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George and Amal Clooney and the Clooney Foundation for Justice Support the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

NEW YORK, June 20, 2018 – The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights announced that it received generous support from George and Amal Clooney and the Clooney Foundation for Justice, which announced a donation of \$100,000 to the Young Center to help protect and promote the best interests of immigrant children in the United States who have been separated from their families.

The Clooney Foundation for Justice (CFJ) was established to advance justice in courtrooms, classrooms and communities around the world. Working with partners, CFJ has sponsored the opening of 8 public schools in Lebanon to Syrian refugee children for the 2017-2018 academic year and is supporting the piloting of technology in Lebanese public schools to help improve learning outcomes. CFJ has also provided support for refugees and other victims displaced by war to help them rebuild their lives. And CFJ's TrialWatch initiative will monitor, report on, and respond to trials around the world that pose a high risk of human rights violations.

The Young Center is a human rights organization that advocates for the rights and best interests of unaccompanied immigrant children. The organization serves as a trusted ally for these children while they are in deportation proceedings, advocating for their best interests, and standing for the creation of a dedicated children's immigrant justice system that ensures the safety and well-being of every child. The Young Center is on the frontlines of responding to the current family separation crisis taking place at the United States border.

George and Amal Clooney, Co-Presidents, Clooney Foundation for Justice said: "At some point in the future our children will ask us: is it true, did our country really take babies from their parents and put them in detention centers? And when we answer yes, they'll ask us what we did about it. What we said. Where we stood. We can't change this Administration's policy but we can help defend the victims of it. Today, the Clooney Foundation for Justice will donate \$100,000 to the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights."

Maria Woltjen, Executive Director, Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights at the University of Chicago said: "This Administration's policy disregards international law and basic principles of human decency. To treat children in such a cruel manner not only violates their legal rights but also their basic needs. We are doing everything we can to advocate on behalf of the thousands of children who are separated and alone, and we are grateful for the generous support of George and Amal Clooney and the Clooney Foundation for Justice — it could not be more vital at this time."



For more information about The Young Center, or to contribute to their vital work, please visit <https://www.theyoungcenter.org/donate-to-the-young-center/>.

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