

Santa Barbara Coalition for Global Dialogue

Presents

# Youth in Peril:

## From Child Soldiers to Street Gangs



### U.N. Day Celebration

**Saturday, November 10, 2007**



**8:30AM - 1:00PM**

**Garvin Theatre,  
SBCC West Campus**

**721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara**

**FREE**

**Global Networking Hour: 8:30AM**

**Program: 9:30AM**

**Keynote Speaker: KIMMIE WEEKS**

Founder and Director of Youth Action International.

Recipient of a 2007 NAPF Special Youth Peace Award.

**Panelists:**

**-Babatunde Folayemi**

Former Member, Santa Barbara City Council.

**-Mary Jo Terrill**

Nurse and Social Worker and Trauma Team Member, Rwanda.

**-Dr. Marisela Marquez**

Mediator, Teacher, Exec. Director, UCSB Associated Students.

**Moderator:**

**-Dr. Peter Haslund**

Chair, Global & International Studies, SBCC.

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This is a Santa Barbara City College Adult Education program sponsored by the Santa Barbara Coalition for Global Dialogue. Members of the Coalition include United Nations Association-USA & UNESCO Santa Barbara, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, SBCC Global and International Studies Department, The Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies at UCSB, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, PAX 2100, and everyday gandhis (partial list). Funding for this program is from both sponsoring organizations and exhibitor fees.

### **Keynote Speaker: KIMMIE WEEKS**

Our Keynote speaker is Kimmie, once a ten year-old survivor of the Liberian civil war and now an acclaimed international youth activist. Before his fourteenth birthday, Kimmie's work had helped to disarm 20,000 child soldiers, for which the Charles Taylor government attempted to assassinate him. Kimmie is the founder and director of Youth Action International, a nonprofit dedicated to rebuilding communities through schools, playgrounds, and business opportunities for women and children in war-torn African countries. He is the recipient of a 2007 BRICK Award, which honors those who do something to change the world before they are 25 years old. In July, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf bestowed Liberia's highest honor on Kimmie for "sacrificial and dedicated services to the people of Liberia," decorating him as Knight Grand Commander in the Humane Order of African Redemption. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation will honor Kimmie's achievements with a special Youth Peace Award at the beginning of our UN Day program.



### **Panelists:**

#### **Babatunde Fodayemi**

Babatunde is a well respected, long time youth mentor who is a former local City Council member. He is the former Director of the Pro-Youth Coalition with Zona Seca in Santa Barbara. Since 1992 he has held the position of Resident Services Specialist with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara. In that position he has provided counseling for youth and family, acted as school liaison to three Santa Barbara high schools for resident youth, developed training for low-income families, and coordinated the Family Self Sufficiency Program. Babatunde has raised over 8 million dollars for youth projects in Santa Barbara. He is the co-founder of Caesar Chavez Charter School, and has designed and implemented Chicano and Black Studies in all three local high schools. He is currently working with the Santa Barbara School District to create a Peace Academy as an alternative to ROTC.



#### **Mary Jo Terrill, RN, MSW**

Mary Jo who has been working at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital in Goleta since 1993 in the area of Maternal Child Health, both as a nurse and as a social worker. Globally, Ms. Terrill is part of a team that is training headmasters and teachers as Trauma Counselors, to work with trauma victims and genocide survivors in Rwanda, and is also developing an outreach program for at-risk infants there. She is currently involved in the development of a clinic and community education center to serve widows and orphans who are survivors of the genocide of 1994. Ms. Terrill supervises a volunteer base here for Network for Africa, a non-profit that is raising money for development projects in Rwanda. She is also connected with Direct Relief International, The Clinton Global Initiative, the PIH hospital in Rwanda, and several other groups.



#### **Dr. Marisela Marquez**

Marisela, former director of the UCSB Academic Senate's Center for Faculty Outreach, has been recently selected the new executive director for the Associated Students. An experienced mediator, teacher, and researcher who earned her Ph.D. in political science from UCSB, Marquez shares responsibility for an annual A.S. budget of more than \$9.2 million with elected and appointed student officers. She will also manage scores of employees and handle A.S. legal and advisory functions. At present, she also is active in the larger community, serving on the county Human Relations Commission and as president of La Casa de la Raza, a Santa Barbara-based Latino cultural center.

