



## ***2018 UNITED NATIONS DAY CELEBRATION***

***“Human Rights, Close to Home”***

COMMEMORATING



United Nations Association-Houston  
Wednesday, October 24, 2018  
6:00 PM Reception, 7:00 PM Dinner Program  
The Junior League of Houston  
1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, Texas 77027





## United Nations

The United States of America and 50 other nations came together on October 24, 1945, and ratified the United Nations Charter. October 24 is observed as **United Nations Day** each year throughout the world to recognize our common hopes and aspirations. The **United Nations** provides the venue for countries to balance global interdependence with national interests while promoting peace and security, democracy, development, economic prosperity, global health and human rights.

The United States has a long tradition of international leadership and has shown bipartisan commitment to advancing the Global Goals at the national and local level through such important initiatives as U.S. support for global health and local leadership on combating human trafficking.

A bipartisan poll conducted in April revealed that more than eight out of 10 voters say it is important that the United States maintain an active role within the **United Nations**. The United Nations Association of the USA has declared Global Goals, Local Leaders as the theme for the 2018 **United Nations Day** commemoration.

The **United Nations Association-Houston Area Chapter (UNA-Houston)** is committed to educating and mobilizing our local communities to build a stronger network of global citizens and leaders to create a more prosperous, just and sustainable world. On October 24, 2018, **UNA-Houston** will join the United Nations Association of the USA in celebrating **United Nations Day**. The City of Houston commends the **United Nations Association-Houston Area Chapter** for its commitment to unifying Houston's communities and beyond and extends best wishes on memorable celebration.

Therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim October 24, 2018, as

## United Nations Day

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.



Sylvester Turner  
Mayor of the City of Houston





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## UNA - HOUSTON OVERVIEW

The **Houston Chapter of the United Nations Association-USA (UNA-Houston)** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501c3 membership-based organization dedicated to building understanding of and support for the ideals and work of the UN among Houstonians. For the UN to function more effectively and to more fully achieve its goals, the UNA encourages the US to be actively engaged in all aspects of the work of the UN. UNA-Houston is the local chapter of the **United Nations Association of the United States of America**, which is a program of the **United Nations Foundation**.

Members and supporters of UNA-Houston recognize the contributions the UN system has made to maintain international peace and security, safeguard human rights, provide a mechanism for international law, promote social and economic progress, improve living standards, protect the environment, fight diseases and promote human rights. The UN provides the opportunity for countries to balance global interdependence with national interests when addressing international problems.

Since 1955, when Eleanor Roosevelt braved a visit to a segregated Houston to speak on behalf of the United Nations, UNA-Houston has been actively informing Texans on the work of this important world body to bring peace through dialogue and humanitarian action.

UNA Houston has been sponsoring year-round programs since the 1960s. The Houston Area Model United Nations (HAMUN), one of the largest and oldest programs of its kind, and UNA International Choir (now International Voices Houston) both grew in reputation and evolved into independent nonprofit organizations. Prominent among its current programs are Global Classrooms, International Women's Day, Wines Around The World, UN Day commemoration, World Refugee Day, Human Rights Day, Dialog With Diplomats (in partnership with Sister Cities of Houston) and other seminars and programs providing information, education and advocacy on the **Global Goals for Sustainable Development**.



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## UNA - HOUSTON PROGRAMS



**Global Classrooms** – An innovative educational program that engages middle and high school students from districts throughout the region to learn in exploration of current world issues through interactive simulations and curricular materials. Global Classrooms cultivates literacy, life skills and the attitudes necessary for active citizenship.

This annual program culminates with a **Model UN Conference** held at University of Houston Downtown each spring where students can apply the knowledge, presentation and debate skills learned throughout the school year.

Houston is one of just 24 major cities around the world to implement this exciting program in its secondary classrooms. Since its inception in 2002, *Global Classrooms* has reached as many as 5000 students in over 50 schools.

**Houston's annual UN DAY Celebration** commemorates the signing of the United Nations Charter October 24, 1945 and renews our hope for and promise of nations to come together through the United Nations to find global solutions to global challenges.



**Dialog With Diplomats** series, features visiting Ambassadors (in association with Sister Cities Houston), and the **Cultural Dinner** series present alternating quarterly opportunities for members and friends to share a meal and conversation on international issues with a distinguished guest speaker presenting a particular nation's point of view.





## UNA - HOUSTON PROGRAMS



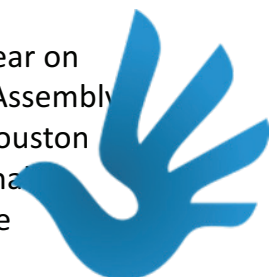
**Wines Around the World** -- An annual program intended to raise awareness and funds for humanitarian projects – Local Action for Global Concerns. In recent years, UNA-Houston helped build a school in Namibia for children of parents with AIDS, repaired an earthquake damaged orphanage in Haiti, supported the anti-human trafficking work, and in 2018 brought attention to the at-risk youth empowerment work of “Be The Peace - Be The Hope”.

**International Women's Day** (March 8) celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality, not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a prosperous, peaceful and sustainable world. UNA-Houston is currently championing an initiative for the City of Houston to declare support for the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).



**World Refugee Day** (June 20) was established in 2001 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to honor the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children forced to flee their homes under the threat of persecution, conflict and violence. Since 2003, UNA-Houston has honored refugees as a participant in Houston’s annual World Refugee Day event in association with the City of Houston, UNHCR, and many community partners.

**Human Rights Day** is observed by the international community every year on December 10, recognizing the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**. Each year, UNA-Houston programs have included hosting speaker forums, sponsoring international choir performances or participating in community wide commemorative festivals or marches.





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## ILLUMINATING YOUNG MINDS.

iEducation is a Houston-based nonprofit that empowers youth to be mentors to the next generation where they are most needed: in the classroom. Our core model provides college students tuition assistance for serving as in-class instructional support alongside teachers in underserved public elementary schools. iEdu's vision is to develop a cost-effective and sustainable co-teaching model for school districts to engage youth from the surrounding community in closing early achievement gaps and ensuring underserved students develop the necessary foundation in literacy and math.

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## Be the Peace - Be the Hope

Be the Peace Be the Hope aims to empower children, youth and teachers in at-risk environments by building resilience, self-reliance, leadership skills and inspiring hope and peace through social & emotional education and community development.

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## The Alliance joins UNA-USA in celebrating United Nations Day.

We commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and affirm our commitment to ensuring equality, freedom, and dignity for all.



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A large advertisement for the Southern Chinese Daily News (美南日報). The background features a blue sky with a white globe and a city skyline. The main title '美南日報' is in large, bold, blue and orange characters. Below it, the English name 'SOUTHERN CHINESE DAILY NEWS' is written in a smaller font. The tagline 'CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH SCDN' is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue letters. Below the tagline, it says 'The Largest Mass Communication Media In North American Chinese Communities.' The bottom of the advertisement shows a collage of various newspaper mastheads and a building with the address '11122'.



## PERFORMANCES BY

### **Art Fristoe & Clayton Farris** **Merry Lane Records**

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With more than 130 members, representing 40 nations, who speak over 30 different languages, with ages ranging from 16 years old to 80 years young, International Voices Houston is a multicultural choir that inspires, educates, and brings joy to its audiences through world music.

Artistic Director Mark Vogel

Global Harmony in a Divided World

### **Ingoma Planet** **Master Drummers**

The performance of these master drummers from Burundi is as much about the spectacle as it is about music. This percussion ensemble is full of energy, grace and athleticism. Their mission is to save and keep the authenticity of African culture, to create a cultural liaison with others and to bring African cultural connection to the American people.



### **Anjali Center for Performing Arts**

Established in 1975, the Anjali Center for Performing Arts put Indian classical dance on the Texas map by being the first Indian dance academy to be founded in Texas. Now in its 43rd year, the Anjali Center, has grown in size and reputation.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Jonathan Ryan

Jonathan Ryan is the Executive Director and Managing Attorney for the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES), a San Antonio based nonprofit that has grown to be the largest immigration legal services provider in Texas.

Mr. Ryan is a leading national voice and advocate for family reunification of asylum-seekers in the midst of the current human rights crisis at the US border.



Before joining RAICES, Jonathan served as a staff attorney with American Gateways, formerly the Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA). There, he represented detained residents and asylum-seekers in removal proceedings, and helped to launch the U.S. Executive Office for Immigration Review's Legal Orientation Program at the South Texas Detention Complex in Pearsall, TX. Jonathan attended the University of Texas School of Law and is licensed to practice law in Texas.

#### ABOUT RAICES:

RAICES was established in 1987 and exists to promote justice by providing free and low-cost immigration legal services to poor refugees, immigrants and families in Central and South Texas.



## PROGRAM

### *Opening Reception Musician –Art Fristoe and Clayton Farris*

Greetings ..... Emcee, Cynthia Cisneros  
*Vice President of Community Affairs, ABC13*

National Anthem ..... International Voices Houston

Welcome ..... Daniel Stoecker  
*President, UNA-Houston*

Reflection ..... Hon. Teta Banks  
*Member, UNA-Houston Board; Chair, UNA-USA National Council*

Meet Global Classrooms ..... Participating Students & Teachers

### **\*\*Dinner\*\***

### *Special Performance: Anjala Center for the Performing Arts Dancers*

Keynote Speaker ..... Jonathan Ryan  
*Executive Director, RAICES*

### *Special Performance: Ingoma Planet – Master Drummers*

### Presentation of Awards:

Lifetime Achievement ..... Sara Timms & David Timms

Global Citizen Community ..... State Representative Senfronia Thompson

Global Citizen Community ..... Jim McInvale

Global Citizenship Corporate ..... Chevron

Thank You ..... Dr. Parvin Bagherpour  
*Chair, UN Day 2018*



## The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

### Preamble

Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law,

Whereas it is essential to promote the development of friendly relations between nations,

Whereas the peoples of the United Nations have in the Charter reaffirmed their faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and have determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Whereas Member States have pledged themselves to achieve, in co-operation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Whereas a common understanding of these rights and freedoms is of the greatest importance for the full realization of this pledge,

Now, Therefore THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY proclaims THIS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

### Article 1.

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

### Article 2.

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

### Article 3.

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

### Article 4.

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

### Article 5.

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

### Article 6.

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

### Article 7.

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

### Article 8.

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

### Article 9.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

### Article 10.

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

### Article 11.

(1) Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

(2) No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

### Article 12.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

### Article 13.

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

(2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

### Article 14.

(1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

(2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

## 2018 GLOBAL COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARDEE



**Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale**  
President, Gallery Furniture

Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale is the founder and President of Gallery Furniture. Established in 1981, the company has been Dr. Liz McIngvale's Peace of Mind Foundation. After partnering with Vans for his Christmas consistently ranked in Furniture Today's Top 100 Furniture Retailers and currently ranks as the Sales-per-Square-Foot leader for independent retailers in the United States. Since establishing the company, McIngvale has become an icon in the Houston area and considered one of the city's philanthropic heroes.

Gallery Furniture engages in a number of charitable projects. It is working to refurnish, redesign, and revitalize the more than 130 USO Centers around the world, and has become a USO Worldwide Strategic Partner Sponsor. For 30 years, Gallery Furniture has been holding its annual Christmas Giveaway, outfitting needy Houston area families' homes with brand new furniture and food. For the 30th anniversary of this tradition, 30 families received all new furniture, delivered by Gallery Furniture.

In 2007, Jim McIngvale held a fundraising event at Gallery Furniture for The Salvation Army. It attracted former President of the United States, George H.W. Bush, and former First Lady of the United States, Barbara Bush, as bell ringers. In 2014, McIngvale made a donation to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School and with Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, to partially fund the United States' first Mobile Stroke Unit.

During August 2017, McIngvale opened his Gallery Furniture stores as shelters to those displaced by Hurricane Harvey. The furniture store also used their largest moving truck to rescue people displaced by the flooding. The McIngvale family has also championed for mental health. They offer grants for mental health through Christmas giveaway, the brand gifted him with his own fresh pair of custom shoes. On the side of the shoes, it said: "People helping people, that's the Gallery Furniture way."



## 2018 GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CORPORATE AWARDEE



Chevron is the world's third-largest publicly traded energy company in market capitalization. As of 2017, it ranked nineteenth in the Fortune 500 list of the top US closely held and public corporations and sixteenth on the Fortune Global 500 list of the top 500 corporations worldwide. It is an American multinational energy corporation, established in 1879, and currently active in more than 180 countries. Chevron is engaged in every aspect of the oil, natural gas, and geothermal energy industries, including hydrocarbon exploration and production; refining, marketing and transport; chemicals manufacturing and sales; and power generation.

"Energy is at the heart of everything we do". The company's success is driven by its people and their commitment to get results the right way – by operating responsibly, executing with excellence, applying innovative technologies and capturing new opportunities for profitable growth. Chevron is committed to corporate responsibility. Its philosophy is that affordable energy is a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity. The company's values drive it to provide that energy responsibly while protecting the environment and working with partners to strengthen communities because its success is tied to the success of the communities where it operates.

The company participates in the acknowledgment of several United Nations days. It sponsors programs and initiatives for the International Women's Day and International Day of the Girl. The Chevron 2018 Fuel Your School Program makes up to \$6 million available to help support public school teachers and students in 17 U.S. communities by funding science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-focused projects. Other community outreach programs include supporting organizations including The Links, Incorporated, Houston Independent School District, and American Heart Association.

Chevron CEO Michael Wirth stated, "Almost 40% of humanity, or 3B people, have access to only rudimentary forms of energy & a very low standard of living. The world expects — and deserves — better."

## 2018 GLOBAL COMMUNITY CITIZEN AWARDEE



**Senfronia Thompson**  
*Texas State Representative*

State Representative Senfronia Thompson's legacy is one built from strong principles of faith, an unwavering defense of freedom, and a staunch belief in fairness. As the dean of women legislators, Rep. Thompson has the distinct honor of being the longest-serving woman and African-American in Texas history, and now serving her 23rd term in the Texas House of Representatives.

Rep. Thompson is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Houston, Texas Southern University; Prairie View A&M University; University of Houston, and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Rep. Thompson is a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Rep. Thompson currently chairs the powerful Texas House Local and Consent Calendars Committee. She is a member of the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures, the House Committee on Transportation, the House Select Committee on State & Federal Power & Responsibility, the House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness and the Sunset Advisory Commission. Rep. Thompson also served on the House Select Committee on Mental Health.

Her toughness and compassion in speaking out and standing up for the vulnerable population has earned her the respect and admiration of many people from Texas and beyond. Rep. Thompson has authored many critical bills on issues including criminal justice reform, the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act, laws combatting human trafficking, laws banning racial profiling, the National Domestic Violence Hot Line, and scores of other reforms benefitting women, children and the elderly. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including being named an Eleanor Roosevelt Fellow by the Center for Public Policy Alternatives.





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## 2018 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE



**Sara Timms**

*Retired Educator*

*Global Classrooms Program Director*

Sara Timms is an educator who has spent her career working with secondary school students as a history, math, and economics teacher. She was born in Tyler, TX, but lived for most of her childhood in Tulsa, OK. She returned to Texas as a junior in high school, graduating cum laude from St. John's School in Houston. She received an A.B. degree in Political Science from Brown University and began her teaching career in Providence, where she met her husband David. She returned to Houston in 1988 with David and their two daughters as founding faculty of the John Cooper School in the The Woodlands. After stepping down as a full-time teacher, she earned a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the Glasscock School at Rice University and served as Education Director of the World Affairs Council of Houston.

Ms. Timms has been involved in Model United Nations for 25 years as a faculty sponsor, a member of the HAMUN Board of Governors, and program director for Global Classrooms: Houston. Additional positions with UNA-Houston include two terms on the Board of Directors, 1st Vice-President, and Interim Executive Director. Her hobbies include foreign and domestic travel, photography, cooking, and reading.



## 2018 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEE



**David Timms**  
*Retired Educator*  
*UNA Houston Board Member*

David Timms spent his career teaching at schools in the UK and USA. Born in England, David graduated from Oxford University with a BA and MA in Foreign Languages as well as a teaching diploma. He was a founding faculty member of The John Cooper School in The Woodlands, where he became Head of Middle School and then Foreign Language Department chair. He taught primarily French in addition to German and Latin retiring after 42 years of teaching, sports coaching and administration.

David arranged student exchanges with France and formed an International Club at the John Cooper School which was granted Ambassador status by UNICEF for its annual fundraising. David served on the Board of the Houston Area Teachers of Foreign language besides working as journal editor of the Texas Foreign Language Association for which he was honored with lifetime membership. The French government recognized his services as a teacher and promoter of French by electing him to the rank of Knight in the Order of Academic Palms. (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques).

Mr. Timms has been a Director of UNA Houston serving as Secretary, Archivist and member of the UNA International Choir as well as being on the Foreign Film Festival, Membership and UN Day planning committees. David and his wife Sara volunteer for Conviventia, a nonprofit organization in Colombia, whose principal goal is to support childrens' rights in Columbia by furthering their education in an environment of poverty and violence.



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