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iStand Parent Network Inc.

10th International Parents  
Conference  
&  
Sunset Gala

September 27 - 29, 2023

*The Mayflower*

WASHINGTON D.C.



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# iStand Parent Network Inc.

## 10th International Parents Conference & Sunset Gala

### About the Conference:

The iStand Parent Network International Parents Conference is the premier gathering of survivors, parents, families, advocates, and friends of internationally abducted children. Convening in Washington DC, the Conference is a catalyst for domestic and international advocacy, action, and reform to reunited families and end international parental child abduction (IPCA).

**For 10 years**, the Conference has hosted dynamic workshops and provided attendees with unparalleled access to elected officials, federal agencies, and international diplomats. Children have come home through their parents' conference engagement. Parents and families have experienced the love, hope, and solidarity of this special community while they fight to reunite with the children.

***The 2023 Conference marks the end of an era.*** As we pivot toward Survivor Empowerment, iStand will “sunset” this venerable conference, September 27-29, at the historic Mayflower Hotel--- a fitting finale to a Conference that has inspired a decade of hope and action.

We respectfully invite your sponsorship of this final, transformative event. Please help us serve the families who have entrusted us with their pain, their cases, and their hope to reunite with America's Stolen Children.





September 1, 2023

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Dear Friend of iStand:

In 2022, there were over 600 active international child abduction cases with the US State Department involving over 900 children, with many more going unreported. iStand Parent Network Inc. was founded by parents who have lived this nightmare, and we exist to offer parents the hope, strength, and tools necessary to bring their children home.

Since 2014, we supported families through more than 75 reunifications. We have also seen new organizations emerge and adopt iStand's vision and mission in different parts of the globe, continually advancing the work of IPCA prevention and resolution. We are often the first stop for parents seeking help to reunite with their children, and our advocacy work in federal agencies has resulted in more preventive measures at borders, and IPCA inclusion in federal resources. We are continuously finding friends on Capitol Hill who share our belief that America's Stolen Children matter.

iStand's annual International Parents Conference in Washington unites parents and families and equips them with resources to fight for their children's return, engage in dialogue with federal agencies, and press key congressional officials to hold nations accountable to return our children. We also engage in an Embassy Walk to symbolically "knock on doors of nations" where our children are held. Children have come home as a result of the Conference.

***After a decade of service, the time has come to "sunset" the conference, as iStand pivots to youth survivor empowerment initiatives, like our annual Youth Survivor Summer Camp.***

**Our 10th Annual International Parents Conference & Sunset Gala** will be held **September 27-29, 2023**, at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington D.C. We plan to finish strong, with congressional meetings to advocate for children's return, conference workshops and trainings, a White House Candlelight Vigil, and special conference track for our IPCA youth survivors cohort.

We also plan to host a gala celebrating iStand's achievements-- and especially the friends who have faithfully supported our efforts over the past decade. We respectfully request your sponsorship of elements of the final iStand Conference & Sunset Gala. Please review our sponsorship opportunities, and give generously to support the leading organization helping to reunite families through the power of love, public pressure, and collective action.

Your sponsorship is vital to our efforts to equip families with the support and tools that the Conference provides. Your donations are welcome by check, through our website, [istandparentnetwork.com/giving](http://istandparentnetwork.com/giving), or on any of our mobile giving platforms such as Venmo, CashApp and PayPal.

iStand Parent Network Inc. (**Tax ID 47-2025570**) is a non-profit, federally recognized 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible. For more information, please contact our President and Gala Coordinator, Rysa Lee at (606) 371-9226, [rysa@istandparentnetwork.com](mailto:rysa@istandparentnetwork.com) or President Emeritus Noelle Hunter at (606)356-8371, [noelle@istandparentnetwork.com](mailto:noelle@istandparentnetwork.com).

Thank you for your generous sponsorship. With your help, iStand until ALL children come home!

Sincerely,  
*Rysa Lee*

President  
iStand Parent Network Inc.

# Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits



GOLD  
SPONSOR

**\$1,000**



SILVER  
SPONSOR

**\$750**



BRONZE  
SPONSOR

**\$500**

Opportunity to  
address attendees



Recognition and logo  
placement at all  
Conference events



**1 Sunset Gala Table**

*\*Seating for 8*



**Gold Sponsor  
designation in all  
Conference materials**



**Commemorative  
Conference Gift**



**Framed Art by  
IPCA Youth Survivor**

Recognition and logo  
placement at all  
Conference events



**Prime Seating at  
Sunset Gala**

*\*Seating for 4*



**Silver Sponsor  
designation in all  
Conference materials**



**Conference  
Commemorative Gift**



**Framed Art by  
IPCA Youth Survivor**

Recognition and logo  
placement at all  
Conference events



**Prime Seating (2) at  
Sunset Gala**



**Bronze Sponsor  
designation in all  
Conference materials**



**Conference  
Commemorative Gift**



# Sponsorship Opportunities

## Wednesday Welcome Breakfast



### Wednesday September 27 Welcome Continental Breakfast

Wednesday is **IPCA Day on Capitol Hill**, an intense day of constituent and policy meetings with members of Congress, congressional staff and federal agencies. Our guests can fuel up and start the day well with coffee and continental breakfast.

### Sponsorship \$2000 Sponsorship Benefits

- **Sunset Gala table w/ seating for 8**
- **Digital signage and poster acknowledgement**
- **(1) Conference Registration**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**

# Sponsorship

## Wednesday Welcome Reception



**Wednesday  
September 27  
Welcome Reception**

After a productive day on Capitol Hill, our guests --- parents, advocates and youth survivors, too-- will wind down and mingle at our Welcome Reception in the elegant Senate Room of the Mayflower Hotel.

**Sponsorship Level  
\$3,000**

### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- **Sunset Gala table w/seating for 8**
- **Digital signage and poster acknowledgement at Reception**
- **Conference Registration (1)**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**
- **Commemorative Conference gift**



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## Wednesday Capitol Hill Shuttle



**Wednesday  
September 27  
IPCA Day on Capitol Hill**

Three conference groups are in motion all day on Wednesday--- youth survivors on a DC exploration excursion, parents and guests going to and from Capitol Hill, and parents meeting with federal agencies. A dedicated shuttle is essential to helping all attendees make the most of **IPCA Day on Capitol Hill!**

**Sponsorship Level  
\$1,200**

### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- **Conference Registration (1)**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**
- **Commemorative Conference gift**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**

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## Thursday Continental Breakfast



**Thursday  
September 28  
Continental Breakfast**

The International Parents Conference begins with continental breakfast for all guests and a meet and greet with the U.S. State Department Office of Children's Issues. It's a great way to start the main conference day!

**Sponsorship Level  
\$2,000**

### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- **Sunset Gala Table w/ seating for 8**
- **Digital signage and poster acknowledgement**
- **(1) Conference Registration**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**
- **Commemorative Conference Gift**



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## Thursday Keynote Luncheon & Awards Ceremony



iStand Parent Network Inc.  
proudly welcomes

### Carolina Marín Pedreño *Keynote Speaker*

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023  
Noon



Ms. Marín Pedreño is a partner and Head of Children Department at Dawson Cornwell LLP, London. She was named "international Lawyer of the Year" and is highly sought after as a one of the foremost international children's lawyers. Her specialisms include child abduction, registration and enforcement of foreign custody orders, and public law cases.

She is a Resolution Accredited Specialist in Child Abduction and Children Law, and is the elected vice president of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and President of the Human Rights Commission of Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA).



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## Sponsorship Level

# \$4,000

## Sponsorship Benefits

- Opportunity for remarks at Keynote Luncheon
- Digital signage and poster acknowledgement
- Reserved Keynote Luncheon table w/seating for 8
- Conference Registration (1)
- Recognition in commemorative program
- Commemorative Conference gift

# Sponsorship

## Thursday Afternoon Coffee Break



**Thursday  
September 28  
Coffee Break**

Treat our conference guests-- parents, youth survivors, and advocates alike-- to an afternoon pick-me-up before the final, dynamic closing plenary session.

**Sponsorship Level  
\$1,500**

### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- **Sunset Gala table w/ seating for 8**
- **Digital signage and poster acknowledgement**
- **Conference Registration (1)**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**
- **Commemorative Conference gift**



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## Friday Sunset Gala Table Sponsors

*When the Stars Come Out*

iStand Sunset Gala

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

RECEPTION 6 PM

Enjoy refreshments and walk amongst the real stars of the evening, survivors of International Parental Child Abduction

DINNER & CELEBRATION 7 PM

Featuring an black-tie dinner, 10-year retrospective, survivor stories, special guests, and lifetime honors.

DJ & DANCING 9 PM

As always, there's absolutely NO party like an iStand party! We'll conclude this special evening~ and end this special era of advocacy for internationally abducted children~ with dancing, sing-alongs, drinks, and love, love, love!

Location: The District Ballroom

Attire: Elegant ~ Black Tie Optional



Friday  
September 29

*When the Stars Come Out*

### iStand Sunset Gala

It is the final flourish for iStand 10, and the conclusion of the venerable iStand Conference. The Sunset Gala features a 5-star dinner experience, Youth Survivor emcees, a video retrospective, and a lasting tribute to internationally abducted children, followed by a DJ and dancing!

### Sponsorship Level

\$1,000

### Sponsorship Benefits

- Sunset Gala table w/seating for 8
- Digital signage and poster acknowledgement
- Table stanchion acknowledgment
- Recognition throughout Gala and after party
- Recognition in commemorative program
- Commemorative Conference gift

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## Friday Champagne Toast



**Friday  
September 29  
iStand Sunset Gala**

Deliver the final Champagne Toast to the iStand Conference at our Sunset Gala, featuring a 5-star dinner experience, special guests, and survivor youth emcees, this Gala is our final flourish before the night concludes with dancing and comraderie!

**Sponsorship Level  
\$1,000**

### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- **Deliver the final Champagne Toast to the Conference at the Sunset Gala**
- **Video and framed photograph of your toast**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**
- **Souvenir champagne bottle signed by all guests**



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## Friday Sunset Gala Photo Booth



**Friday  
September 29  
iStand Sunset Gala**

A professional photographer and photo booth gives guests instant keepsake photographs and text-downloadable memories. From pictures in their finer Sunset Gala attire to silly and party photos as the night goes on, the photo booth will preserve all the memories from our final Conference event!

**Sponsorship Level**

**\$1,200**

### **Sponsorship Benefits**

- **Sunset Gala table w/ seating for 8**
- **Digital signage and poster acknowledgement**
- **Conference Registration (1)**
- **Recognition in commemorative program**
- **Commemorative Conference gift**

# Giving Platforms



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## ***Prefer to give by check?***

Send your sponsorship to:  
iStand Parent Network Inc.

PO Box 1312  
Madison, AL 35758

## ***Need an invoice?***

We are happy to send an invoice to facilitate your giving. Email  
[rysa@istandparentnetwork.com](mailto:rysa@istandparentnetwork.com) or call/text 606.371.9226

Thank you for your generous support of iStand 10th International Parents Conference & Sunset Gala. 100 percent of your donations are applied to the Conference. We believe children will come home and families will reunite as a result of your kindness.

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