

# BUILDING ON PAST SUCCESS & SHAPING THE FUTURE

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CT Nonprofits continues its long-standing tradition of providing extraordinary keynote speakers and presenters who inspire, educate and entertain their audiences year after year. The 9th Annual "Point of Change" Nonprofit Conference is designed around the many aspects of change facing the nonprofit sector. The conference happens on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell.

Internationally acclaimed social activist and best-selling author, Craig Kielburger, will deliver the keynote address. Mr. Kielburger co-founded 'Free The Children' in 1995 at only 12 years of age. Today, Free The Children is the world's largest international youth empowerment organization and a renowned educational partner that empowers youth to achieve their fullest potential as agents of change. Craig is also the co-founder of 'Me to We', a social enterprise which encourages ethical living and social responsibility on a global scale.

Mr. Kielburger is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, among them the Nelson Mandela Human Rights Award, the World Economic Forum GLT Award and the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child. He has received ten honorary doctorates and was nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize. In addition to the many awards and honors, Craig's work has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, 60 Minutes

and The Today Show, as well as in *People*, *Time* and *The Economist*. (Learn more about Craig and his extraordinary vision on page 17).

The Master of Ceremonies, Debbie Fay, is the Principal and Founder of bespoke presentation solutions, llc.

The conference will feature outstanding session opportunities in the morning and afternoon. The prominent morning seminars will feature a broad range of topics – each critical to the successful nonprofit – such as a panel discussion around Nonprofits and Government: Strengthening an Essential Partnership; Leadership in the New Era; and Brandraising: How Nonprofits Raise Visibility and Money through Smart Communication.

In addition to the workshops and keynote, the day will include two book-signing events, the Annual Toy Drive (sponsored in partnership with media sponsor, Co-Communications), Legislative & Media Awards, Special Plenary Guest Presenters and a post-conference 'Tweet-Up' & Social Hour.

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