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Annual Report 2022
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CEO MESSAGE



We are very grateful to our generous supporters, sponsors, donors, and grantors who have made our mission of protecting the safety and happiness of children possible. Without your support, we could not continue our work for children's civil rights. We are making steady progress securing rights for children and child victims, but there is still so much more to do!

CHILD USA continued to grow and have an even greater impact in 2022. Thanks to the following generous donors, and many others, we were able to do more for children than ever before.

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We could not have accomplished so much without you, the donors, sponsors, and grantors. To continue our fight to protect children we have implemented a new structure of CHILD USA we think will bring our achievements to even greater levels. The new departments include Educate and Activate, Legal, and Social Science. We also have a new Development Director who will guide CHILD USA into its next phase. CHILD USA is also proud to host a summer internship program for outstanding future leaders in law, social science and communications. We are honored to educate the next generation and excited to see what they do next with the training we provide.

I was delighted to spread our mission and vision to readers and viewers on these and many more media outlets:

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This is all possible with your generosity which inspires us to keep up our work. Thank you so much to everyone who has fought with us for the past six years. I am excited for the years to come!

Professor Marci A. Hamilton
Founder & CEO

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



As Chairman of the Board for CHILD USA since 2018, I've witnessed Marci and her team's unwavering commitment to securing justice for child sexual abuse survivors and advocating for laws to safeguard children. The year 2022 marked yet another milestone in CHILD USA's journey.

Thanks to the generous support of our grantors, sponsors, and donors, CHILD USA will continue to make a difference in the lives of survivors and their families, youth organizations, attorneys, judges, and many others.

In the last year, CHILD USA expanded its mission, increased its workforce, and initiated new and thrilling ventures thanks to the support of individuals like you.

Let's applaud CHILD USA, the leading voice for children's civil rights, which has made significant strides in just six years. CHILD USA envisions a world where all children are safe and happy. With your continued support, we will achieve this vision.

James R. Marsh, Esq.
Chairman of the Board



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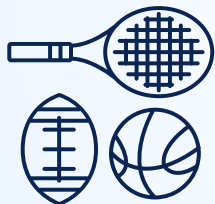
Sean P. McIlmail Institute of Statute of Limitations Reform

CHILD USA tracks state and federal SOL reform and updates the SOL Tracker every week. The Legal team also produces an annual report documenting the history of SOL Reform since 2002. In 2022, CHILD USA submitted testimony 32 times before state and federal governments, one-third of which involved SOL reform. Through the Amicus Advocacy Project, CHILD USA moved child protection forward in the courts and submitted 26 amicus briefs in 2022.



Global SOL Reform Task Force

The Global SOL Task Force is a joint project by CHILD USA and the BRAVE Movement that extends CHILD USA's groundbreaking success in SOL Reform in the U.S. to the globe. CHILD USA is leading the effort to establish a global dashboard with the CSA SOLs for every country in the world. We started with North, Central, and South America and will pivot to Europe in 2023.



Elite Athlete Study

CHILD USA is proud to lead the way in athlete abuse research in the United States. We published the first in a series of peer-reviewed articles on the results of our Elite Athlete Study. The article "Child Sexual Abuse of Elite Athletes: Prevalence, Perceptions, and Mental Health," published in the Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, provides unique, original data on the prevalence of CSA in athlete populations in the United States. Upcoming articles will explore other types of maltreatment and how those traumatic experiences connect to later mental health outcomes.



The Game Over Commission Report

CHILD USA led the Game Over Commission to Protect Youth Athletes, which published its Final Report, in January 2022. This groundbreaking Report, based on a case study of serial abuse perpetrated by Larry Nassar, showed that reforms are needed across elite athletics, law enforcement, and the legal system to ensure that there is a safety net and reporting structure in place for athletes who face abuse.



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Federal Legislation



CHILD USA has been making considerable strides in advancing the civil rights of children through advocating for federal legislation since 2016. In 2022, CHILD USA, together with its sister organization, CHILD USA Advocacy, worked with federal lawmakers to draft and enact laws that will better protect children throughout the country.

- **Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act of 2022**



CHILD USA played an integral role in the successful passage of Federal legislation that eliminates the civil statute of limitation for over a dozen federal child sex abuse-related offenses, including sex trafficking of children, sexual abuse of a minor, and sexual exploitation of children. Now victims of these heinous crimes will be able to come forward when they are ready.

- **Bankruptcy Law Reform**

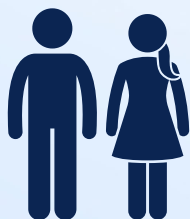


CHILD USA led the way in 2022 with a groundbreaking proposal to make federal Bankruptcy law safer and more effective for child victims. [The Norton Journal for Bankruptcy Law and Practice](#) published our social science and legal insights into the problem in two articles. Overall, the reforms CHILD USA is advocating for in the bankruptcy system would provide victims with a voice and more influence in holding the institutions that allowed their abuse accountable.

- **Title IX**



CHILD USA's Legal Department engages in meticulous research and analysis through which they were able to identify the shortcomings in the existing Title IX framework and the urgent need for legislative change. In 2022, the Legal Department served as a resource and partner for federal lawmakers in the fight to amend Title IX to ensure equal access to justice for all victims of sexual assault, regardless of geographic borders. Additionally, in 2022, the legal team provided amicus support on two groundbreaking Title IX cases against Ohio State University for their role in covering-up decades of abuse by denounced university physician Richard Strauss. Our expertise and research enabled us to educate the courts about the functional and systemic obstacles that victims face when seeking to hold their schools accountable for enabling abuse.



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- **Online Exploitation & Abuse**

CHILD USA's Legal Department works tirelessly to educate state and federal lawmakers and the public about the dangers of online child exploitation and abuse and the pressing need for legislative action to protect victims by holding service providers accountable for facilitating the spread of child sexual abuse materials (CSAM) on their platforms. CHILD USA consulted on and endorsed several successful bills aimed at increasing penalties for CSAM offenses and expanding the crimes subject to criminal or civil liability at the federal level. Our Legal Team also testified on the EARN IT Act and provided amicus support on cases against some of the biggest names in tech, including Omegle, Twitter, Reddit, and, most recently, Google in the case *Gonzalez v. Google* before the United States Supreme Court.



Preventing Educator Sexual Misconduct

Our Social Science team partnered with researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to implement a four-year study on CSA prevention in schools. The innovative project will provide much-needed evidence on the effectiveness of prevention training. We conducted over 50 in-depth interviews with school administrators to understand challenges in prevention policy implementation at the K-12 level. Our upcoming conference presentations and publications will highlight best practices to keep kids safe in schools.



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Fact-Based Commentary and Education

Founder and CEO Marci Hamilton is known and respected as a preeminent authority and educator in the field of statutes of limitation reform. A highly acclaimed lecturer and author, she maintains a schedule of speaking engagements, podcast guest appearances, and training workshops. Along with the Executive Team at CHILD USA, her work has profoundly influenced and informed policy decision-makers and the public through countless speaking and educational events, podcasts, and major market media.



Our researchers wrote multiple blog posts aimed at inserting facts and reason into the public debate about children's issues. From the controversy over "grooming" to the impact of the Dobbs decision on children who may become pregnant, CHILD USA jumped into the fray to make sure that children's best interests are always prioritized in our public discourse.



As pioneers and the only think tank to document, research, and analyze SOL reform for CSA victims, CHILD USA is committed to being a powerful and transformational force for systemic change. We will continue to educate and collaborate with child protection professionals and the public about science-based approaches to child and family policy.



HONOREES

Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors and attendees of our 2022 Annual Awards Celebration, we hosted our most successful fundraiser yet, with over \$600,000 raised to support our projects to protect children.

JASON BERRY

The 2022 recipient of the Sean P. McIlmail Hero Award, Jason Berry was reporting on child sex abuse in the Catholic Church in the 1980's, long before anyone wanted to hear about it.

"I think that it's about the most important thing that people can do in their lives - protect children of the future and give justice to those who have had their innocence taken away. The more we can push through an organization like CHILD USA that has a think tank, that has the kind of commitment to reforming the legal system, the better the chances that we have that there will be a more level playing field."

GRETCHEN CARLSON

The 2022 recipient of the Barbara Blaine Trailblazer Award, Gretchen Carlson, Co-Founder of Lift Our Voices, understands the importance of strong partnerships with groups like CHILD USA seeking justice for survivors.

"These organizations exist for a reason; there's a lot of synergy and shared experience, and it's important to band together, learn from each other, and work to educate the public, corporations, legislators and more. We have a lot of common ground with CHILD USA, who has been working state by state to get laws changed."

SARAH POWERS-BARNHARD

The 2022 recipient of the Thomas P. Doyle Whistleblower Award, Sarah Powers-Barnhard has worked long and hard to bring her perpetrator to justice and be a good role model for other young athletes aiming to be strong.

"It's delved into working with CHILD USA. They give me peace in my heart that there is help for present and future athletes that are having issues. And, I want to do whatever I can to be an advocate for CHILD USA because I believe in them, wholeheartedly."

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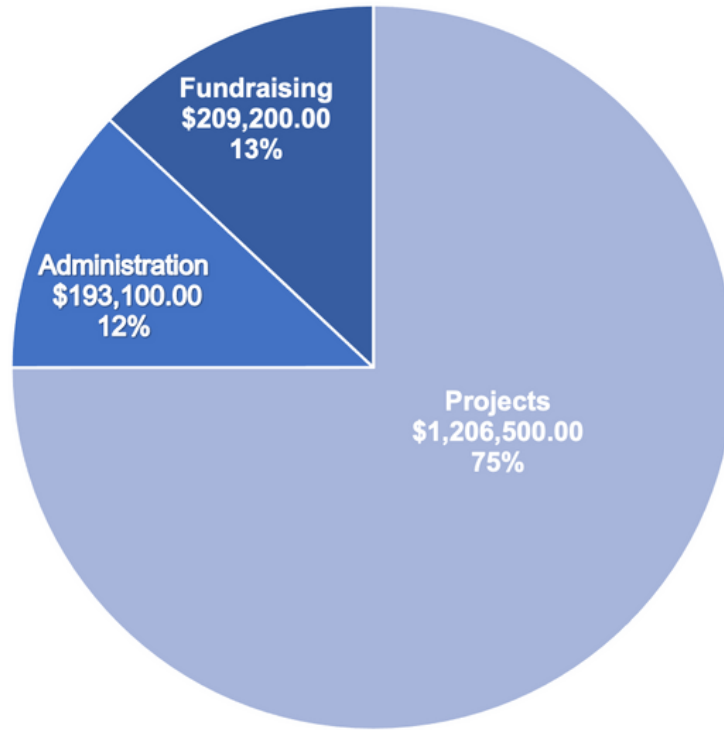
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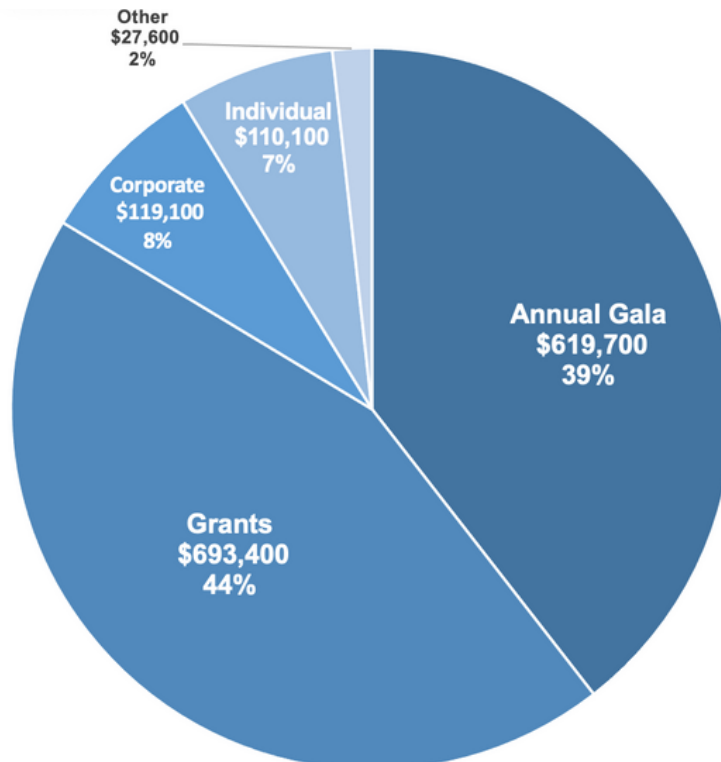
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November 2, 2023



7-11 pm

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A table at the Gala to include 10 guests
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