

Be a Hero for a Better World

Marian Wright Edelman

(1939-)

Marian Wright Edelman is an African-American author, activist and one of the nation's leading advocates for the rights of children. She is founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), whose mission is to ensure that every child has a healthy and fair start in life. Marian Wright Edelman has dedicated her life to serving those who cannot always advocate for themselves. After becoming the first woman to get her law degree and be admitted to the Bar in Mississippi, she worked for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and then moved to Washington DC in 1968 to serve as legal counsel for the Poor People's March organized by Martin Luther King, Jr. She worked on a number of other civil rights and public service causes before founding CDF in 1973.

As the nation's most powerful lobby for children, CDF has helped in the adoption of many policies to protect and empower children who are abused, adopted, handicapped, homeless, neglected or poor. Marian Wright Edelman has received many honors, including the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award, the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



"Just because a child's parents are poor or uneducated is no reason to deprive the child of basic human rights to health care, education and proper nutrition."

Marian Wright Edelman was born on June 6, 1939 in Bennettsville, South Carolina

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- America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org)
- End Hunger Network (endhunger.com)
- Food For All (foodforall.org)
- The Hunger Site (hungersite.org)
- Oxfam America (oxfamamerica.org)
- World Hunger Year (worldhungeryear.org)
- UN Food & Agriculture Organization (fao.org)
- UN World Food Programme (wfp.org)

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