

# World Food Day

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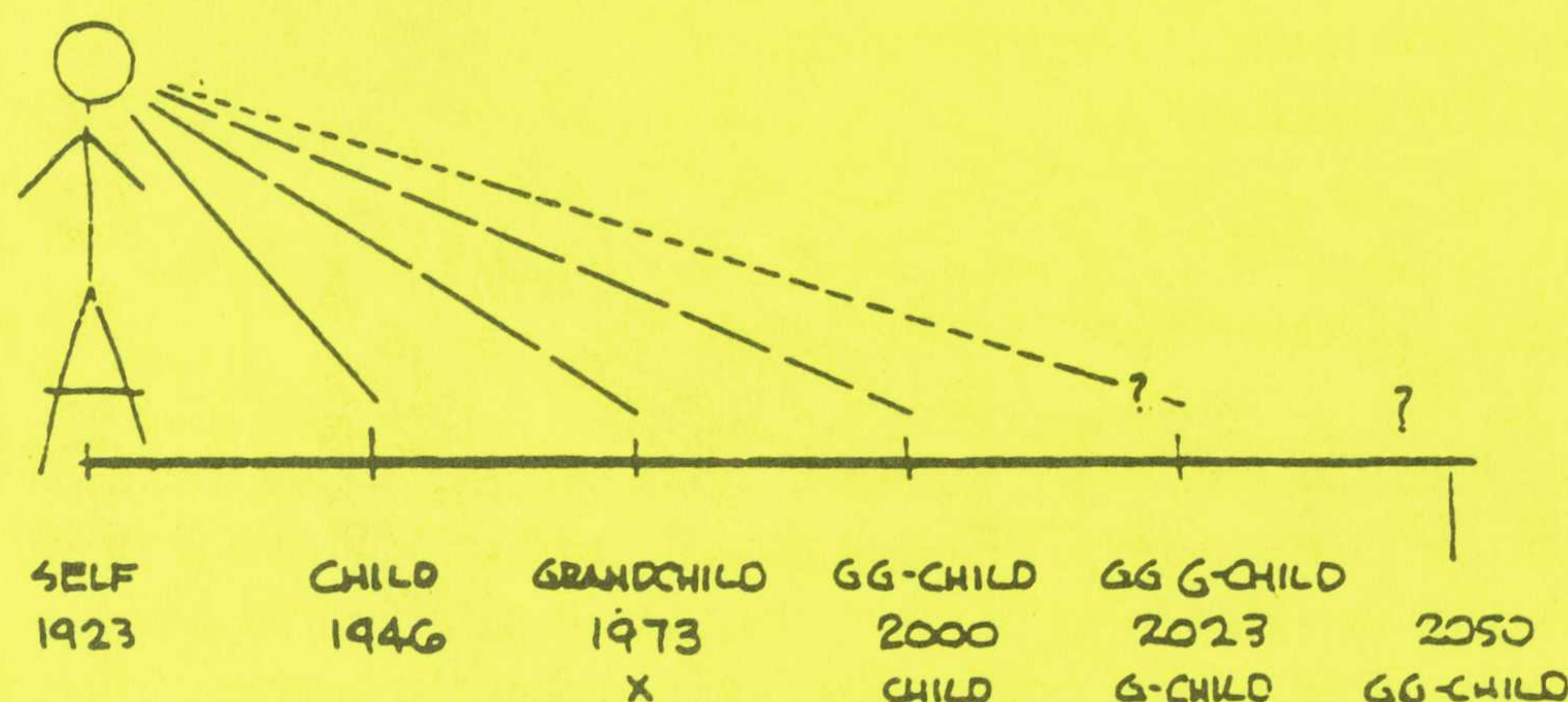


A speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington told the following story:

*"I recently heard a story on the radio. A reporter was covering that tragic conflict in the middle of Sarajevo, and he saw a little girl shot by a sniper. The reporter threw down his pad and pencil, and stopped being a reporter for a few minutes. He rushed to the man who was holding the child and helped them both into his car.*

*As the reporter stepped on the accelerator, racing to the hospital, the man holding the bleeding child said, 'Hurry, my friend, my child is still alive.' . . . A moment or two later, 'Hurry, my friend, my child is still breathing.' . . . A moment later, 'Hurry, my friend, my child is still breathing.' . . . Finally, 'Hurry. Oh my God, my child is getting cold.'*

*When they got to the hospital, the little girl had died. As the two men were in the lavatory, washing the blood off their hands and their clothes, the man turned to the reporter and said, 'This is a terrible task for me. I must go tell her father that his child is dead. He will be heartbroken.' The reporter was amazed. He looked at the grieving man and said, 'I thought she was your child.' The man looked back and said, 'No, but aren't they all our children?'"*



Yes, children suffer in war. They also suffer in peace as they go hungry in Hometown, America and across the world. Today they are our children; tomorrow those that live will share the world our children will know. Food security in that world is being shaped by all of us now . . . . .

- \* as we seek answers to the root causes of hunger, homelessness and joblessness;
- \* as we call officials and candidates to take a stand on food & justice issues . . . and let them know where we stand in this important election year;
- \* as we equip young people to live in an interdependent, threatened world;
- \* as we work together in search of solutions for our common future through opportunities like World Food Day.

If you are reading this, you are caring, involved, compassionate, fairminded, determined, hopeful! We know this for YOU have made World Food Day what it is. The enclosures in this mailing and the following are offered to help you use this worldwide endeavor even more effectively.



## FINDING HOPE WORKING WITH OTHERS THROUGH WORLD FOOD DAY

After 15 years World Food Day has an established network across our country . . . a base for building community/state coalitions . . . for advocacy and action . . . for doing strategic planning . . . for increasing media exposure for your work . . . for demonstrating the breadth and depth of citizen concern and commitment to decisionmakers in your community . . . in your state . . . in our nation.