

**TAPORI**



Jan-Feb 2008

Hello, Tapori members!

There has been so much excitement and creativity around the Tapori Silhouette Campaign, we wanted you to have a **gift** that you can **share throughout the year**: a 2008 calendar\* with some of the silhouettes and messages from around the world. It's shiny; it's in color; and it has 6 languages! Not all the messages are translated to a language you know, so this will be your chance to find people who can help you translate. You can share with us what you learn. **Which silhouette is your favorite?** Which message? Can you find all the countries from the calendar on a map? See the Survey Page for more questions. There are instructions on the calendar and on the back of this letter. (\*Sorry that you didn't get the calendar sooner. The mailing took a long time! ☺)



### **Silhouette Campaign Update**

Many of you have participated in this silhouette campaign called "**Listen to us, and we'll change the world!**" You'll remember that it started with the **true story of Ono and Rene** from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Children make fun of Ono because of the way he looks and what they see from the outside. Rene **gets to know** Ono for who he really is. In this campaign, you made your silhouettes to creatively **show who you are on the outside**, but you included your **hearts with messages to say who you are on the inside!**

From the United States to Thailand, from Tanzania to Ireland, and around the world, children from nearly 40 countries have made 3000 silhouettes! Wow! Most important, **your messages of courage, hope, and friendship have gone out to other children and to adults who make decisions.** Tapori members and friends have spoken out and displayed silhouettes in many different places, from orphanages to schools to museums to city halls to the United Nations in New York and Geneva! **Maybe some silhouettes can come to your school or group!** You can add your own artwork and messages and send it on to others. Have a parent or teacher contact Tapori about it. They can reach us at the address below or go on the internet at **www.tapori.org**.

### **New Logo: What Do YOU Think?**

Tapori has a new logo! You see it on the front of the calendar and at the top right of this page. An artist designed it with ideas from Tapori kids and adults! Do you like it? What does it say to you? How would you explain to somebody what Tapori is by showing them the logo? We need your **help to create a new Tapori letterhead using that logo.** In a future newsletter we'll ask for your ideas and advice, so start thinking and drawing!!

### **Tapori Wants to Hear from YOU**

We hope you like the 2008 Silhouette Calendar! We'll be excited to hear where you hang it and who you share it with! **We'll share your messages with other children and write back to you, too!** We believe this helps build friendship around the world, so that no one is left out. Happy reading!

--Your friends at **Tapori**





**WORLD DAY TO OVERCOME POVERTY: OCTOBER 17**

October 17 is a very special day. Children say, "October 17 is the day for everyone who hopes that friendship can win out over poverty," and "It's not right that some people are poor; all children and their families should be happy. If we all get together we can change things." On October 17, 2007, Tapori children sang, performed plays about friendship, and of course, presented their silhouettes and what's in their hearts! Find out more on [www.tapori.org](http://www.tapori.org) and [www.oct17.org](http://www.oct17.org).



**A-MAZE-ing Way to Meet!**

In **Luxembourg** on October 17, Tapori friends reached out to others by making a fun maze of silhouettes and performing a play based on the story of *Ono and Rene*.

In **Bukavu**, in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, children also played out that story, with the *real* Ono and Rene present! One child wrote this message: "The poorest child will stay poor even if we give him things, if we're not next to him to hear his ideas, laugh, play, and make her sadness our sadness, in short, to be her friend."

**Something Inside So Strong**

In **New Orleans**, children from the **Freedom School** of the Children's Defense Fund sang about the inner strength that we all have that no person or situation can take away. Here are some of the words: (written by Labi Siffre):



- *Something inside so strong. I*
- *know that I can make it, though*
- *you're doing me wrong, so*
- *wrong. You thought that my*
- *pride was gone. Oh, no. There's*
- *something inside so strong.*
- *Something inside so strong.*
- *Brothers and sisters, when they*
- *insist we're just not good*
- *enough, well, we know better.*
- *Just look 'em in the eyes and*
- *say, We're gonna do it anyway.*
- *We're gonna do it anyway*
- *because there's...(chorus).*



The Freedom School children really inspired the people gathered in New Orleans on October 17. We think they should record their songs on the Tapori website! You should, too!

**Put Together your Tapori Calendar**

Look at the pictures on the back page of the calendar while you follow these written instructions:

- 1) *Cut* each big sheet on the dotted line where you see the scissor symbol. 
- 2) *Arrange* the sheets with the bold letters **A**, **B**, and **C** like you see on the back cover. You will have to fold some sheets "backwards," against the crease.
- 3) Put the "Tapori 2008" part so that it covers the sheet with **A**, January and February.
- 4) Put *two staples* close to the top outside edge, on the black strip that frames the calendar. Or, "sew" your calendar together: from the inside, poke each end of a string through the middle crease and tie a bow on the outside! 

**WHAT CAN YOU DO ON [www.tapori.org](http://www.tapori.org)?**

**You can do lots of activities on the Tapori website.**  
 Check out all **silhouettes** and **messages!**  
**Listen to songs** sung by children around the world!  
 Read the **true stories** of children just like you  
 who try to make the world better, even if  
 their lives are very hard.  
 You can even **send an "e-card"** to  
 a friend or someone new!  
**No computer?** Then **write to us!** Tell us how you  
 meet new friends and look out for others.