The Inamori Ethics Prize honors outstanding international ethical leaders whose actions and influence have greatly improved the condition of humankind. Nominations are solicited annually from leaders and organizations around the world to identify individuals who have shown ethical leadership and great accomplishment in business, technology, science, health care, government, philanthropy, nonprofit organizations, education or other fields.

The 2017 Inamori Ethics Prize will be awarded to Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit Children’s Defense Fund (CDF).

For more than 50 years, Edelman has been a tireless advocate for children’s rights and the nation’s poor. Under Edelman’s leadership, CDF, which she established in 1973, has become the nation’s leading advocacy organization for children and families, championing policies and programs to lift children from poverty, protect them from abuse and neglect, and ensure their access to health care and quality education.

Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-1960s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi.

In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People’s Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began organizing before his assassination.

Edelman has received more than 100 honorary degrees and many awards, including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award and the MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship.

In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings.

Edelman serves on the board of the Robin Hood Foundation and the Association to Benefit Children, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

The Inamori Ethics Prize will be awarded Sept. 14, 2017, along with a lecture by Edelman. She will also participate in a symposium on Sept. 15 with prominent leaders and scholars. The lecture and symposium are free and open to the public and will include audience engagement through Q&A.

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