

2019 HUMAN NEEDS HERO RECEPTION



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Marian Wright Edelman

&

Peter Edelman

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019



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Presentation of 2019 Human Needs Hero Awards to:

Marian Wright Edelman
Founder and President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund

Peter Edelman
Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Law and Public Policy,
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2019 Human Needs Heroes:



Marian Wright Edelman

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), has made history through her powerful advocacy for children, the poor, and racial justice for her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has played a vital role in expanding child care, children's health coverage, tax credits, and child welfare and family support programs. The Children's Defense Fund's *Leave No Child Behind*® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

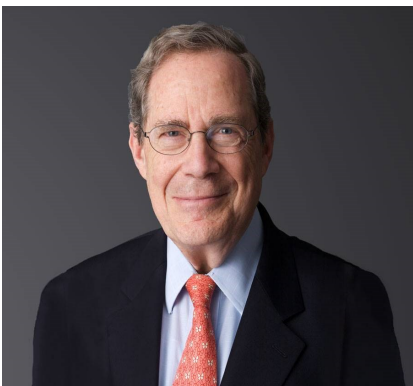


Thank you Marian!



Peter Edelman

Peter Edelman is the Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Law and Public Policy at Georgetown University Law Center, where he teaches constitutional law and poverty law and is faculty director of the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality. From his staff work for Senator Robert F. Kennedy in the 1960s to strengthen anti-poverty programs to his principled resignation from the Clinton Administration over the enactment of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to his incisive writings and advocacy to end the criminalization of poverty, he has worked for effective policies to expand racial and economic justice.



Thank you Peter!



The Edelman Family

Marian Wright married Peter Edelman in 1968. They were the third interracial couple to marry in Virginia after the Lovings' court suit overturned the prohibition of interracial marriages. They had met in Mississippi, as Peter Edelman was doing advance work as a staffer for Senator Robert Kennedy, helping to plan a trip by Senators to see the extreme poverty of the Mississippi Delta. The senators were invited by Marian Wright, who had testified before them about people so poor they could not afford to buy the food stamp coupons that would have put food on their table. In the aftermath of that historic visit, Marian, Peter and Senator Kennedy worked together to get the Secretary of Agriculture to change the regulations allowing this "...penniless group to get food stamps without charge," as Marian wrote in her memoir *Lanterns*. Because of Peter's repeat fact-finding visits, "...the Edelman family got its start. My husband and I often quip that we fell in love over hungry children."

In his book, *Searching for America's Heart: RFK and the Renewal of Hope*, Peter wrote "Newly married to my wonderful wife, Marian, with her own passion for justice, which has brought her from the civil rights movement in Mississippi to the Children's Defense Fund, I decided to pursue my personal memorial to Robert Kennedy by carrying on in his spirit."



Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman are each heroic in her and his own right. They have also supported and strengthened each other's work, from their first meeting on. They have taught their values and passion for justice to their children, spouses, and grandchildren: Josh, Heather, Ellika and Zoe, Jonah, Charese, Levi and Elijah, and Ezra. Students, current and former staff, readers of their works and admirers worldwide are also fortunate in having the chance to join in their struggle for "...America's conscience and future – a future that is being determined right now in the bodies and minds and spirits of *every* American child – white, African American, Latino, Asian American, Native American, rich, middle class, and poor." (Marian Wright Edelman, ***The Measure of Our Success***). Or, as Peter Edelman cites Deuteronomy in ***Not a Crime to Be Poor***, "Justice, justice shall you pursue."

The inscription on the CHN 2019 Human Needs Hero Award to Marian Wright Edelman reads:



Coalition on Human Needs
2019 Human Needs Hero Award
Presented to

Marian Wright Edelman

In grateful recognition of your lifetime of leadership to ensure that every child can thrive and no child is left behind.

Your moral clarity and tireless work have secured health care, education, and a brighter future for millions of children.

September 18, 2019

The inscription on the CHN 2019 Human Needs Hero Award to Peter Edelman reads:



Coalition on Human Needs
2019 Human Needs Hero Award
Presented to

Peter Edelman

In grateful recognition for your unflinching efforts to end
poverty in America.

Your principled leadership, incisive writing, and
commitment to public service
is empowering a new generation of advocates to demand
justice.

September 18, 2019

Congratulations to
**Marian Wright Edelman
and Peter Edelman**

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities salutes **Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman** for their decades of extraordinary leadership in promoting policies that reduce poverty and promote opportunity.

Moral leaders on critical issues such as civil rights, health care coverage, and income inequality, they have inspired all of us with their wisdom, courage, and long-term vision. Their work promoting racial and economic justice has touched the lives of tens of millions of children and families. They have also served as mentors for innumerable young people and other advocates.

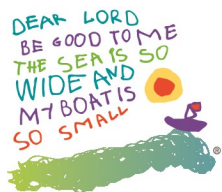
Marian was a founding Board member of CBPP, and we deeply appreciate her many years of support and guidance.

With gratitude,
the Board and
staff of CBPP



For more than 40 years, Marian Wright Edelman has been the moral compass of the Children's Defense Fund in our work on behalf of America's children.

Every day we strive to live up to her shining example of servant leadership and commitment to children, and are driven to fulfill her vision of a country where no child is left behind. We are grateful for her leadership and honored to celebrate her today.



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EPI would like to thank and congratulate
Coalition on Human Needs
for their work addressing
the needs of the most vulnerable.



Thank You and Congratulations
to the Coalition on Human Needs
2019 Human Needs Heroes

Marian Wright Edelman
Peter Edelman

Two inspiring champions who have led a country, a
movement,
and generations to embrace advocacy and civic
engagement to
improve the lives of millions.

No one says it better:

*“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very
purpose of life, and not something you do in your
spare time.”*

Marian Wright Edelman



With gratitude,
Ellen Teller & Marty Kanovsky

Over CLASP's 50 years, Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman have made a difference for children, families, people with low incomes, and communities of color. And you've helped us at CLASP enormously. You have our warmest appreciation and admiration.



Congratulations to my heroes!

Thank you for *Lanterning* the way,

☺ Patrice



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Marian Wright Edelman



Peter Edelman



Islamic Relief USA honors the 2019 Human Needs Heroes, Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman, for their tireless efforts to protect and strengthen vulnerable communities across America.

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Thank you to the **AFL-CIO** for supporting the Human Needs community by providing the space to organize this celebration of our **Human Needs Heroes**.

*Congratulations,
Peter & Marian!*

With gratitude for your
many years of leadership,
The Staff at the Economic Security &
Opportunity Initiative at GCPI

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Congratulations

**TO MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN AND PETER EDELMAN
ON BEING HONORED FOR THEIR DECADES
OF COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATING POVERTY
AND BUILDING RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.**

————— Jim Weill and Judy Waxman —————



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is proud to honor

Peter and Marian Wright Edelman

for their transformative work

on behalf of women and families.

They have inspired all of us to work every day to advance economic justice in a way that advances racial and gender equity.

We are grateful to stand on their shoulders.

THANK YOU

MARIAN and PETER



for your effective dedication to social and economic justice
— and for inspiring so many of us to try to do likewise.

And thank you, Marian, for “spawning” our marriage and family.

Ron and Becky Pollack

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Peter Edelman

and

Marian Wright Edelman

for a lifetime of fighting
for the most vulnerable
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Alan Houseman

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AND PETER EDELMAN,
2019 HUMAN NEEDS HEROES**



The Staff at CHN

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The Center for
American Progress
congratulates this year's
Human Needs Heroes
Marian Wright Edelman
and **Peter Edelman**
for their longstanding
commitment and historic
contributions to
advancing the cause
of the most vulnerable
in our society.



THE PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATES
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FOR THEIR HISTORIC
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MARIAN WRIGHT
AND
PETER EDELMAN:

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Truth Tellers,

Moral Leaders:

Our nation is - and will be -

stronger because you

point the way to justice

for children and families.

DEBBIE WEINSTEIN

MARIAN AND PETER

thank
you

SO MUCH FOR INSPIRING US
TO BE BOLD AND UNWAVERING
IN OUR COMMITMENT FOR
SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND
RACIAL JUSTICE.

*Donna Pavetti
Mary Fran Miklitsch.*

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for a lifetime of hard
work and advocacy
helping those most
in need**



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**to Marian Wright Edelman
and Peter Edelman**

**CHN's 2019 Human
Needs Heroes**

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**Peter Edelman and
Marian Wright Edelman**

for their history-changing work
to support children and families
and to build a strong safety net.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS
TO **MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN**
AND **PETER EDELMAN**
FOR LEADING AND INSPIRING
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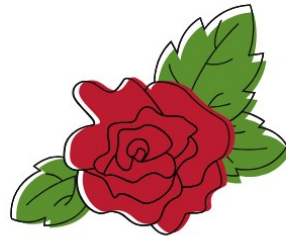


The Leadership
Conference

The Leadership Conference
on Civil and Human Rights
salutes Marian Wright Edelman
and Peter Edelman, CHN's
2019 Human Needs Heroes,
for their leadership, commitment,
and dedication to addressing the
challenges and opportunities
facing those most in need.

Marian & Peter

Thank you for your
extraordinary careers
of dedication and
accomplishment.



Mark Greenberg



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CELEBRATING MARIAN WRIGHT & PETER EDELMAN



for their contributions
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on your commitment to standing
 up for the most vulnerable in our
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 and Peter Edelman**
 and are proud to join the
 Coalition on Human Needs
 in standing up for the most
 vulnerable in our society


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 for women & families

Remembering
MaryLee Allen

Children's lives are
better because of your
loving determination to
protect every child.

You are deeply missed.
Debbie Weinstein



NETWORK is proud to
join in celebrating
**Marian Wright Edelman
and Peter Edelman**

*Thank you for your dedicated
advocacy for children and
families in our nation!*



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**Marian Wright
Edelman &
Peter Edelman
2019
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OUR 2019
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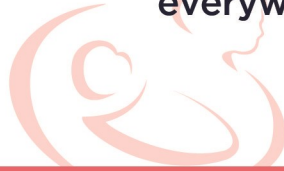


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In gratitude—Marian
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Peter Edelman—for
the lamp you have
lifted for children
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babies, and young
children.



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Saluting Marian
and Peter who
have inspired,
mentored, and
taught me so
much.

Warmly,
Olivia Golden

Marian and Peter were vital supporters of the early Coalition.

CDF's large meeting room
on C Street NW hosted
CHN's Weekly Advocates'
Meetings and frequent
meetings of all members.

Annually, Marian delivered
a powerful speech at the
CDF conference pulling
apart the federal budget
proposed for that year.

Peter could always be
counted on for wise advice.

Susan Rees and Polly Donaldson

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AND THANK YOU FOR
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salutes
Marian Wright Edelman
and
Peter Edelman
for their lifelong
commitment
to
children
and
social justice.

Congratulations!



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YOU**

Thank you to the **CHN Board**.
And thank you to our *awesome*
volunteers, and interns from
partner organizations.

Admirers

With gratitude to Peter and Marian Wright Edelman for believing change is possible - and for making it happen. — **Chris Owens and Sandy Newman**

Celebrating CHN and Marion and Peter--Fighters for Justice and Democracy! — **Heather Booth**

Lake Research Partners salutes Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman, Recipients of the Human Needs Hero Award.

In honor of the Coalition on Human Needs – uniting organizations, social change advocates, and the general public to promote public policies for a just society. — **Margot Friedman**

Peter and Marian --Congratulations to the social justice dream team. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for American children and families. — **Mary Bissell**

The AIDS Institute congratulates CHN and tonight's honorees for their tireless efforts to advance the health of our nation, including people living with or at risk for HIV and hepatitis.

After my parents, who are both educators and have dedicated their lives to children, Marian Wright Edelman has been one of the most important inspirations to me when I was in college but also throughout my career, just as she has been for thousands of others in making their individual decisions to work in public policy, social justice, or child advocacy. — **Bruce Lesley, President, First Focus on Children**

With honor and respect to the efforts of David and Nicolai. And congratulations to this year's Human Needs Heroes. Keep up the good work! — **Anonymous**

In addition to the thousands of nationally-esteemed advocates you've nurtured and mentored for decades, tens of thousands of worker-bee advocates you've inspired throughout America continue to promote justice for children and families. Thank you from a grateful worker bee. — **Don Mathis, CHN board member**

With our sincere thanks for your many contributions — **Deborah Tucker, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, www.ncdsv.org**

From a remarkably young age, Marian Wright Edelman & Peter Edelman ascended to the highest levels as champions for social justice. They energized movements, mobilized majorities and forced actions that would not have happened otherwise, inspiring new generations to be instruments of power. Proud to be on their march. — **Toby Chaudhuri**

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About the Coalition on Human Needs



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

CHN is an alliance of national organizations working together to protect and expand federal policies that address the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations. The Coalition's members include service providers, policy experts, religious, labor, and civil rights organizations, and other advocates concerned with the well-being of low-income people, including children, women, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Since 1981, the Coalition has been advocating for strong policies that are proven to reduce poverty and expand opportunity. Recognizing that poverty reduction and broadly shared economic growth require investment of public dollars, CHN works to ensure there is adequate funding for effective human needs programs and progressive tax policies.

CHN has been a leader in the SAVE for All campaign (Strengthening America's Values and Economy for All), bringing together thousands of advocates nationwide in support of four principles essential to federal budget or deficit reduction plans: protect low-income and vulnerable populations; incorporate investments to create jobs; pay for sustainable public programs through fair and efficient tax revenues; and seek savings by targeting wasteful spending in the Pentagon and other areas. Nearly 1,400 organizations nationwide have signed a letter to Congress in support of these principles, and are active in working for them. Through SAVE for All, CHN has helped to organize hundreds of Hill visits, convened conference calls, released reports, and assisted in organizing events with advocates in many states.

Educating human needs advocates about the threats and opportunities in the federal budget process and about how to use economic and poverty data to make the case for effective policies is an important part of the Coalition’s mission. Each year, CHN presents webinars on these topics with thousands of registrants. CHN also educates advocates in the use of national, state, and local poverty, income, and health insurance data. Fifty years after the Johnson era “war on poverty,” there has been considerable progress, but poverty rates are stubbornly high and barriers to opportunity are growing. CHN shares analyses of anti-poverty proposals, especially those by its members, and helps advocates to add their voices to the national debate about how to reduce poverty.

CHN also serves as a clearinghouse for information on poverty and federal human needs issues through a bi-monthly newsletter, **The Human Needs Report**, legislative analyses, and other timely updates shared with a national email list. CHN convenes meetings, forums, and working groups of member organizations to share information and implement effective strategies. Every other Friday when Congress is in session, CHN hosts a meeting for advocates on the appropriations process and other relevant updates.

CHN’s blog, *Voices for Human Needs: Fighting Poverty and Expanding Opportunity for All*, shares information and engages concerned people about a multitude of human needs issues.

To join the Coalition on Human Needs and to sign up for email alerts, updates, and *Voices for Human Needs*, go to CHN’s website at www.chn.org.



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The Strengthening America's Values and Economy (SAVE) for All Campaign is a coalition of national, state, and local advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based organizations, policy experts, and labor and civil rights organizations first convened by the Coalition on Human Needs in 2011. The organizations have come together to endorse basic principles to address America's short- and long-term economic and budgetary problems.

The SAVE principles are endorsed by nearly 1,400 national, state, and local organizations.

SAVE Principles

In budget and deficit reduction decisions:

- Protect low-income and vulnerable people
- Increase revenues from fair sources
- Seek responsible savings from wasteful spending in the Pentagon and elsewhere
- Invest in broadly shared prosperity that raises incomes across the economic spectrum



Fighting Poverty and Expanding Opportunity for All

CHN's blog shares perspectives and evidence about **what helps people get out of poverty** and what stands in the way.

We shine a light on **the choices Congress and the Administration make** that all too often leave the “voiceless” out in the cold.

We also seek **comments from the human needs community**.

Examples of our articles include include:

**FACT
OF THE
WEEK**

Important facts, like: [“CHN Analysis: The Trump Shutdown Is Now the Longest Failure to Provide for Federal Services in American History”](#)

Outrageous policy choices or general wrong-headedness: [“Why are Migrant Children Dying? And What Can We Do About It?”](#)



Commentary on the news: [“CHN Report: Trump Attacks Baltimore and is Trying to Make Things Worse”](#)

Guest posts from Coalition members: [“The Enduring Influence of Marian Wright Edelman,”](#) by CLASP's Olivia Golden.

Resources from CHN members highlighted in our regular [“Resources from Around the Coalition”](#) series.

If you have ideas for topics, would like us to cross-post a piece from your organization, would like to be a guest blogger (a great way to promote your organization's campaign or new report), or have suggestions for someone who would make a great interviewee, contact David Elliot at delliot@chn.org

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Why We Do the Work We Do Together

(just a few of the many reasons)

- More than 40 million Americans live in poverty, 1 in 6 children.
- One in 7 households with children are food insecure, and proposed SNAP cuts will make millions hungrier.
- Children are dying in the custody of ICE and the U.S. Border Patrol.
- On an average day, 96 Americans are killed with guns, including 7 children or teens.
- Government policies and the courts are hurting workers and workplace standards, and are erecting barriers to work.
- The Trump Administration's relentless attacks on the Affordable Care Act caused 1.9 million Americans to lose health care coverage in 2018, including 400,000 children. Another four million Americans are expected to lose coverage in 2019.
- A possible undercount during the 2020 Census may cause low-income people, children, immigrants, and communities of color to lose billions of dollars in funding for key human needs programs, as well as see continued erosion of their democratic representation.
- This year, the percentage of federal dollars spent on programs that benefit children fell to 7.2 percent, an historic low.

But...

- Social Security, refundable tax credits, affordable housing and SNAP lifted 41.3 million Americans out of poverty in 2018.
- Public support for safety net programs and greater federal efforts to reduce poverty is strong.
- Despite repeated efforts to kill the Affordable Care Act, Americans in greater numbers than ever before are calling for access to quality, affordable health care – and the ACA remains the law of the land.
- Young activists are coming together as never before to demand gun safety – and they're organizing.
- A national discussion is emerging on the causes and effects of income inequality – and what we can do about it.
- **Advocacy works!**



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Honorees

2004	Human Needs Community Washington, DC Interns
2005	Kay Bengston
2006	Sharon Daly
2007	Robert Greenstein
2008	MaryLee Allen
2009	Deborah Weinstein
2010	Christine Owens
2011	American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
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2013	United We Dream and NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
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2016	Ruth Flower and Wade Henderson
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2018	Helen Blank, Dale Lee, Carmen Perez, and Carlil Pittman



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We congratulate Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman on their well-deserved selection as Human Needs Heroes!

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