

Children's Defense Fund **BEAT THE ODDS**[®]

CDF-OHIO BEAT THE ODDS[®] AWARDS EVENT

A Celebration of Extraordinary Youth

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Hilton Columbus Downtown
401 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

Marian Wright Edelman, *President, Children's Defense Fund*

About the Program

The CDF *Beat the Odds* scholarship and leadership development program recognizes extraordinary high school students who have overcome tremendous adversity in life to achieve academic excellence, demonstrate leadership in their communities, and continue their education.

The first CDF *Beat the Odds* event was held in Los Angeles, CA, over twenty years ago. We now celebrate resilient young people in Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Houston, New York, New Orleans and Washington, D.C. We have recognized and supported more than 700 young people who have overcome significant personal challenges. They are now doctors and lawyers, teachers and Peace Corps volunteers, and responsible parents and citizens. They are living proof that no one should ever give up on a child.

In July 2012, in conjunction with CDF's National Conference, which was held in Cincinnati, we honored five tenacious young people—Joshua, De'Von, Indylasia, Amber and Clara—who are all now succeeding in college. Their inspirational stories were shared along side five Ohio individuals and institutions who were also honored. This year, through a competitive review process, the most deserving Ohio high school students will once again be selected for a CDF *Beat the Odds* scholarship. We look forward to sharing their stories of academic achievement and perseverance.

Raising Awareness

The *Beat the Odds* event helps to raise awareness about the challenges facing Ohio children and the need for continued investment and advocacy. The individual experiences and stories of the young people honored at the event inform

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CDF Board Members Jurnee Smollett-Bell and Malaak Compton-Rock present *Beat the Odds* awards to 2012 scholarship recipients, now college sophomores.

CDF's ongoing efforts to shape policies and change the odds for all children. We invite you to read the stories of our 2012 *Beat the Odds* scholars. <http://www.cdfohio.org>


Developing Young Leaders

To help ensure their continued success, each student receives a \$5,000 scholarship, leadership and advocacy training, a laptop, professional attire, and other support from CDF.

Become a Sponsor

The entire Children's Defense Fund-Ohio family, staff and Advisory Board, invites you to become a *Beat the Odds* program sponsor. As CDF's only annual fundraiser, the event also raises needed funding to sustain the organization's ongoing advocacy efforts on behalf of all the children of Ohio who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. Invest in Ohio's children today!

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