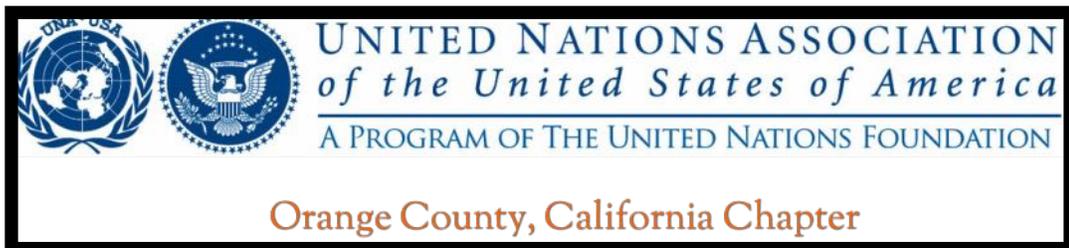


# The Gazette

## Women's Rights Action Group



A potential local alliance - United Nations Association for Women, Orange County

### Great Minds - Kindred Spirits

Karen Nichols attended the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meet-up of the United Nations Association Women-OC in Irvine. Led by Joy Adams, this is a new group with goals similar to ours. Via a guest speaker, Karen learned about the reality of child bride marriages in America. Check out "In the News" to learn more about this horrific practice.

*"The UNA Women is for women and women's organizations. Our mission is to educate and to advocate for women's rights and empowerment locally, nationally and internationally. Although we are not a service organization, it is our intention to provide information and opportunities for those called to action or service. Programs, events, projects will be determined by our members, both individually and collectively. As individuals we will learn about women's issues and needs to decide where to best give our individual attention and service. Collectively we can create programs, events and projects that educate and raise awareness of women's issues locally and globally. Together we will become a stronger voice in the community."*

**1**

**GENEROSITY SUNDAY**

10/29/2017

Half of the service offerings to benefit Isaiah's House!

**2**

**IDEAS WANTED**

Share your ideas or let us know of little know organizations helping women.

**3**

**UNA WOMEN OC MEET-UP, IRVINE**

11/3/2017 at 6:30pm

Contact Karen for carpool info.

### MARK YOUR



### CALENDARS!

Upcoming Events:



### October 19

OC Planned Parenthood Advocacy Night, 5:30-7:30pm in Santa Ana



### October 29

Women's Rights Action Group Meeting, 11:45am, Room 1 (last Sunday every month)

## In Case You Missed It



### Isaiah House Follow Up Event

Tapestry's Green Sanctuary Group will soon be organizing an item drive for Isaiah House and provide us an opportunity to further assist this awesome shelter! Isaiah House is a unique place that offers a variety of services to women who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

## In the News — Focus on Child Brides

**11 Years Old, a Mom, and Pushed to Marry Her Rapist in Florida**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/26/opinion/sunday/it-was-forced-on-me-child-marriage-in-the-us.html>

**Child brides are a little-known, but very real, problem in America today**

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2017-03-17/child-brides-are-little-known-problem-america-today>

**Why can 12-year-olds still get married in the United States? We preach against child-marriage abroad. But thousands of American children are wed annually.**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/posteverything/wp/2017/02/10/why-does-the-united-states-still-let-12-year-old-girls-get-married/>

**The "ugly" reality of child marriage in the U.S.**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/child-marriage-in-the-u-s-surprisingly-widespread/>

**Unchained At Last is the only nonprofit in the US dedicated to helping women and girls leave or avoid arranged/forced marriages and rebuild their lives. Unchained also is the only nonprofit in the US dedicated to creating social, policy and legal change to end forced and child marriage in America.**

<http://www.unchainedatlast.org/>

## Call to Action

**Isaiah's House – Generosity Sunday, 10/29/17**

Plan to attend as half of the offering collected will benefit Isaiah's House.

### CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 569: REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT

Governor Brown has until today, 10/15/17, to sign AB 569. This bill ensures Californian's personal reproduction health decisions will not jeopardize their jobs. These decisions include the use of any drug, device or medical service (e.g. birth control, abortion, or in vitro fertilization) and even extramarital sex. Employers who violate this law are subject to penalties under the Labor Code.

California Family Council President Jonathan Keller opposed the bill saying "Every organization that promotes a pro-life message must be able to require its employees to practice what they preach. . . it is unconscionable for any politician. . . to insert themselves into the employer-employee relationship."

As we go to press the status of the signing of AB 569 is unknown. Let's hope this no-brainer bill becomes law. And don't forget to join our Rona at the next Planned Parenthood Advocacy meeting 10/19/17 for more ways to protect women's reproductive rights.