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ATLANTA -- “Beyond the Presidency: 25 Years of The Carter Center,” a special exhibit at the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum June 30 through Nov. 25, 2007, will give visitors a look behind the scenes and on the frontlines of efforts undertaken by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, to advance peace, health, and hope worldwide through the nonprofit organization they founded in 1982.

The exhibit emphasizes the need to secure for people a broad range of human rights as the foundation for peace and development, sharing stories of individual triumph and progress in communities in the 65 nations where the Center has worked to improve lives.

“Self-governance, freedom from political persecution, adequate food, and access to health care—these rights give people self-respect, human dignity, and hope for the future,” says President Carter. “Without them, we will never see a world at peace.”

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, the not-for-profit, nongovernmental Carter Center was started as a place where the former president and first lady could continue working on issues important to them after they left the White House. Today, the Carters lead a permanent staff of 160 working both with world leaders and people at the grass roots to address challenges in peace and health in many of the poorest nations.

“The exhibit presents a vision for how to build a more peaceful world,” says Museum Director Jay Hakes. “It can be both a teaching tool for students and an inspiration for families seeking values of global citizenship and humanitarian opportunity.

“The exhibit also promises to be of special interest to Georgians. Jimmy Carter has been perhaps the foremost proponent of human rights for oppressed and disenfranchised people worldwide, and the roots of that are right here in Georgia.”

For 25 years, The Carter Center has maintained a strong commitment to building hope in some of the world’s most isolated and poorest communities.

Progress has been made by:

- leading a coalition that has reduced incidences of Guinea worm disease from an estimated 3.5 million in 1986 to about 25,000 today, making it likely to be the first disease since smallpox to be wiped off the face of the Earth
- observing more than 67 elections in 26 countries to help establish and strengthen democracies
- teaching techniques that have helped more than 8 million small-scale farmers in 15 African nations to double or triple grain production
- furthering avenues to peace in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Liberia, Sudan, Uganda, the Korean Peninsula, Haiti, and Bosnia and Herzegovina
- helping to establish a village-based health care delivery system in thousands of communities in Africa that now have trained health care personnel and volunteers to distribute drugs and provide health education strengthening international standards for human rights and the voices of individuals defending those rights in their communities worldwide advancing efforts to improve mental health care and diminish the stigma against people with mental illness.

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