



The Mayor's United Nations Day Committee and
The United Nations Association of Greater Kansas City

Cordially invite you to the 34th Annual Mayor's Dinner in celebration
of United Nations Day at the Clarion Hotel Sports Complex (formerly the
Adam's Mark Hotel), 9103 East 39th Street, Kansas City, Missouri

On Thursday, October 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

Ado Vaher of UNICEF

will speak on

Advance Humanity! Health, Education and Protection for Every Child

Acceptances, RSVP by October 11

For further information, call 816-569-4523

(Kansas City, MO residents must dial area code as well)

Mayor's United Nations Day Dinner

October 14, 2004



Mayor Kay Barnes

“One of my goals during my term is to enhance Kansas City’s international opportunities, visibility and reputation. One of the ways we can accomplish this goal is by promoting positive international relations and supporting the principles for which the United Nations stands.”

Ado Vaheer

Speaker



Ado Vaheer since 1995 has been UNICEF's director of United Nations Affairs and External Relations. In that capacity, Mr. Vaheer directs UNICEF's relations with the U.N. and its agencies, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as with various inter-governmental organizations. He also works with governments from around the world on a wide range of political, developmental and humanitarian issues related to the well-being of children.

UNICEF is the world's leading advocate of child welfare with a staff of 7,200 and programs in 157 countries. UNICEF now has five major priorities: immunizing every child; getting all girls and boys into schools; reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and mitigating the impact of the disease on young people; protecting children from violence and exploitation, and introducing early childhood programs in every country. Mr. Vaheer points out that UNICEF also champions global investment in children, asserting that efforts to reduce poverty and build a more secure world can only be successful if children have an opportunity to grow into adulthood in health, peace and dignity.

Before joining UNICEF in 1991, Mr. Vaheer served as a counselor in the Canadian Permanent Mission to the U.N. in New York. Before this, he worked for national and state governments in Canada and Australia. In Papua New Guinea, as deputy under secretary for planning in the Department of Transport, Mr. Vaheer was involved with that country's transition to independence.

Mr. Vaheer was graduated from the University of Toronto in 1967 with a degree in engineering. He later completed that university's master's program for urban and regional planning. In 1978, he was awarded a master's of science in economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Mr. Vaheer was born in Sweden and raised in Toronto.

James E. and Virginia G. Stowers

World Citizen Award 2004

James Stowers in 1958 founded Twentieth Century Investors, now known as American Century Investments, which today controls more than \$100 billion in assets and serves more than two million shareholders. Virginia Stowers, who graduated as a Registered Nurse from Research Hospital School of Nursing, has been a wife, mother, and professional health care provider, as well as a supportive partner to her husband, James. Additionally, Virginia Stowers has done volunteer work for the Rose Brooks Center for Domestic Violence Intervention and the Midwest Bioethics Center. Both James and Virginia Stowers are cancer survivors.



In 1994, James and Virginia Stowers founded the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, endowing the institute with more than \$1 billion in assets. By creating this institute and attracting world-class researchers in biomedical sciences, the Stowers have helped make Kansas City a major world player in the field of biomedical research. The institute's purpose is: "To make a significant contribution to humanity through medical research by expanding our understanding of the secrets of life and by improving life's quality through innovative approaches to the causes, treatment and prevention of diseases." The institute opened its doors in 2001.

James and Virginia Stowers together were honored as Philanthropists of the Year in 2000 by the Greater Kansas City Council on Philanthropy. That same year, Mr. and Mrs. Stowers also jointly received the Founder's Award from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and were the Kansas City Area Development Council Annual Luncheon honorees. Other awards bestowed on the Stowers in recent years include The Others Award of the Salvation Army.

Jay Sjerven

**President,
United Nations Association of
Greater Kansas City
Chairman, Mayor's U.N. Day Committee**



Since 1970, Mayors of Kansas City, Republican and Democrat, have demonstrated their steadfast support of the United Nations and its works by commemorating the founding of that world body. This Oct. 14, Mayor Kay Waldo Barnes continues that august tradition, which has no equal in any other city of the United States.

It's time for Americans to become reacquainted with their United Nations. In 1945, war-weary representatives of the world's peoples met in San Francisco. They established the United Nations in order to ensure that the world never again plunged into another Great War. They also committed the world body to improving the lot of the poor, the hungry and the uneducated. The founding conference largely was led by Americans and inspired by American ideals. There were voices then, as now, that called on America to "go it alone." But these voices were decisively rejected by the American people, who had learned well that their fate was bound with those of all others. Since then, the U.N. has helped the world navigate through epochal changes including decolonization, a Cold War and the ongoing advance toward a free, secure, democratic, healthy and fed world.

I, like millions of Americans, was first introduced to the U.N. as a child through the work of UNICEF, which encouraged us to collect coins door-to-door each Halloween for the poorest of the world's children. UNICEF reminded us that the world was one and that each of us bore a measure of responsibility for others. We are honored to be addressed by an official of that great organization, which exemplifies the best in all of us and which embodies the spirit and promise of the United Nations.

Support the U.N. Join the United Nations Association. Visit our website at www.una-kc.org and/or contact me at jaysjerven@aol.com.

Response Card

Please reserve _____ dinner places at \$40 each for the United Nations Day Dinner, Thursday, October 14, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Please reserve _____ tables for eight (8) @ \$320 each.

I would like to sponsor _____ students @ \$40 each.

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Tickets will be held at the door.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to: Mayor's U.N. Day Committee

I would like a vegetarian meal.

I am a first-time U.N. Day dinner participant.

Because space is limited, we urge you to respond promptly.

Please print this page and the next, and return them with your payment to :
Mayor's U.N. Day Dinner Committee, P.O. Box 140421, Kansas City, MO 64114



————— Guest List —————

For complete tables of eight only: please list the names of the individuals to be seated at your table, which should be reserved in the name of: _____

The guests are:

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

All tickets will be held at the door. No tickets will be sold at the door.