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The WNDC-Educational Foundation Extends the Eleanor Award to Marian Wright Edelman, Founder of the Children's Defense Fund

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The WNDC-EF will present its highest honor, the Eleanor Award to Marian Wright Edelman, the founder and president *emerita* of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The tribute ceremony (speakers listed below) will begin at 7 pm and take place at the Whittemore House, the historic home of the Woman's National Democratic Club. This honor is named after Eleanor Roosevelt and it recognizes an individual whose lifetime achievements in the field of human rights are outstanding.

Tribute-givers include: Sherrilyn Ifill, Laphonza Butler, Angela Glover Blackwell, Deborah Weinstein, and Michael Tubbs

In 1973, Marian Wright Edelman founded the CDF to promote the welfare of children who lacked access to quality education, health care, safe neighborhoods and stable homes. They work with Congress and at the State level to advocate for policy reforms that affect youth living in poverty.

The CDF's Freedom Schools are a vital outgrowth of their overall mission. The Schools provide summer and after-school enrichment to bolster academic achievement, parental involvement and civic engagement. To meaningfully honor the legacy of Mrs. Edelman, the WNDC-EF is donating a portion of funds received from this event to the Freedom Schools.

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