittany Larkin (below)





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