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The United Nations was created during World War II by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The last ratification of the charter was on October 24, 1945, United Nations Day. This was done by the five permanent member countries which are: China , France , the Russian Federation , United Kingdom , and the United States . The United Nations can relate to everyone and tries their best to reach and help everyone, no matter what their situation.

What the Declaration of Human Rights means to me is that it is something I can turn to for fairness. Many of these Human Rights, I feel, I can relate to myself. I know I can turn to the United Nations for justice, peace, and solutions. I can expect that they will do their best to help me and everyone. It means to me that there are people in the world that want to make a difference and make the world a better place for you and me. Getting children shots, getting poor countries safe drinking water, fighting or getting rid of diseases (malaria, parasitic disease, and small pox), making laws to keep people safe, giving people rights, giving people food, and shelter, raising money for people affected by natural disasters, just to name a few of the projects done by the United Nations for poor countries. They want to do all they can to help the people. I thank them for this.

I think there are multiple ways the Declaration of Human Rights is important to the world. First of all the countries that are very poor are very thankful that the United Nations sponsors programs to provide food for them. The World Food Program provides about one third of the world's food each year to poor countries. The health organizations and shots given to people that can't afford them are saving their lives and raising life expectancy. The United Nations has helped many children and some adults to receive a

better education, which helps them to reach their goals and dreams in life. In many places you need an education to make a living. The United Nations tries to resolve conflicts without violence to keep the people safe. The United Nations also aims to help the environment by trying to stop pollution, extinction, loss of natural resources, and climate change. They help people to vote and have elections. The United Nations lets governments know that they are being watched and need to treat their people fairly. Mostly, it supports and helps the people in their daily lives. It gives them courage and strength to move on and try their hardest. It helps them mentally and spiritually.

Why the Rights in the Declaration are still denied to many people is because many still do not think that all people are equal. Some countries have dictators, and they do not believe in people having rights and choices. It is unfair that people are treated like this. I believe that some rulers or ordinary people believe that if the people have rights and choices they will become more powerful than their ruler. It is mainly fear. Some believe that skin color, race, gender, or nationality make people different or weird. They think because they are different than them, that they are just items and do not deserve rights, freedom, or choices. I believe all people are equal and deserve the same advantages or disadvantages. The United Nations works toward all of these things and so much more. Some people think that the United Nations is a bad thing, but they may not know that the United Nations might be helping them also. We should all be thankful. I know I am!

Sources:

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