

"The rights of children must include the right to be themselves and to talk for themselves." —Nelson Mandela

This holiday season Council for Children's Rights made a renewed commitment to the voices of children. This month we dispelled myths and brought renewed focus to North Carolina's <u>"Raise the Age"</u> legislation. We welcomed the voice of Van Jones and his message of compassion and fairness. We — with underwriting from Bank of America — posted a 46-foot-tall banner in Uptown Charlotte declaring "Children's Rights are Human Rights."

## As we begin another year of advocating for kids in distress, we need you more than ever.

This is your chance to give a child the opportunity he or she deserves — the right to be themselves, to talk for themselves... **the right to a much better beginning.** By supporting our attorneys, social workers, and advocates, you provide new beginnings for children during an uncertain, confusing and often scary experience with compassion and fairness.



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