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ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER PRESENTS THE MIDWEST DEBUT OF ***SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER*** *Photographic exhibition based on book by Kerry Kennedy and the late Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Eddie Adams honors the gripping stories of nearly 50 human rights defenders around the world*

February 4 – June 24, 2018

(January 12, 2018 -- CHICAGO, IL) Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center presents the Midwest debut of ***Speak Truth to Power***, a major touring exhibition based on the book, *Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World* by Kerry Kennedy, President of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. The photographic exhibition will highlight the experiences of over 40 courageous “Upstanders” and urges visitors to take action against Human Rights violations, on display from **Sunday, February 4 – June 24, 2018**.

Through stunning black and white portraits by Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Eddie Adams featured in Kennedy’s book, *Speak Truth to Power* highlights activists who have worked tirelessly to defend justice in the areas of political rights, freedom of expression, honor killings, demilitarization, environmental activism, mental health, children’s rights, national self-determination and more. Nearly 50 Upstanders will be featured from over forty countries across six continents, including **Vaclav Havel** of the Czech Republic, **Baltasar Garzon** of Spain, Nobel Prize laureates His Holiness, **The Dalai Lama**, **Elie Wiesel**, **Oscar Arias**, **Rigoberta Mencha**, **Jose Ramos-Horta**, **Bobby Muller**, **Wangari Maathai** in addition to everyday heroes.

The Museum will present a series of public events in conjunction with the exhibit including an **opening celebration on Sunday, February 4, featuring a presentation with Kerry Kennedy** who will share insights on the exhibit, her book, as well as discuss her family’s storied tradition of public service.

In partnership with Lookingglass Theatre Company, a live performance of Ariel Dorfman’s powerful drama *Voices from Beyond the Dark*, based on interviews Kennedy conducted with a wide range of world activists will take place at the Museum **on March 26**.

“The Illinois Holocaust Museum celebrates the courageous actions of activists and provides its visitors the tools that allow them to play a role in the global fight for justice,” said Kennedy. “This is why I am so proud to bring *Speak Truth to Power* to this innovative Chicagoland museum. It is the perfect fit.”

The exhibit follows the grand opening of the Museum’s new multi-million-dollar **Take a Stand Center**, an immersive permanent exhibition with a forward-looking emphasis on multiple areas of social justice. The Center furthers the Museum’s mission of empowering people to stand up for humanity by moving visitors from Knowledge to Inspiration to Action through three interactive galleries: the *Abe & Ida Cooper Survivor Stories Experience* which features groundbreaking, three-dimensional technology enabling one-on-one conversations with 13 recorded Holocaust survivors via 3-D holography and voice recognition, preserving their stories into perpetuity; the *Goodman Upstander Gallery*, a showcase of 40

courageous “Upstander” stories throughout history and today, striving in the areas of civic, social, economic and environmental rights; and the *Take a Stand Lab*, which provides hands-on tools and strategies for affecting change and becoming an Upstander in local communities.

To learn more visit www.illholocaustmuseum.org/speaktruthtopower and use the hashtag #speaktruthtopower on social media sites.

Speak Truth to Power is a project of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights.

The Museum’s presentation of *Speak Truth to Power* is sponsored by the David C. and Sarajean Ruttenberg Arts Foundation with additional funds from the Illinois Arts Council Agency. The Golder Family Foundation is lead sponsor for all Illinois Holocaust Museum special exhibitions.

About Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, located at 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, IL, honors the Survivors and victims of the Holocaust and transforms history into current, relevant, and universal lessons in humanity. Through world-class exhibitions and programs, the Museum inspires individuals and organizations and provides a universal wake-up call to action: Take history to heart. Take a stand for humanity. The Museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m. Learn more at www.illinoisholocaustmuseum.org. #TAKEASTAND

About Kerry Kennedy

For more than thirty years, Kerry Kennedy has devoted herself to the pursuit of equal justice, the promotion and protection of basic rights and the preservation of the rule of law. She has led hundreds of human rights delegations in the areas of children’s rights, child labor, disappearances, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, freedom of expression, ethnic violence, impunity, and the environment. She has also concentrated on women’s issues, exposing injustices on honor killings, sexual slavery, domestic violence, workplace discrimination, sexual assault and abuse of prisoners.

Kennedy served as Chair of the Amnesty International USA Leadership Council for over a decade and has served on the board of directors of the United States Institute of Peace, Human Rights First, HealthEVillages and Inter- Press Service (Rome, Italy). She is a patron of the Bloody Sunday Trust (Northern Ireland) and serves on the Editorial Board of Advisors of the Buffalo Human Rights Law Review. She is on the Advisory Committee for the association of American Indian Affairs; International Campaign for Tibet, the Global Youth Action Network, and several other organizations. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the Albert Schweitzer Institute.

About Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights

Under Kennedy's leadership, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights has supported defenders in the field with advocacy, litigation, and training; brings human rights to students in the classroom with its innovative *Speak Truth to Power* curriculum; and engages the financial community about sustainable investing and the intersection between business and human rights.

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