“WHERE, AFTER ALL, DO UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS BEGIN? IN SMALL PLACES, CLOSE TO HOME - SO CLOSE AND SO SMALL THAT THEY CANNOT BE SEEN ON ANY MAPS OF THE WORLD. YET THEY ARE THE WORLD OF THE INDIVIDUAL PERSON; THE NEIGHBORHOOD HE LIVES IN; THE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE HE ATTENDS; THE FACTORY, FARM, OR OFFICE WHERE HE WORKS. SUCH ARE THE PLACES WHERE EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD SEEKS EQUAL JUSTICE, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, EQUAL DIGNITY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. UNLESS THESE RIGHTS HAVE MEANING THERE, THEY HAVE LITTLE MEANING ANYWHERE. WITHOUT CONCERTED CITIZEN ACTION TO UPHOLD THEM CLOSE TO HOME, WE SHALL LOOK IN VAIN FOR PROGRESS IN THE LARGER WORLD.”

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Local Action for Global Impact. Strong US-UN Partnership
His Excellency Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein assumed his functions as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on September 1, 2014, following the General Assembly’s approval on June 16, 2014 of his appointment by the United Nations Secretary-General. He is the sixth High Commissioner to lead the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the first Asian, Muslim and Arab to do so.

A veteran multilateral diplomat, High Commissioner al-Hussein was previously Jordan’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, a post he held from September 2010 until July 2014, and which he also held from 2000 to 2007. From 2007 to 2010 he was Jordan’s Ambassador to the United States of America. He served as Jordan’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, with the rank of Ambassador, from 1996 to 2000. In January 2014, he was President of the UN Security Council and chaired the Security Council’s 1533 and 1521 committees with regard to two sanctions regimes regarding the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Liberia.

The High Commissioner’s professional experience demonstrates his long familiarity with international criminal justice, international law, UN peacekeeping, post-conflict peace-building, international development, and counter-nuclear terrorism. He played a central role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court, chairing the complex negotiations regarding the elements of individual offenses amounting to genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. Courts around the world now cite as authoritative the definition for “crimes against humanity” refined by the “elements.”

High Commissioner al-Hussein’s knowledge of peacekeeping is extensive. He served as a political affairs officer in UNPROFOR, in the following Yugoslavia, from February 1994 to February 1996. In 2004, following allegations of widespread abuse being committed by UN Peacekeepers, he was named Advisor to the Secretary-General on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, and in 2005, provided, for the first time, a comprehensive strategy for the elimination of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Operations, which has been called “revolutionary” by experts. In 2012, Zeid was chosen by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as one of five experts to serve on his “Senior Advisory Group” regarding reimbursements to countries contributing peacekeeping troops.

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About the UN Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and make recommendations on them. It has the ability to discuss all thematic human rights issues and situations that require its attention throughout the year. The Council is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly. The Council was created by the United Nations General Assembly on March 15, 2006 by resolution 60/251.

The Universal Periodic Review mechanism serves to assess the human rights situations in all United Nations Member States; the serves as the Council’s with expertise and advice issues; and the Complaint individuals and organizations violations to the attention of Rights Council also works Procedures established by on Human Rights and Council. These are made up special representatives, working groups that monitor, publicly report on thematic situations in specific countries.

"In 2012, the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 19/26 which established the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the work of the Human Rights Council. The resolution was a landmark decision through which the Council recognized the importance of ensuring that all 193 Member States, particularly those without a Permanent Mission in Geneva, have the opportunity to contribute to its work.

To date, the Trust Fund administrated by my Office has enabled more than 35 delegates, women and men, from around the world to sit in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilization Room and share their human rights successes and the challenges they are facing. The testimonies and lessons learned demonstrate how valuable these experiences were, both for them and for all of us. We will endeavour to maintain and further develop this positive trend. I therefore appeal Member States to ensure, through regular voluntary contributions, that the Council continues to be a place where all voices can be heard. This will bring us closer to achieving our common goal to better promote and protect all human rights, for all, everywhere."

-Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Ambassador Keith M. Harper (ret.) is a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. From 2014 to 2017, he served as the United States Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. Ambassador Harper currently also serves as a Non-Resident Fellow at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs. Throughout his legal career, Ambassador Harper has represented Native American tribes and individuals. Among other matters, Ambassador Harper has represented the plaintiff class of 500,000 individual Indians and served as Class Counsel in the landmark Native American trust funds lawsuit, Cobell v. Salazar, which settled for $3.4 billion in 2009.

Ambassador Harper was appointed by President Obama as Commissioner on the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships in 2010 and served until 2014. He also served as a Chair for Native American policy in the 2008 Obama presidential campaign and then as a member of the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition Team in the Energy & Environment Cluster. Prior to joining his present law firm, he was a litigator at the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) from 1995 to 2006. During his tenure at NARF, he also taught Federal Indian Law as an adjunct professor at Catholic University Columbus School of Law and at American University Washington College of Law.

Ambassador Harper is the recipient of numerous awards and other recognition, including: National Congress of American Indians Special Recognition Award (2017); American Bar Association “Human Rights Hero” (2014); election to membership at the American Law Institute (2012); selection as one of 50 “Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America” by the National Law Journal (2008)

Ambassador Harper currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Constitution Society and is Chair of the Board of Women @ The Table. He began service as an At-Large member of the Democratic National Committee in October 2017. Ambassador Harper is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. He graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1990 and received his J.D. from New York University School of Law where he was a Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar and a Fellow at Center for International Studies. After graduation, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Lawrence W. Pierce on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Local Action for Global Impact. Strong US-UN Partnership
In so many ways, Myanmar, also called Burma, has embarked on a strikingly successful political journey, aided in part by the international community with leadership from many States. Less than a decade ago, it was among the most autocratic nations in the world, arguably surpassed by only North Korea and perhaps Eritrea. But with sustained international pressure including through crushing sanctions and an intense global spotlight on the military junta’s brutal totalitarianism, Myanmar’s rulers began a slow political thaw as well as gradual liberalization of freedom of expression, association and assembly, along with slow and less than complete toleration of dissent. Following visits from Heads of State from the United Kingdom, the United States and ASEAN nations, Myanmar’s political journey culminated in election last year of the National League of Democracy party and its leader, Nobel Laureate and pro-democracy icon, Aung San Suu Kyi. Daw Suu Kyi had previously won a landslide election in 1990 but was prevented from taking office by the ruling junta. She soon after was placed under house arrest as Myanmar sunk deeper into totalitarian rule. For the next two decades, Suu Kyi was the very manifestation of courage, dignity and defiance – a heroic figure symbolizing Burma’s struggle for freedom.

Thus, her election and ascendance as the civilian leader of Myanmar – in reality if not name – cannot be underestimated. While she shares power with the military which maintains considerable authority especially over security related ministries, her election is unquestionably an important milestone. Myanmar’s political evolution is no small thing and worthy of international applause. At the same time, we must remain cognizant that the situation remains fragile and while Myanmar is now on the path to greater liberalization, sustainable development and ultimately peace and stability, it is closer to the beginning of that voyage than the end.

Myanmar and Suu Kyi have taken a serious departure from this otherwise relatively positive story: They have utterly failed to address the plight of the Muslim minority community in Rakhine State, known as the Rohingya. The Rohingya are not popular in Burma. They are seen as outsiders. Many in the Buddhist majority in Myanmar refer to them as Bengalis and refuse to use the term Rohingya as it is viewed as conceding closer links to Burma than many Burmese can accept. Rohingya are often housed in camps with abysmal conditions; many do not enjoy freedom of movement, nor basic civil and political rights. Though many have been in Burma for numerous generations, they are not recognized as citizens and thus essentially rendered stateless. They suffer serious abuse and violence by neighbors and treated to daily humiliations of an extreme nature by Burmese government security forces. By any measure, their circumstances are dire.

Excerpt from article originally published on February 27, 2017 by Just Security.
Nancy Rivard founded Airline Ambassadors International (AAI) to provide aid for orphans and vulnerable children in 1996 while working as a flight attendant for American Airlines. AAI is the only non-profit leveraging connections with the airline industry to facilitate humanitarian efforts, and is recognized by the US Congress and the United Nations.

Prompted by the sudden death of her father, Nancy left a career management track, and returned to a position as a flight attendant to begin a profound search for meaning. During extensive travel over the next seven years, she saw the glaring inequities between the developed and developing world, and potential for the travel industry to play a more fundamental role in building sharing, understanding, and goodwill between peoples and cultures. She founded AAI to provide a way for individuals to match their unique skills and interests with actual worldwide need. AAI is the only charity representing the entire travel industry.

AAI has hand-delivered over $60 million of aid to children in 62 countries in orphanages, clinics, and remote communities, impacting over 500,000 children. Volunteers have also escorted 3,000 children for life-changing medical care.

Since correctly identifying human trafficking on four flights in 2009, AAI added a third program to educate airline employees on human trafficking awareness and developed the first “industry-specific” training tailored to the airline industry. AAI’s “Recognize It – Report It” training has been provided at 64 airports to over 6000 frontline airport personnel enabling the effective scanning of 56 million passengers. AAI also developed an innovative app to efficiently enable trainees to share data-rich “tips” with law enforcement in real time. The TIP Line App is free on Google and iTunes and a true innovation in global prevention efforts that has resulted in partnerships with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Crime Stoppers, and attracted the interest of Interpol.

Nancy has a masters Degree from Southern Methodist University and is married to contractor and environmentalist Dave Rivard. She runs the Airline Ambassadors office from Arlington, VA and retired in 2013 as an international flight attendant to run Airline Ambassadors full-time. She has signed a contract for her life rights for a future book and feature film on her life story.
Airline Ambassadors International (AAI) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization affiliated with the United Nations and recognized by the US Congress. It began as a network of airline employees using their pass privileges to help others and has expanded into a network of students, medical professionals, families and retirees who volunteer as “Ambassadors of Goodwill” in their home communities and abroad. AAI provides a way for members to share their unique skills and talents to care for others and bring compassion into action.

AAI provides for children and families in need as well as relief and development to under-privileged communities worldwide. We escort children in need, hand-deliver humanitarian aid to orphanages, clinics, and remote communities, and educate and advocate on Child Protection.

Airline Ambassadors is inspired by these goals adopted by world leaders in 2015 which offer a blueprint to eradicate poverty. Click HERE for more. These goals evolved from the earlier UN Millennium Development Goals.

Their teams have made significant contributions to the world community, addressing issues of poverty, hunger, education, health, child welfare, community development, and disaster relief.

Thousands of their members volunteer their skills, time, finances, and effort as part of three volunteer programs:

1. PROVIDING for orphans and vulnerable children via their Humanitarian Aid program.
2. PROTECTING children traveling via their Medical Escort Program
3. EDUCATING on child protection via volunteer training on Human Trafficking

Partnering with non-governmental organizations (NGO’s), schools, churches, and civil society, AAI works with governments and leverages contacts with the travel industry to match world resource to world need. Thousands of AAI’s members volunteer their skills, time, finances, and effort to become a direct link, providing humanitarian aid, tangible care, and goodwill services, spanning countries and cultures throughout the globe.

AAI accomplishes so much by providing a structure for their members to volunteer and make a personal difference in the global community. They give their members more than an ordinary travel experience by serving as a venue to apply members’ unique interests and skills to help others. This has helped to unleash creativity and resources heretofore untapped. Last year, AAI volunteers contributed over 89,000 hours of volunteer service and spent $500,000 of personal income. They helped establish orphanages, schools, clinics, feeding programs, and vocational training, and agricultural programs and even inspired a law in the US Congress.
UNA-NCA Distinguished Community Human Rights Awardee

The mission of Bread for the City is to help Washington, DC residents living with low income to develop the power to determine the future of their own communities. They provide food, clothing, medical care, and legal and social services to reduce the burden of poverty. They seek justice through community organizing and public advocacy. They work to uproot racism, a major cause of poverty. They are committed to treating their clients with the dignity and respect that all people deserve.

Bread for the City shares a vision of Washington, DC as a nurturing community, where all residents have access to the basic material resources they need for survival and growth, and the prosperity of their social, emotional, and spiritual lives. 324,000 DC households experience food insecurity. Each month, Bread for the City’s two food pantries provide nutritious groceries — including fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats — to more than 8,400 clients living near the federal poverty line. Their Sustainable Agriculture division both grows food and educates the community at their two rooftop gardens and three-acre orchard.

Bread for the City’s clothing room enjoys more than 700 visits each month, offering attire, books, and small household goods for various seasons and occasions to their clients and their families.

Since 1974, Bread for the City’s medical clinic has helped to bridge the health care gap for uninsured and low-income adults and children in Washington, DC. Today, nearly 4,000 patients call Bread for the City their medical home. A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), they provide primary care for all ages. Bread for the City’s dental, vision, and behavioral health clinics only see patients who come to Bread for the City for their primary health care. This allows their doctors to offer high-quality, coordinated, comprehensive services to every patient. The clinic also provides examinations, medications, lab tests, and referrals to patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Bread for the City cares about the well-being of their community. In addition to offering several community programs, their social workers assist with problem-solving and link friends and neighbors with appropriate resources. Bread for the City’s Legal Clinic provides advice and representation to DC residents living with low-incomes focusing on housing law, family law, and public benefits.

Bread for the City’s organizers work with staff and client leaders on a housing campaign that advocates for policies Local Action for Global Impact. Strong US-UN Partnership
George A. Jones has been Chief Executive Officer of Bread for the City (BFC) since January 2, 1996. He has led Bread for the City’s growth from a $1.2 million operation in 1996 to a $10.6 million operation in 2014. This growth included overseeing the development of a new center in Southeast DC in 2002, as well as the 11,000 sq. ft. expansion of BFC’s Northwest Center, which opened for service in December 2010.

In 2015, Georgetown University recognized Mr. Jones as a local leader working to solve some of the city’s most pressing challenges and honored him with the John Thompson, Jr. Legacy of a Dream Award. Mr. Jones was appointed to the Access to Justice Commission in 2014 and was also recently selected to be a member of one of Mayor-elect Muriel Bowser’s transition committees on poverty and homelessness in DC.

From 1999 to 2007, Mr. Jones served as Chairman of the Board of the DC Primary Care Association (DCPCA), a non-profit which advocates for the expansion of healthcare access and reduction of healthcare disparities among low-income DC residents. He currently serves as the DCPCA’s Vice Chairman, is on the Center for Nonprofit Advancement Board, as well as the Board of the Capital Area Food Bank. Mr. Jones is also a 2011 winner of the Center for Non-Profit Advancement’s Gelman, Rosenberg, & Freedman EXCEL Award.

While serving as CEO of Bread for the City, the organization has been recognized for excellence by Johnson & Johnson, the District of Columbia government, the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (DC), DC Bar Pro Bono Program, and the District of Columbia Primary Care Association. The agency was also a two-time finalist and one-time winner for the Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management.

In addition, Mr. Jones was recognized by Mayor Anthony Williams for 10 Years of Dedicated Service in April 2006 and received the Haynes Rice Award from the DC Hospital Association in 2011.
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We congratulate this year’s award recipients. We thank them for the extraordinary good work they do. We are inspired by them to work for human rights at home and abroad.

Ambassador Donald T. Bliss (ret.)
Past President and Co-Chair Peace and Security Committee, UNA-NCA

Mrs. Nancy A. Bliss
President, League of Women Voters Montgomery County, Maryland

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