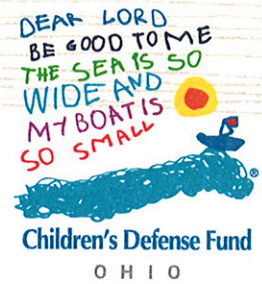


June 16, 2011



Dear Friend:

As you have been a valued friend and supporter of the Children's Defense Fund, I want you to know that we have selected Renuka Mayadev as the new Director of our Ohio office.

We are thrilled to welcome Renuka to CDF and are excited to have her leading us forward in Ohio. During our recent transition, we conducted an open and comprehensive search process for new leadership and were fortunate to have many terrific applicants. Renuka stood out as a seasoned professional, with a strong mix of policy experience, understanding of the importance of smart collaboration, and passion for making a difference in the lives of Ohio's children.

Renuka is a graduate of Northwestern University, where she majored in Economics with a concentration in Spanish. She analyzed financial transactions for Coopers & Lybrand and worked at the U.S. Department of Justice before earning her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. After working at the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers, Renuka returned to her native Columbus, Ohio five years ago to assume leadership roles in the public arena. She served as Deputy Director for Constituent Affairs and Policy at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. And for the past three years, Renuka worked with former Governor Ted Strickland as his Chief Policy Advisor for juvenile justice, public safety, rehabilitation and corrections, and workers' compensation.

Renuka will work closely with Chris Glaros who led our Ohio transition and is based in Columbus as our National Field Organizing Coordinator and General Counsel. They and the rest of our talented staff will continue to advance CDF's mission and agenda throughout Ohio. If you do not already know Renuka or Chris, they welcome the chance to meet and work with you. Renuka can be reached at rmayadev@cdfohio.org and (614) 221-2244, and you can contact Chris at cglaros@childrensdefense.org and (614) 222-0390.

Thank you so much for your support of the Children's Defense Fund. With Renuka Mayadev, we look forward to a next period of vibrant leadership for children and to working with you to reenergize all of our efforts to serve Ohio's children at a time of great challenge.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marian Wright Edelman".

Marian Wright Edelman
President