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**CHILD USA TO HONOR ADVOCATE GRETCHEN CARLSON
AND OTHER HEROES IN CHILD PROTECTION
AT NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

The Stars, Champions, and Unsung Heroes in child protection will be out this Thursday evening in Philadelphia at the National Constitution Center. Fearless author, advocate, and journalist, Gretchen Carlson, along with investigative journalist Jason Berry, and whistleblower Sarah Powers Barnhard will join leading attorneys, survivors, and advocates on the stage and in the halls of the National Constitution Center, united in their support of CHILD USA, the leading national nonprofit think tank working to prevent child abuse and neglect.

On Thursday, November 3, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., CHILD USA will host its Sixth Annual Awards Celebration. Live at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, the event's theme is Celebrating the Civil Rights Movement for Children.

CHILD USA proudly honors three distinguished advocates for child protection: Gretchen Carlson, a sexual harassment survivor-turned-victims' rights advocate; Jason Berry, an author and investigative journalist whose work first exposed widespread sexual abuse coverups in the Roman Catholic Church in the 1980s; and Sarah Powers-Barnhard, a Hall of Fame volleyball player and champion for athlete safety who blew the whistle on her volleyball coach in the 1996 *Sports Illustrated* Story of the Year.

“Organizations like CHILD USA, that are really trying to encompass all the ways to make the world better, are so important to support,” says Carlson, recipient of the 2022 Barbara Blaine Trailblazer Award. Carlson is a former Fox News anchor who filed a lawsuit in 2016 that alleged abuse by Roger Ailes, the chairman and CEO of the television network. Since then, Carlson has worked with organizations and lawmakers for workplace equality and a cultural change in which the public believes victims over their perpetrators.

Berry, recipient of the Sean P. McIlmail Hero Award, broke the Catholic Church coverup before any other journalist and has authored multiple books on the Church's failures harming children. Powers-Barnhard is a survivor, volleyball coach, and club owner who advocates tirelessly to keep young athletes safe from sexual predators. She is this year's recipient of the Thomas P. Doyle Whistleblower Award.

For more information about CHILD USA's Awards Celebration, to attend the event as a journalist, or to interview our honorees, please contact CHILD USA's Event Planner, MaryClare Malady, at mmalady@childusa.org.

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About CHILD USA

CHILD USA is the leading national nonprofit think tank working to end child abuse and neglect in the United States. CHILD USA engages in high-level legal, social science, and medical research and analysis to derive the best public policies to end child abuse and neglect in America. CHILD USA produces evidence-based solutions and information needed by policymakers, organizations, media, and society to increase child protection and the common good. Visit www.childusa.org for more information.

