

*An Evening to Benefit  
Innocents at Risk*





*“To see but not to see,  
To see but to deny,  
To see but not to act is a  
crime against a child.  
You can all do something.  
You can make a difference.  
Save a child.”*

*~ Queen Silvia of Sweden*



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Wednesday, April 26, 2017

THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

200 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, DC

**7:00 PM Cocktail Reception**  
**8:00 PM Dinner and Program**  
**9:00 PM Dancing**

THE HONORARY CHAIRS

**Ambassador of the Dominican Republic**  
**José Tomás Pérez & Mrs. Caridad de Pérez**

MASTER OF CEREMONY

**NBC's Barbara Harrison**

SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR

**Operation Underground Railroad**

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**Mark & Jennifer Axmacher**

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## *Innocents at Risk*

Mrs. Deborah Stark Sigmund founded Innocents at Risk, a child-advocacy not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization in April 2005. The mission of Innocents at Risk is to educate citizens about the horrible global, national and local problem of human trafficking and work to prevent it by educating the public. Modern-day slavery generates over \$150 billion annually for organized crime. The U.S. Department of State has endorsed Innocents at Risk on behalf of the two million children trafficked annually. Innocents at Risk has established partnerships with the Airline Ambassadors, American Mothers, Artists and Athletes, Carlson Travel Industry, Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of State, DHS (ICE) Custom Border Protection (CBP), D.C. Task Force, EPACT-USA, The National Center of Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), the Protection Project, Polaris Project, The Rick Martin Foundation, Stop Modern Slavery Walk, Teach for America, Youth for Tomorrow, and a vast number of NGO's dedicated to serving victims.

In 2016 Innocents at Risk was invited to partner with the Academy Award Winning Director, Jeffrey Brown and Producer, Jane Charles to represent their excellent awareness raising film, SOLD. We have had screenings of this excellent film in the Washington DC area and will continue to have these screenings that give hope to this critical issue. Innocents at Risk has been working with Operation Underground Railroad since 2015. It has been a pleasure to partner with this incredible organization by helping them find safe havens for rescued children in the Dominican Republic and Mexico. It is an honor to recognize Operation Under Railroad at our 2017 Gala at the Organization of American States.



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