

Each of us can **DO SOMETHING** to make a difference ...

SUSTAINING ADVOCACY in the 21st Century World

INSPIRATION



Dr. Margaret Creedon - Chicago Strong Child Advocate, Wife, Mother, Colleague, Friend and avid gardener who died in peace on May 4, 2016, age 73 with family by her side and beautiful Flowers after a 20 month battle w/pancreatic cancer.



She was a ground breaking pioneer in the study, treatment, and habilitation of people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) since the 1970's. Her work helped clarify the constitutional guarantee of education and how it was applied to people with ASD in Ireland. Those efforts live on in the work of professionals she taught and, more importantly, the lives of the children and families she touched in the US and abroad.

She swam, hiked, walked, gardened, surfed, traveled, jumped fearlessly into pools deep in caves. She created art, from watercolor to welded metal sculptures. And she kept supporting each of us to the end saying ... **KEEP IT UP ... plant those seeds !**

IDEAS



Be The Change (BTC) organizational structure is currently being created which will include the *Future Child Advocates Small Grant* program and will be able to accept donations to support these **ADVOCACY** efforts.

- * Provide small funding support (\$500-1,000) to groups involved in developing new, creative & unique projects that are advocacy based involving children and youth.
- * Groups receiving monies will also be awarded 50 "Bee the Change" seed packets encouraging them to use these to promote their idea and gather more support.
- * The **BTC** organization will be able to: a) raise monies to fund the good ideas; b) support the free availability of **BTC** seed packets; c) involve an *Advisory Group* to assess requests; d) provide salaries for part-time staff to administer the work; and e) have available space, technology to house/implement these activities.

INTERESTED TO SUPPORT or DONATE (11/2016) – Contact:
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What better way to start out Spring than to get involved in planting wildflower seeds – diverse new life which needs to be nurtured (watered, cared for...) – helping to create that better world for ALL!

SPRING Activity Promotional Idea

- * **Locate** a small area of ground – or some pots – around the university/school/community
- * **Gather** some participants (young, older, class, group, etc.) who might be willing and able to get involved in the planting, taking care of, maybe even documenting the growing of your patch of wildflowers... which will sprout in all shapes & sizes, too!
- * **Purchase** more of the "Bee the Change" seed packets – to plant and even to have enough to just "give away" perhaps – during April – **Child Abuse Prevention Month** or other advocacy type event!
- * **Create** a little label that can be put onto the bottom of the seed packets you may want to "give away" that promotes your Advocacy club – Community Project, etc. with a message that **YOU** are **DOING SOMETHING** to help create a healthier – happier world for all...encouraging others to do the same.