

allow abusers to hide behind the law. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and put the law on the side of the victims.

"THERE IS HOPE FOR THE  
CHILDREN"

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 1997*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the following article, "There is Hope for the Children" by Judy Mann in the Washington Post on Friday, March 14. This article ably describes how children are helping themselves through programs funded by UNICEF and the U.S. Agency for International Development. The article also presents an excellent summary of the UNICEF report, "America's Partnership with UNICEF," written by former House Appropriations Committee staff member Terry Peel. Terry's efforts to promote child survival have given tens of thousands of children around the world a chance for a decent life. I commend this important article to your attention:

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 14, 1997]

THERE IS HOPE FOR THE CHILDREN

(By Judy Mann)

Ten years ago, less than 40 percent of the children in Uganda and Kenya were immunized. Twenty percent of them were dying of preventable diseases. Today, the immunization rate has reached 80 percent. Uganda's under-5 mortality rate has dropped from 218 per 1,000 live births in 1960 to 185 in 1995, and Kenya's has dropped from 202 to 90.

This success story is one of many included in two new reports that chronicle a decade of genuine progress in child survival led by UNICEF and the U.S. Agency for International Development. In the pictures of the children at health centers and schools, in the faces of mothers, fathers, health care workers and teachers, there is hope and a determination to beat malnourishment and disease.

The UNICEF report was written by Terry R. Peel, a former staff director of the House Foreign Operations Committee, who traveled to Latin America, Africa and Asia to find out how U.S. support for UNICEF—which has amounted to \$840 million during the last decade—is being used. He found story after story of children being lifted out of appalling and hopeless situations.

In El Salvador, where more children were dying of preventable diseases than of all the war-related causes combined, warring factions stopped shooting on designated days so children could be taken safely to clinics and vaccinated. El Salvador's under-5 mortality has dropped from 210 per 1,000 births in 1960 to 40 in 1995.

In Uganda, Peel found a Catholic priest, the Rev. Steve Collins, who works with a UNICEF center that helps children whose parents are dying of AIDS complications get the technical and vocational training they'll need to sustain the families. He introduced Peel to Katherine Nambudye, 20, who lost her parents to AIDS two years ago and is raising five younger siblings. "Because of the training program, she has graduated from school and is studying to be a teacher," Peel wrote.

"Katherine also runs a chicken business, makes sure her brothers and sisters are in school and cares for her 14-year-old brother who has polio. This brother is also working

through the center to get a certificate in graphics. He goes to the center daily with the help of his brothers and sisters who push him more than a mile in a wheelchair."

In India, UNICEF has promoted schools for children who otherwise would be working in factories. Peel's report includes a wonderful picture of two beautiful girls, Shabana and Sudesha, who worked in the bangle industry for years before finally being enrolled in school. Shabana hopes to be a doctor.

Jon Rohde, UNICEF's country representative in India, told Peel that the 2 million deep well water pumps used throughout the world were invented by UNICEF in India. He said the pumps, which provide safe drinking water, along with oral rehydration therapy for diarrhea, have saved millions of lives.

The Agency for International Development financed the basic research that led to oral rehydration therapy and used its marketing experience to educate parents and health workers. The therapy is widely used in Bangladesh, and experts from there took it into Rwandan refugee camps, where it helped prevent mass deaths during cholera outbreaks. In its report, AID estimates that the therapy saves 1.5 million children a year. It was critical during a cholera outbreak that began in Latin America in 1991.

AID's Lessons Without Borders program has taken practices developed to increase child immunization in Kenya to Baltimore—and the city's immunization rate has risen from 62 percent to 96 percent for school-age children. At a program marking International Women's Day at the U.S. State Department yesterday, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton referred to the program: "We can learn from our neighbors around the world," she said. "Countless lives can be improved, and we can improve lives here at home."

Clinton, who leaves this weekend for Africa, said she hoped her trip would give "American people a renewed sense of the importance of our commitment to Africa."

"In this time of interdependence and interconnection, we all have a stake in each other," she said. "American interests are at stake. Far more importantly, America's values are at stake."

One of those values is a commitment to the welfare of children. Through AID and its support of UNICEF and other international child and family health organizations, the United States has prevented millions of child deaths and improved the quality of life for millions of children. In the last decade, AID has spent \$2.4 billion for child survival. Americans can take heart from these two reports:

This is taxpayers' money well spent.

LET'S MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE  
ARE UNITED IN PROVIDING TAX  
RELIEF FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

**HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 1997*

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a House resolution calling upon the Congress and the President to come together to enact permanent tax relief of American families. I urge you and the rest of my colleagues to join me in a bipartisan effort to give tax relief to those who need it most; the hardworking American family.

Mr. Speaker, according to a recent study, American families pay more in taxes than they

spend on food, clothing, transportation, and shelter. Further, every American will spend at least 120 days of this year to pay his or her share of taxes. Only after that point can an American begin to enjoy the rewards of a hard day's work. I think it's time to let American families keep more of what they earn.

My tax freedom resolution will send a reminder to the American taxpayer that we hear their cries for tax relief. As April 15 is around the corner, many Americans are wondering what their Federal tax pays for. Families need real, permanent tax relief, and they need a smaller Federal Government that spends less. I believe that my tax freedom resolution will unite the House of Representatives under the cause of serving the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that we work on a bipartisan basis to enact real, permanent tax relief for the American family in the coming months. I look forward to working with you on this important issue, and urge that the tax freedom resolution be brought to the House floor so that Americans know that we are working for them.

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**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 9, 1997*

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, for as long as I have been representing Houston in the Texas House and Senate and now in the U.S. House of Representatives, our community has benefited from the presence of the Chicano Family Center.

This month, the Chicano Family Center celebrates its 25th anniversary. April 17 will mark one-quarter of a century of the center's commitment to providing family counseling, intake and referral services, emergency food and clothing, substance abuse prevention and intervention programs for children and families, afterschool and summer programs, recreation and sports activities, juvenile delinquency and teen pregnancy prevention, HIV/AIDS education and English as a second language instruction.

The Chicano Family Center has left an indelible imprint on the lives of families throughout Houston through these meaningful programs. Though the center serves a predominantly Hispanic community, its doors are open to any person who asks for help or who seeks to participate in its programs. The Chicano Family Center's simultaneous empowerment of the Hispanic community and fostering of cross-cultural interaction and understanding have enriched the lives of Houston area residents from all ethnic backgrounds.

In recognizing Houston's Chicano Family Center today, I am echoing the words of praise the center has earned from the Houston Chronicle, the United Way, Governor George Bush's office and the mayor of the city of Houston Robert Lanier, among others.

Thank you, Chicano Family Center, for your 25 years of service to our community, inspiration to our citizens and promotion of the highest ideals.

[From the Houston Chronicle]

SERVING HOUSTON—THE NEED IS THERE, AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICE CAN MEET IT

Serve Houston, this city's chapter of the national AmeriCorps program, today will