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Dear Faithful Friend of Children:

Just over a decade ago, in the preface to my book *Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors* I wrote, “I am blessed with a good husband, three great adult sons, enough money, and more honors than I can pack away. And yet I feel an urgent need to throw all caution to the winds and to risk all to try to finish the quest for justice and inclusion that our founding fathers dreamed of but did not have the courage to constitutionalize and practice....It is now time for the next great movement, for our children. It must be led by mothers and grandmothers of all races and faiths, with youths and all others who want to show the world that America is decent enough and sensible enough and moral enough to take care of all of its children. I invite you to join me in the urgent [movement] to Leave No Child Behind so that one hundred and one thousand years from now, our children's children will call us blessed and God will say ‘well done.’”

I believe that God calls us still to build this movement for children and that all of our blessings are meant to be used to bless others, especially children in difficult circumstances, especially to express love and achieve the justice that God intends.

We have work to do. In our rich nation—and yes, even in the midst of the economic downturn we are still a wealthy nation—we allow children to be the poorest citizens. More than 14 million children, through no fault of their own, are living in poverty, six million of them in extreme poverty. Most live in working families. This national child poverty rate isn't due to a lack of resources; it is due to a lack of political will, civic determination, and moral and ethical standards for who we are as a nation. Too many of us act as if we have been blessed for our own personal

benefit. The blessings we receive are so that we may be a blessing. The greatest blessing we have is our children, and yet that precious blessing is squandered and abused every second of every day somewhere in America. Our children, our blessing, are packing prison cells, filling emergency rooms, standing in line at food banks, ingesting lead in substandard housing, and, perhaps most damaging of all, absorbing our nation's scornful lack of concern.

When I was a child, the evil of segregation and racism was rampant in my South Carolina home town, but the adults surrounded us Black children in a cocoon of love and high expectations even as they worked to change the injustice. When we young people—college students, teens, even children—got involved in the civil rights movement for justice, change started to come even sooner. Now, as then, we adults must surround all children—but especially the children being assaulted by poverty—with love and high expectations even as we work to change the unjust circumstances. And if we work in partnership with young people, the next generation of leaders, the movement for children will be even more powerful and change will come even sooner.

“Blessed to be a blessing” is the theme of the 2010 Children's Sabbath. In Genesis, God says to Abram (later renamed Abraham) “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” The central fulfillment of God's promised blessing was children, grandchildren, and countless generations to follow. God invites Abram and us, however, to consider how we will *be* a blessing. All with which we have been blessed—families, resources, skills, talent, energy, vision, commitment—is intended not for our self-gratification, not for our hoarding, but to be used to bless others.

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As our nation reels from the financial downturn driven by the greed of the few, heedless of the needs of the many, the tendency for many is to hold tight to what they have, to circle the wagons, to take care of their “own” with the narrowest definition of who one’s “own” includes.

God, however, is ever inclusive, all giving, and always loving, and beckons us to do the same with the freedom that placing our trust in God allows.

On this Children's Sabbath weekend, we invite you to pray, worship, study, and act to fulfill God's invitation to be a blessing and to nurture and protect the children God has entrusted to our care. You are especially encouraged to look and listen for God's call to seek justice for children living in poverty and to respond with faith, courage, and commitment. The Children's Sabbath weekend is a time of inspiration, information and, most importantly, action for children that extends long past the weekend itself.

It is time to end child poverty in America – now!

I thank you for your faithful commitment and look forward to learning about the ways that your place of worship participates in this 19<sup>th</sup> annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. Together, we must, can and will make a difference. With God's help, we will be a blessing to this and coming generations.

In faith and hope,



Marian Wright Edelman



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“**B**lessed to Be a Blessing: Lifting Up the Next Generation” is the theme of the 2010 *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* weekend which this year will focus on lifting our nation's 14 million poor children out of poverty so that they can have a fair start in life and the opportunity to fulfill their God-given potential. Engaging your faith community in learning more about the urgent needs of children, helping them reflect on the teachings of their faith that lead us to respond to children's needs and work for justice, and equipping members with the information and action steps to make a difference for children—that's what the Children's Sabbath is all about!

You make a difference in the lives of children and in the life of your place of worship—by connecting the two, you can help make incredible, important things happen that will improve the lives of children in your place of worship, community, and across our nation and at the same time bring new inspiration, motivation, and excitement to your worshipping community.

By participating in the multi-faith *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* weekend, you are part of a powerful, diverse multi-faith voice for children spanning our nation and crossing all lines of income, race, ethnicity, and political party. What unites us is the belief that God calls us to protect children, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, and the conviction that our faith calls us to live out God's justice and compassion.

This inspiring weekend focuses attention on the urgent plight of children in our nation and calls us to put our faith into action to meet children's needs through direct service and work for justice. Through the service of worship, educational programs, and congregational activities, you can affirm what your place of worship already does with and for children while challenging members to take new actions and commit to new efforts to meet the needs of children in your community, state, and our nation. When more than 14 million children in America live in poverty, your concern and action are needed now more than ever.

### What is the Children's Sabbath?

**The Children's Sabbath is a weekend that aims to unite religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf.** In that respect, it is bigger and more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one congregation

on its own. On the Children's Sabbath, congregations have a strong sense of participating in a larger movement for children. Some congregations plan services, educational sessions, and activities for their own place of worship. Others join with one or more places of worship in shared services bringing their congregations together. In some communities all of the congregations work together to sponsor an interfaith service to which the entire community is invited. Often, local organizations serving children or working on their behalf join in the planning of these community-wide multi-faith Children's Sabbaths.

A Children's Sabbath weekend typically has four elements:

- 1) the service of worship or prayers**, during which the divine mandate to nurture and protect children calls us to respond to the needs of children today;
- 2) educational programs**, during which all ages learn more about the needs of children today and the social-political structures that keep children in need, explore the sacred texts, teaching, and traditions that lead us to serve and seek justice for children, and develop specific, active responses to help children;
- 3) activities** that immediately engage participants in compassionate service to help children and in action to seek justice (such as writing letters to elected officials); and
- 4) follow-up actions** that use the inspiration, information, and motivation of the Children's Sabbath weekend to lead individual members and the congregation as a whole into new, effective efforts to improve the lives of children in the congregation, community, and nation throughout the year.

**The Children's Sabbath is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, guided by a multi-faith advisory committee, and endorsed by hundreds of denominations and religious organizations.** The Children's Defense

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Fund (CDF)'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. CDF provides a strong, effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. We pay particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investment before they get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown. CDF began in 1973 and is a private, non-profit organization supported by foundations and corporate grants and individual donations. We have never taken government funds.

From its inception 37 years ago, CDF has recognized the importance of the faith community's partnership in building a movement to Leave No Child Behind. A nation that lets its children be the poorest citizens has at its heart a spiritual and ethical crisis. Thus, the religious community must help to transform our nation's priorities so that we defend those who are youngest, weakest, poorest, and most vulnerable. For many years CDF has worked to support denominations and religious organizations as they develop and maintain child advocacy campaigns. The *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* celebration was launched in 1992 to coalesce these efforts into a united moral witness for children that crosses all lines of geography, faith tradition, race, and ethnicity.

The Children's Sabbath observance is guided by a multi-faith advisory committee with Muslim, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Bábá'í, and Sikh members. It is endorsed by more than 200 denominations, faith groups, and religious organizations. If you are interested in having your organization become an official endorser of the *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* movement, please call CDF's Religious Action Division at (202) 662-3555.

### The Children's Sabbath is a time to...

#### **Celebrate and strengthen existing efforts for children!**

The Children's Sabbath seeks to affirm and celebrate the important work that places of worship are already doing with and for children. Congregations' faithful, week-in and week-out efforts make an enormous difference in children's lives, and the Children's Sabbath seeks to highlight, applaud, and build even greater support for those

important, ongoing efforts. Hopefully, by the end of the Children's Sabbath weekend, existing congregational efforts to help children and families will have more visibility, new volunteers, increased resources, and fresh energy.

#### **Discover new opportunities to help children!**

The Children's Sabbath provides an opportunity for each place of worship to consider in what new ways they might work—as a body or as individuals—to help children not only in the congregation, but in the community and across the nation. Religious leaders, committees, and members may discover additional problems confronting children—like poverty, lack of health care, or violence—and come up with new ways to respond to them. This might include starting a new program sponsored by the congregation. Or it might mean exploring and promoting opportunities for individual members to commit their time, services, or resources. Or it might mean forging a new partnership with another congregation or community organization to help children. It could mean establishing a new child advocacy committee to guide the congregation's work for justice for children.

#### **Pray, study, and reflect!**

The Children's Sabbath is a time to look deeply at what one's faith tradition says about our responsibility to nurture and protect children. This is done through the worship service—in prayer, readings, songs, and sermon. It is also done in educational sessions, whether classes for children and youths or adult forums or inter-generational discussions.

#### **Take action!**

The Children's Sabbath is a time for action that springs from that faithful study and reflection. It is not only a time to pray, but also a time to put prayer into action. It is not only a time to study, but also a time to serve children directly. It is not only a time to sing, but also a time to speak out to elected leaders and others about the need for justice. So on the Children's Sabbath weekend, after worship/prayers or at another time, members and leaders should join in hands-on activities to help children as well as engage in working for justice—perhaps writing letters or planning a visit to an elected official.

#### **Commit to new, long-term efforts!**

The Children's Sabbath is intended to inspire new long-term efforts to help children and families. However wonderful the weekend celebrations may be, what matters most is

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what individuals and congregations do in the following weeks and months and years to help children. Some congregations will start new service or advocacy efforts (on their own or in partnership with other congregations or community organizations), such as an after-school tutoring program or housing a Head Start program or an outreach and enrollment campaign to help uninsured children get health care. Other congregations will not start a new service program or advocacy effort, but will work to encourage individual members to find new ways to volunteer time or resources to help children and change the systems that keep children in need.

**The Children's Sabbath is a mix of joy and sorrow, celebration and sober commitment.** To be sure, a Children's Sabbath exudes the happiness of a wonderful celebration. Children delight in their roles of the day, parents hug children a little tighter, more conscious of the gift that they are, balloons may adorn buildings, children's artwork may brighten hallways, child-friendly snacks may replace the usual after-services fare. It is a day that children and families look forward to, and those without children at their side can also appreciate the extra energy and excitement of the event.

At the same time, the Children's Sabbath is sobering, as the service and activities deepen our understanding of the terrible plight facing millions of children in our country. It is painful to think about children who are hungry or homeless, without access to health care, abused or neglected, victims of gun violence, without good quality child care, or denied a place in Head Start. The Children's Sabbath can be an eye-opening experience. And done properly, the Children's Sabbath will do more than open eyes to the problems facing children—it also will lift up new ways to

help children and families and inspire and motivate people to respond and get involved.

**The Children's Sabbath is an annual event.** The *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* weekend is designated for the third weekend of October each year. Because it is an annual event, congregations participating for the first time can just “stick a toe in the water” and participate in small, simple ways... although some want to jump in completely right from the start. Others build their participation year by year, adding more elements to their observance. Because it occurs annually, congregations have the opportunity to evaluate what worked well and what didn't and improve their plans for the following year. Most importantly, because the Children's Sabbath takes place each fall, children look forward to it from year to year, having a consistent experience of their congregation as a place and community that cares about children and is committed to nurturing and protecting them.

**The Children's Sabbath is flexible.** While there is a suggested theme each year, congregations are encouraged to focus on the most urgent problems confronting children and families in their communities. The Children's Sabbath downloadable resources are chock full of materials from which you can pick and choose those that are best suited to your congregation. Most can be used as is, or adapted, or simply serve as inspiration for you to create your own materials. Materials prepared for one faith tradition may be enriching for the congregation of another tradition. And while the suggested date is the third weekend of October, if that date doesn't work for your congregation's calendar, pick a different date that does. What is most important is finding a time to focus on the needs of children and our responsibility to nurture and protect them.

## Frequently Asked Questions About the Children's Sabbath

### **Is the Children's Sabbath the same thing as Children's Day, Youth Sunday, or Children's Service?**

The Children's Sabbath shares some aspects of Children's Day, Youth Sunday, and children's services, but it is distinct and unique in some vital ways.

Some congregations celebrate June Children's Day, often to congratulate and celebrate youngsters who have completed Sunday school. Like a Children's Day, the

Children's Sabbath celebrates the gift of children and has a sense of hopefulness and joy. But the Children's Sabbath also focuses attention on the urgent problems facing children across our nation and provides a call and support to respond to improve children's lives. And while Children's Day is more typically celebrated only in churches, from the start the *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* weekend has been a multi-faith movement.

Many congregations have Youth Days when they turn the service over to the young people to plan and lead. Like a Youth Day, on the Children's Sabbath children and youths often participate in the planning and leadership of the day. But on the Children's Sabbath, the adults aren't only the "audience," because the Children's Sabbath is an intergenerational event drawing on the leadership and involvement of *all* ages to convey its message that each of us, no matter our age, has a role to play in nurturing and protecting children and working for justice.

Some places of worship have separate services designed just for children to attend. Like those "children's services," worship on the Children's Sabbath is intended to be engaging and meaningful to the children who attend. But the Children's Sabbath is a service for everyone, and it aims to speak to all ages.

### **I want to get involved in the Children's Sabbath movement. Where do I start?**

Reviewing these Children's Sabbath resource materials is the first important step in getting involved in the Children's Sabbath, so you are already on your way! The next planning steps are in *Planning Your Children's Sabbath Celebration: Ideas for All Faiths* available for download from the Children's Defense Fund's web site, [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org). One of the first decisions you and those who join you in the planning will need to make is whether to plan a Children's Sabbath just for your congregation or to join with congregations of other faiths or denominations to plan an interfaith or ecumenical Children's Sabbath in your community. Either option is a valuable way to participate. You should determine what is right for your congregation this year.

These Children's Sabbath resource materials provide planning suggestions, promotion ideas, worship resources, educational resources, activity ideas, and suggestions for building on your Children's Sabbath to help children throughout the year.

### **What if my place of worship can't participate on the designated dates?**

Choose an alternate date! While it's great to celebrate on the same weekend as thousands of other places of worship, what's most important is to participate in the movement at a time that works for your place of worship.

### **Which is better to do, a Children's Sabbath in my own place of worship or a multi-faith, community-wide service?**

Both are valuable. A service in your own place of worship communicates that this concern is an integral part of the life of your congregation and makes it easier to plan follow-up efforts. A community-wide service is an exciting experience and expression of the shared concerns and common commitment to children of many faith traditions. They can create new partnerships for effective community efforts to help children. But they can also take a lot more work to plan and generate turn-out!

### **We just heard about the Children's Sabbath weekend and don't have much time left to plan. What can we do?**

There are a couple of options. You could schedule your celebration for a later date to allow for more planning time. Or, you could still plan to participate on the third weekend of October, but just start with what is quickest and easiest to do, such as photocopying and distributing one of the bulletin inserts, or including one of the prayers or readings provided in the Children's Sabbath resource materials. (You might still have time to invite a guest speaker who is engaged in work to improve the lives of children.) Then, you could plan an educational program or activities to serve or seek justice for children to take place in the months and year that follow.

### **Should we bother participating in the Children's Sabbath celebration if my congregation already cares about children?**

The Children's Sabbath is an opportunity to affirm what we already do and at the same time deepen our understanding both of God's call and the current crises facing children so that we may more fully, persistently, effectively, and faithfully live out that calling not only on the Children's Sabbath weekend but throughout the year.

There is an extraordinary power in participating in the Children's Sabbath, knowing that all across the country, in congregations of many different faiths, we are united in our concern for children and in our commitment to respond.

## How Places of Worship Have Celebrated the Children's Sabbath

Like our children, Children's Sabbath celebrations are unique, and no two are alike. They can be big or small, young or more experienced. Children's Sabbath celebrations reflect the diversity and unique gifts, resources, and concerns of the congregations that plan them. Some are celebrating their first-ever Children's Sabbath, some are building on a tradition of many years, and some are reviving their congregation's Children's Sabbath participation after several missed years.

As you'll see in the examples below and those scattered throughout the Children's Sabbath resources, the emphasis and the extent of the celebrations vary—some congregations plan a full weekend of events, while others focus on just one element, whether worship or education or service. Together, they comprise a marvelous witness and work that bring our nation closer to the justice and compassion God intends for our life together.

[Just a few examples are provided below. Look for other inspiring examples of Children's Sabbath celebrations throughout this resource.]

Fifteen years! That's how long **Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore** has celebrated the Children's Sabbath. For their 2008 Children's Sabbath celebration, the Cathedral of the Incarnation hosted U.S. Representative John Sarbanes as a speaker. The sermon at the two services focused on advocacy for at-risk children in Baltimore City, and they expect that the weekend will reinforce their ongoing advocacy for children.

**Temple De Hirsch Sinai in Bellevue, Washington**, used the prayers and worship resources from the Children's Sabbath manual during their Shabbat services to raise awareness of America's children living in poverty.

**Good Shepherd and St. Mark's, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church, in Madras, Oregon**, celebrated their second Children's Sabbath for this rural congregation that averages 35 at worship. They demonstrate that you don't have to be a large congregation to make a difference. Reports the organizer, "We collected toothbrushes, stuffed animals, and soft blankets for children in local foster care at our Children's Sabbath service, which was the main worship service on Sunday, Oct. 19. These items were brought forward during the offering and placed at the base of the altar as part of our worship." The pastor had purchased CDF's America's Cradle to Prison Pipeline<sup>SM</sup> report and was

able to draw from that resource in her sermon to raise awareness. This year, they plan to join with another church to have a public prayer service for children.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church, a Catholic parish in Columbus, Ohio**, began preparing the hearts and minds of their parishioners long before the Children's Sabbath weekend. Four weeks before the designated weekend, they began inserting selected statistics of children in need and prayers into the weekly bulletin for reflection. On the Children's Sabbath they focused the liturgy, prayers, and music on children's needs, involved children and youth more fully in the service, and had educational programs on children's concerns. They will build on their Children's Sabbath through the social concerns ministry, focusing on the ongoing problem of poverty.

**The Bahá'í community of Portsmouth, New Hampshire** partnered with the **North Church of Portsmouth (Episcopal)** for an interfaith Children's Sabbath celebration. The interfaith gathering was held at the North Church parish house. The program was guided by the prayers and readings from the Children's Sabbath manual and facilitated by a core planning group comprised of six youths from both communities. The selected readings focused on children at risk and were complemented by a dance performance, presentation of art, and photographs of children. In lieu of an offering, those in attendance were asked to contribute canned goods to a local shelter serving children and

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families in need. Mr. Calvin Wells of the Portsmouth Bahá'í community considers the event a smashing success and is excited about building upon the momentum and enthusiasm of last year's event for next year's Children's Sabbath!

**Church Women United** distributed copies of the Children's Sabbath manual to each of its state offices, and urged its members to organize a letter writing campaign in their faith communities urging Congress to cover all children with health care.

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church** reports that the **Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania**, area saw a big Children's Festival co-hosted by several faith groups that raised several thousand dollars that was distributed by the Children's Sabbath network of the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia.

**Otterbein Lebanon United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ohio**, celebrated its first ever Children's Sabbath through the Chapel of the Air with some 40 in attendance and others watching on closed circuit TV. A speaker from the local Head Start program addressed the group, and the weekly devotional booklet from the Children's Sabbath manual was made available. To build on the Children's Sabbath, they will continue supporting a project for low-income children's after-school homework and enrichment, and donating needed items for another after-school program.

In **Tucson, Arizona**, **Capilla del Sol Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** celebrated their first Children's Sabbath in 2008 as the culmination of the Light a Candle for Children 40 Days of Prayer sponsored by their denomination. In addition to the special worship service and speaker, they distributed handouts of volunteer opportunities and are supporting a "shoebox ministry" with children in Nogales, Mexico.

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta** has celebrated Children's Sabbath for five years. In 2008, they held three Children's Sabbath services on Sunday morning for between 600-700 people. The service included special prayers and a sermon focusing on Children's Sabbath. They also had educational signs up around the church and offered a course on issues of poverty and children during their Adult Christian Education hour, as well as a special class for the fifth graders. As a result

of the Children's Sabbath, organizers report that there is increased openness to bringing volunteer opportunities for child advocacy to the church.

**Temple Israel in Greenville, South Carolina**, celebrated with a Friday night Shabbat service for their third year participating in the *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* celebration, drawing on the *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths* theme, prayers, and blessing.

**First Presbyterian Church in McAllen, Texas**, participated for the eighth year, with the youth and children of the church leading the service.

**South Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth, Texas**, collected signatures on a petition issuing a call to conscience and action to ensure comprehensive national health insurance coverage for all children now.

**First Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio**, used the occasion of their *thirteenth* annual Children's Sabbath celebration to initiate a mentor program for youth in the congregation and community. Organizer Clara Copeland writes, "We had an adult sermon 'preached' by a freshman in high school, and the adult speaker was the head of the local food pantry," who also served as the speaker at the Adult Forum following worship.

Reports Rebecca Caswell-Speight from **Louisville, Kentucky**, "This was **Broadway Baptist's** first Children's Sabbath experience. We started the weekend with a family camp out. The camp out focused on the Beatitudes and how our church and families follow the demand for action that we received from Christ. We closed the weekend with a multi-generational worship. Children and families participated in all parts of the worship service. In this worship service, we flew a pastor in from one of our partner congregations in Argentina to share the pulpit and tell the story of his congregation's attempts to strengthen the children in his community."

**First United Methodist Church in Ames, Iowa**, created a bulletin board on ways to help children, as part of the Children's Sabbath celebration that also included distributing the devotional guide the week before and involving children in leading prayers, and song, handing out pre-k Bibles, and a youth puppet show.

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At **St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Santa Clara, California**, reports the organizer, "The kids started a shoe drive —because 'they won't let you go to school and you can't walk to your piano lessons if you don't have shoes' (idea came from a 9 year old)." The church presented Sunday School lessons for grades 2-6 focused on understanding poverty in their neighborhoods, what church- and community-based resources are available and how the church supports them. The children led the service, and the teens gave the sermon based on their experiences on mission trip to an American Indian reservation during the summer.

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia** celebrated its first Children's Sabbath in 2008. They included special prayers in both services and the rector preached to the topic. The opportunities to take action were included in the service leaflet and the rector drew attention to ways to act on behalf of children in the sermon. She reports, "I see this involvement as a beginning—a way of raising people's awareness. For next year I would like to start earlier and incorporate Children's Sabbath into our children's and adult education, and then in the future perhaps partner with another faith community to celebrate."

What will your place of worship plan? Read on, get inspired, bring your own imagination and passion and commitment to the planning process, and be sure to send us a description of your own unique and important participation in the 2010 *National Observance of*

*Children's Sabbaths* movement. We look forward to highlighting what you do! Send information about your Children's Sabbath to CDF, 25 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, or email a description to [SDaleyHarris@childrensdefense.org](mailto:SDaleyHarris@childrensdefense.org).

