



The Season of Giving

Giving Tuesday was earlier this month on December 3rd, but it's not too late to make a difference! We invite you to contribute to one (or all) of the three impactful UNA-USA initiatives that drive our mission forward:

UNA-USA Fellowship Initiative

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I could not have afforded to complete my internship in person if it were not for the assistance of the UNA-USA Fellowship program, and I cannot thank them enough. Not only has UNA-USA provided me with material assistance, but it has been exciting to be a part of their programs and networks
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Grace Gott, Public Information Intern in the office of the UN Secretariat in New York, NY and 2023 UNA-USA Fellow.

Donate to the Delegate Fund: Help empower UNA-USA members to represent and participate in key events and programs by covering essential expenses like travel, lodging, and meals. Your tax-deductible contribution directly strengthens U.S. engagement at the UN and amplifies the voices of advocates working for global progress.

Support the Fellowship Initiative: Support UN Internships with your contribution to the UNA-USA Fellowship Initiative. Your contribution will cover the living expenses of interns who have received assignments with the United Nations anywhere in the world. Help the United States ensure that the United Nations reflects the rich cultural diversity of America.

Contribute to UNA-USA's General Fund: Enable UNA-USA to provide year-round support to over 200 chapters and 20,000 members nationwide. Your donation ensures continued educational programs, advocacy opportunities, and signature events that foster meaningful engagement with the U.S.-UN relationship.

This season of giving, consider supporting the initiative that speaks to your heart—or all three—and continue to be a force for good in the world. Every contribution, big or small, makes a lasting impact.

News and Updates

A Message from the Ambassador Michèle Taylor



On **Human Rights Day**, Ambassador Michèle Taylor reflects on the accomplishments of the United States over its most recent three-year term as a voting member of the UN Human Rights Council.

Watch her reflections and insights as she highlights key achievements and underscores the continued importance of U.S. leadership in this space.

Historic Shift in Syria



Syria faces a pivotal moment as long-time dictator Bashar al-Assad flees to Russia, opening a path for potential change. After over a decade of brutal conflict, this shift brings hope but also significant challenges as Syrians work to rebuild their country.

Since 2011, Syria's civil war has displaced millions, left countless in need of aid, and created the world's largest displacement crisis. With Assad's departure, Syrians have a chance to reclaim their future, but the path ahead requires international support, accountability, and diplomacy.

Key developments are expected at the UN Security Council's December 17 briefing, where representatives will discuss Syria's political and humanitarian future.

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Advocacy



Disputes have stalled the finalization of a spending plan to maintain federal government funding into the new year. Over the weekend, lawmakers continued negotiations on a continuing resolution (CR) that would extend funding for federal programs through March 14, 2025. However, several unresolved issues persist. With only days remaining until the December 20 deadline, Congress must act quickly to approve the CR and avoid a partial government shutdown.

Congress must pass a CR by December 20 to avert a government shutdown and a potential lapse in funding for federal programs, including funding for the international affairs program and the UN regular budget. **Take action now!**

[Urge Congress to Invest in the United Nations in FY'25!](#)

Happy Holidays!



Holiday Closure Notice: UNA-USA will be closed from December 23, 2024 to January 1, 2025. Thank you for being part of our UNA-USA community — whether you're a member, prospective member, or supporter. Wishing you a restful and joyous holiday season! We look forward to reconnecting and continuing our impactful work together in the new year.

Join Our Movement



UNA-USA is the largest network of UN supporters in the country! UNA-USA members are at the forefront of protecting and advocating for the critical work of the United Nations. Our movement's strength comes from the power of many voices united for global change.

Join UNA-USA to gain exclusive access to learning and career opportunities, leadership development, and a member-only online community where you can connect with changemakers nationwide. ([Those under 26 join free!](#))

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