

# Trick-or-Treating for more than a quick sugar rush

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Usually Halloween is a time to take from others, but for some children, it is a time to give. Ever since 1950, when five young Philadelphia students collected a total of \$17 in donations on Halloween night and sent the money overseas to benefit European children facing the post-WWII trauma, a portion of children in industrialized countries have been requesting donations rather than candy at people's doors.

The tradition is known as Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.

It has a purpose. UNICEF's (The United Nations Children's Fund) goal is to protect, educate, provide resources for, and otherwise assist children who face challenges such as disease, war, and poverty.

These children may come from underdeveloped countries an ocean away or as close as areas in the United States. Often, for the children UNICEF helps, survival is a daily battle.

This year's goal is education. UNICEF is working to send 4 million African children back to school or to attend for the first time.

With the money collected by hundreds of trick-or-treaters, the organization is able to obtain learning supplies, furniture, teacher training, clean water sources and many other resources for schools.

Their motivation is the fact that 400,000 Rwandan children do not have access to education, and only about less than half of Malawian children pass grade five.

One of their long-term goals is to propel the construction and revival of 96 schools in Rwanda. They also plan to install toilet and sanitation facilities in 176 Malawian schools.

The tradition also has a positive effect on the children who participate. "...[The] Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign is often a child's first introduction to volunteerism. It is also an educational tool for teachers and students to learn about the issues affecting children in developing countries," Gabrielle Jones, the regional program manager for southern California's Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, said in an inter-

view with Business Wire.

Over \$132 million has been collected in the U.S. since the start (with a total \$210 million collected), and the ritual is still going strong. It has gained the support of numerous businesses and companies, including Coinstar, Universal Studios, Turner Network Television, TIME for Kids magazine, Pier 1 Imports and Hallmark Gold Crown stores.

It has also gained the support of a few famous individuals.

"My involvement with 'Trick or Treat for UNICEF' is particularly dear to me because I participated as a child," Sarah Jessica Parker has said in an interview with UNICEF. "And now that I am a mother, I want to share the experience with my son. Halloween can be very focused on the amassing of bucket-loads of sweets. Yet 'Trick or Treat' for UNICEF demonstrates that kids can do good deeds and still have fun. A positive first experience with philanthropy can lay the groundwork for a lifetime of giving."

Forty-one years ago, President Lyndon Johnson was also a fan. In 1967, he pronounced that Oct. 31 would be "UNICEF Day" in honor of the tradition.

The legacy has spread to different countries. Over the years, Canada, Mexico, Ireland and Hong Kong have started to participate, greatly upping the amount of money raised. "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has undergone many changes throughout its existence, yet the values, commitment and passion that are the root of the program have remained the same," said US Fund for UNICEF President Charles J. Lyons on UNICEF's official web page. "With the support of parents, educators, and community leaders, American children have the potential to save the lives of their more vulnerable peers. Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF gives them the resources and the vehicle to achieve their goals."

If you or anyone you know is interested in Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, you can order your collection carton at [unicef.org](http://unicef.org). For those who feel they are too old to trick-or-treat, there are other options. Chaperone a group of children around the neighborhood, or simply send your own donation. Donations can be sent in the form of a check to: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY, 10038.



# Youth Forum gives teens opportunity to question candidates

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"Do you have issues?" is the theme question of the night at the Youth Issues Forum being put on by the Chase Youth Commission and the Teen Advisory Council.

Pre-selected questions submitted by local teens will be answered by candidates currently running for elected office.

Those interested in submitting a question may do so up until the night of the forum. There is no limit to the number of questions one person may submit.

Candidates Cathy McMorris Rogers and Mark Mays from the District Five US Congressional District Race, Kim Thornburn and Todd Mielke from the District One County Commissioners Race, and Mark Richard and Brian Sayers from the District Two County Commissioners Race will be there to answer questions submitted by students.

"The program is run by the students, the questions are developed by the students, and they're even asked by the students," Mike LeaderCharge, the Youth Involvement Coordinator said. "This whole thing is geared around giving students the opportunity to learn about the voting process and the election process. The only adults allowed to participate and the candidates themselves."

First, candidates from the US Congressional District Race will be given a chance to answer the pre-selected questions. Then, members of the audience will be selected to ask their questions.

The two county commissioner races will follow in the same format.

"To get your voice heard is just as important as voting who gets elected," LeaderCharge said.

Afterward, students will fill out a mock ballot prepared by the Spokane County Auditor's Office, and the results of the mock election will be announced.

"Last year we found that with the exception of one of the city council races, the students were exactly right as far as who ended up being elected," LeaderCharge said.

Questions not addressed during the forum will be sent to the candidates afterward. The candidate's responses will then be sent to the person who submitted the question.

"A lot of people try to speak for youth," LeaderCharge said. "They try to speak to what are the issues the youth are facing, but this forum provides the students the opportunity to voice that themselves. The candidates get to hear straight from the students what it is that their concerns are. A lot of times things get mixed up. Adults try to paraphrase what the kids are saying, but the students will get up there and ask the question like it needs to be asked."

The forum will be held in the in the City Council Chamber Oct. 9 from 6-8 p.m. Anywhere from 150-200 people are expected to attend. Questions may be submitted by email to [TAC@spokane.org](mailto:TAC@spokane.org) or by postal mail to Chase Youth Commission, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201. Name, school, age, phone number and email must be included.

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# Parents and children take a 'look at sexuality'

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Planned Parenthood of the Inland Northwest has created a new, after-school program for teens called "A Healthy Look at Sexuality" designed to give teens the information they need to make healthy sexual choices. "Our class can help parents insure that their teens receive comprehensive education," said Margaret Mount, education director for Planned Parenthood of the Inland Northwest.

The first class is on Monday, Oct. 13 from

3-5 p.m. and will continue every Monday and Wednesday after that for four more sessions. But first, parents must attend an orientation in order to enroll their children.

This will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 at the Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E. Main Ave. Topics covered in the class will include: goal setting, anatomy, healthy relationships, communication, avoiding sexual exploitation, pregnancy and contraception, STDs/HIV, abstinence, condom use, sexual decision-making, refusal and negotiation skills.

To pre-register or get more information, parents can either call 509-241-4202 or visit [www.ppinw.com](http://www.ppinw.com).

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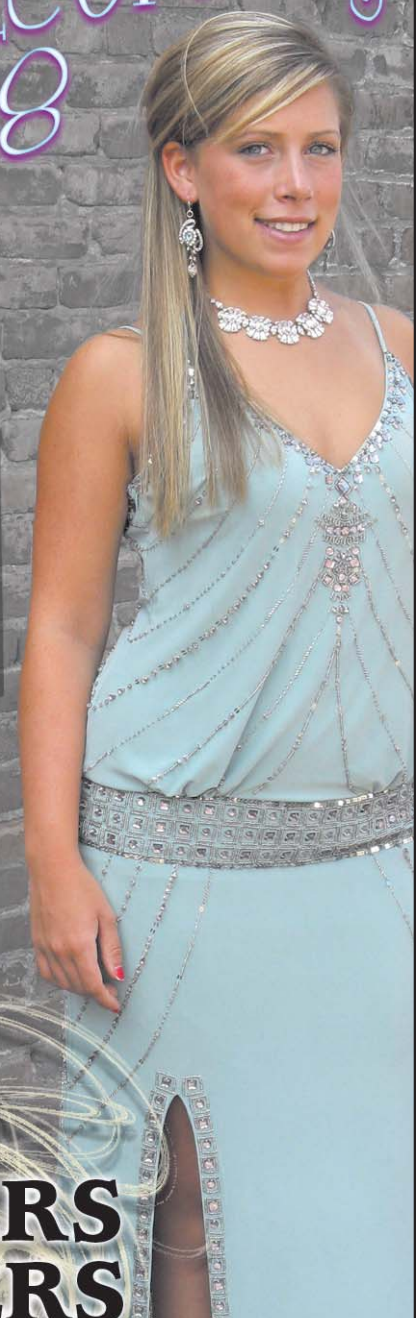
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