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Marian Wright Edelman and Peter Edelman to Speak on Poverty Trends at UH Law School and Hawai'i Events

Honolulu - Two of the nation's leading advocates for improved policies to fight poverty will be in Hawai'i the week of Aug. 20th for two days of public appearances to discuss the latest trends and developments to aid America's disadvantaged.

Marian Wright Edelman is founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, the nation's strongest voice for disadvantaged children and families; her husband **Peter Edelman**, is a law professor at Georgetown University, a specialist in poverty law and constitutional law, and co-director of the Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy at Georgetown.

The two will appear at three events:

- **A symposium** on Public Policy Implications of Poverty Trends, to be held Thursday, Aug. 23, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i. The symposium will be moderated by Law Dean Avi Soifer and will include Law Professor Calvin Pang and Hawai'i Appleseed Center's Victor Geminiani as additional panelists. The panel will discuss local and national trends that have resulted in current high poverty levels as well as opportunities for change. Lunch will be provided.

- **Breakfast** with Peter Edelman Friday, Aug. 24 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Fuller Hall at the Laniakea YWCA at 1040 Richards Street. Suggested donation: \$25.

- **A \$75 fund-raising dinner** for the Hawai'i Appleseed Center, entitled Artists for Appleseed, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 at Downtown Restaurant. The event will include music by Puamana and a wide selection of works available from many of Hawai'i's top artists. The dinner will honor the Edelmans for their lifetime of advocacy to improve the lives of children and families living in poverty.

The Edelmans' appearances are co-sponsored by the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice and the Richardson Law School.

Space at all events is limited and reservations may be made at the Hawai'i Appleseed website at <http://hiappleseed.org/rsvp> or by calling the office at 587-7605.

To reserve space especially for the dinner, RSVP at the website or by email to mindi@hiappleseed.org

RSVPs for the free symposium are also available by calling the Law School at 956-8478.

(Media are invited to cover the symposium and breakfast events. Contact: Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel attorney Dave Reber at 547-5611 or Bev Creamer at the Law School at 389-5736.)