



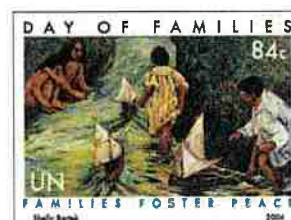
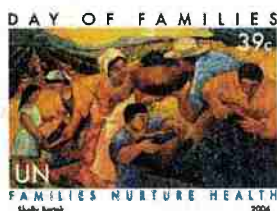
INFORMATION CIRCULAR No. 29

Subject: First Day of Issue – 27 May 2006
“Day of Families”

1. On 27 May 2006, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme “Day of Families”.



2. The International Day of Families will be observed on 15 May 2006. The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 47/237 of 20 September 1993, proclaimed that 15 May of every year shall be observed as the International Day of Families. This annual observance reflects the importance, which the international community attaches to families as basic units of society as well as its concern regarding their situation around the world.

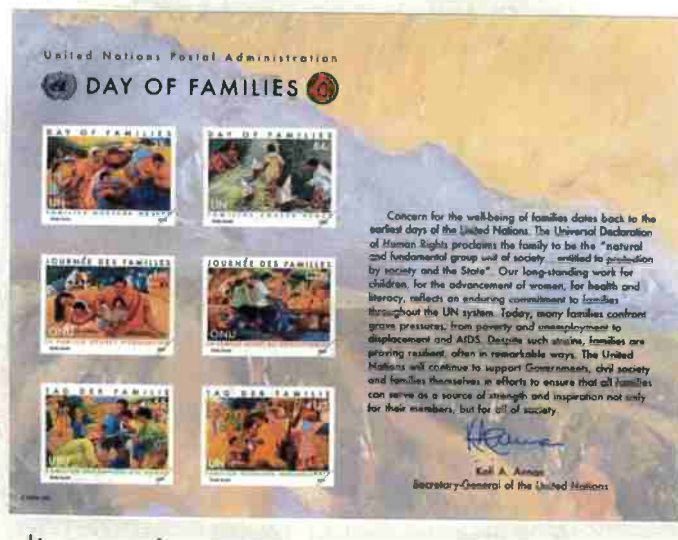


3. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families as well as to promote appropriate action. The Day can become a powerful mobilizing factor on behalf of families in all countries, which avail themselves of this opportunity and demonstrate support of family issues appropriate to each society.

4. The stamps were designed by Shelly Bartek (USA).



5. A souvenir card on the theme "Day of Families" will also be issued on 27 May 2006.



6. Permanent mission personnel and staff members wishing to procure these stamps, souvenir card and first day covers can obtain them from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 29 May 2006 at the UNPA sales counter at door 6 of the Palais des Nations.
7. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can inform thousands of unseen people of the goals and activities of the United Nations.

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