

# SHINE A LIGHT

Wednesday December 10, 2008

## ON HUMAN RIGHTS

On the 60th  
Anniversary of  
the Universal  
Declaration of  
Human Rights



### **RALLY - MUSIC - FOOD**

#### Rally

**4:30 pm – 6:00 pm** *Soldier's & Sailor's Monument, Public Square*

Community ceremony on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with brief comments on current violations of and campaigns for human rights. Procession to Old Stone Church.

#### Musical Celebration, Food, and More...

**6:30 pm – 9:00 pm** *Old Stone Church, Public Square*

With talented recording artists:

Free Times Awards Best Reggae Artist: **CARLOS JONES**

Revolutionary Hip-Hop Artist & Poet Extrodiare: **E&J INTOXICATED**

Folk The War's: **SUE JEFFERS** Insightful singer songwriter's: **CHRIS REYNOLDS &**

**JOHN McGRAIL** Cleveland's own troubadour: **CARLIE MOSBROOK**

and Exciting Break Out Artist: **ZACH!**

***Show your support for an end to violations of civil liberties and rights, wars and occupations, homelessness, poverty, and unemployment ...and support for the right to organize on the job, health care, and equality!***

All are welcome!! FREE!! Join us!!

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was approved 60 years ago. But unfortunately its promises have not been fulfilled.

The Declaration states that no one shall be subjected to torture. But we have Guantanamo, Abu Ghraib and renditions, where inhuman torture has taken place and continues to take place.

The Declaration says everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for health and well being. But 47 million people in the U.S. have no health care coverage; ten million people are either in foreclosure, or facing it; and tens of millions more live in poverty.

The Declaration says everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in the Declaration can be fully realized. But we are engaged in two colonial wars, occupations, and subjugation of peoples in other countries.

The Declaration bars discrimination because of race, color, sex, or for any other reason. Yet discrimination is rampant in our society against people of color. Arabs and Muslims are being cruelly scapegoated and repressed.

The Declaration states that everyone has the right to form and join trade unions. But workers attempting to exercise that right are fired without effective government protection.

The Declaration declares that people have the right to travel freely. But the government has declared certain countries off limits and effectively denied that right.

The Declaration guarantees the right to privacy but the government has largely squelched that right with the Patriot Act, while some states limit women's right to choose and others deny residents the right to marry whom they want.

These are just some of the most egregious violations of our human rights. But now we have a chance to do something to help restore them. Join with other concerned people in Cleveland on December 10 to demand that the promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Bill of Rights (signed on December 15) be observed, and that freedom, security, dignity and equal rights become our nation's guiding principles!

#### **Endorsers (in formation)**

American Friends Service Committee, Northeast Ohio; Black on Black Crime; Buddhist Peace Fellowship; Cleveland Jobs with Justice; Cleveland Peace Action; Food Not Bombs; Judy Gallo, former Executive Board Member, North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor\*; Greater Cleveland Immigrant Support Network; Interreligious Task Force on Central America; Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ; David Macko, member of the Central Committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio and former Libertarian candidate for Congress\*; Middle East Peace Forum; Ohio State Labor Party; Northeast Ohio Anti-war Coalition; Survivors/Victims of Tragedy, Inc.; US Labor Against the War; World Can't Wait, Cleveland; Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice (\*for identification purposes only)