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Presidential Primary Candidate Forums to Highlight Children's Issues

October 20th, 27th, 29th, 31st, & November 3rd in New Hampshire

What: Single candidate forums in which primary candidates will discuss their plans and views on matters critical to children, youth, and families. Candidates will address an array of issues such as child abuse prevention and treatment, children's health, K-12 education, pre-kindergarten education, after-school programs, and economic security. In addition, the candidates will field questions from the audience related to other children's policy issues.

Who and When:

Monday, October 20th – 10:00a.m. **Senator John Edwards**

Monday, October 20th – 1:00p.m. **Senator John Kerry**

Monday, October 27th – 11:00a.m. **Ambassador Carol Moseley-Braun**

Monday, October 27th – 2:00p.m. **Senator Joseph Lieberman**

Wednesday, October 29th – 2:00p.m. **General Wesley K. Clark**

Friday, October 31st – 10:00a.m. **Governor Howard Dean**

Monday, November 3rd – 11:00a.m. **Congressman Richard Gephardt**

Monday, November 3rd – 2:30p.m. **Congressman Dennis Kucinich**

Where: Huddleston Hall, University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH

Notes: The Every Child Matters Education Fund is pleased to be working with the following partners on these forums: **The Pew Charitable Trusts, The William T. Grant Foundation, Civil Society Institute, National Association of Social Workers, and broadcast partner WMUR-TV 9 New Hampshire.**

The forums will be co-moderated by Michael R. Petit, president and founder of the Every Child Matters Education Fund, and Scott Spradling, anchor and political reporter for WMUR-TV 9 New Hampshire.

The Every Child Matters Education Fund is a 501(c)3 non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 2001 to elevate the visibility of children's issues in elections in an effort to make children a higher political priority. The Education Fund is headquartered in Washington, DC and has field offices in Des Moines, IA and Concord, NH.

A dial-in number is being provided for those reporters who would like to listen to the forums live. Please call (202) 393-0202 or (603) 225-5554 for the phone number and participant code. The line will open at 9:50 a.m. for Senator Edward's forum on October 20th, and again at 12:50 p.m. for Senator Kerry's forum.

For more information or to arrange interviews with organizers please contact Angela Blake Madnick at (202) 393-0202, AMadnick@everychildmatters.org.