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TOGETHER 2000: INTRODUCTION TO PROCEEDINGS

The International Child and Youth Care Conference, *TOGETHER 2000*, was held in Cleveland, Ohio from June 6 to 9, 2000. The event was hosted by the *Ohio Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals, Inc.* and sponsored by the *Association of Child and Youth Care Practice and the Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations.*

This historic event included over 70 workshops and four-keynote presentations, many of which have been selected for this *Millennium issue of the Journal of Child and Youth Care Work.*

Keynote speakers such as Dr. Leon Fulcher from New Zealand provided insight into international child and youth care. Dr. Sheryl Brissett-Chapman from Washington, DC, discussed the barriers and opportunities facing children and providers in the world today. Dr. Sibylle Artz from Canada offered a multimedia presentation on youth violence.

One of the many highlights of the conference was the presentation by noted author and lecturer, Dr. Larry Brendtro. Dr. Brendtro entertained and educated the participants with his tales and research in child and youth care work: its past, present and future.

Of particular mention was a legendary child and youth care worker and trainer, who was honoured at the conference banquet for his work and support to child and youth workers, Dr. Henry Maier. This was a touching and magical moment in support of a very humble and dynamic leader.

We are thankful that the *Journal of Child and Youth Care Work* has contributed this issue in order to capture the great wealth of knowledge that was present at the Together 2000 conference.

The Mission statement for *Together 2000* viewed the conference as a time and place for all who believe in the art and power of therapeutic caring to come together and celebrate a legacy of which all should be proud, and about which none should be complacent. It is this final note of complacency, which must not be forgotten. Your support of the Journal and the many fine contributors it enjoys this year, goes a little way toward a more proactive future for the profession.

Finally, a special thanks to the warm and great hospitality that was provided by the child and youth care professionals from Ohio!

Let's continue the tradition and commitment
to the field, by planning to attend the next

*International CC Conference
in August 2003, at the University of Victoria,
School of Child and Youth Care, Victoria, BC.*

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