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What: **Marilyn Carlson Nelson** will be honored by The Advocates for Human Rights with its Don and Arvonne Fraser Human Rights Award at the organization's annual Human Rights Awards Dinner. The award recognizes Carlson Nelson's extraordinary values-based leadership, her commitment to end the exploitation of children, and her work on behalf of marriage equality. Carlson Nelson will also deliver the event's keynote speech.

When: Wed., June 25; program begins at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Hilton Minneapolis, 1001 Marquette Avenue

Other: Marilyn Carlson Nelson is an extraordinary values-based leader and human rights advocate. Under her leadership, Carlson—which includes such brands as Radisson Hotels, Country Inns & Suites, and Carlson Wagonlit—became the first major U.S.-based travel company to commit to training its hotel employees to watch for and report child sex abuse when she signed the travel industry's International Code of conduct to end sexual exploitation and trafficking of children.

At the event, The Advocates will also present its Special Recognition Award to Chimgee Haltarhuu, a performer with Circus Juventas and founder of Mission Manduhai, a circus group that travels throughout Mongolia to put on free performances for nomadic herders to raise awareness about the problem of domestic violence.

Other honorees include attorneys Mark Petty, Julie Shelton, and Laura Tripiciano, who each will receive The Advocates' Volunteer Award. Petty volunteers as a translator for The Advocates; Shelton has worked on several of the organization's Africa projects; and Tripiciano provides *pro bono* representation through The Advocates to people seeking asylum.

The Human Rights Awards Dinner honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the promotion of human rights and celebrates the work of volunteers whose efforts have made an impact on the support of human rights locally and internationally.

The Advocates, a volunteer-based non-profit organization headquartered in the Twin Cities, conducts cutting-edge research, education, and advocacy to save lives, fight injustice, restore peace, and build the human rights movement in the United States and around the world.

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