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HALO Honors 2016 Award Winners ***Advocate, Volunteer, Supporter and Artist of the Year***

KANSAS CITY, MO. — The HALO Foundation announces its annual 2016 Award Winners: [Gould Evans](#) as Advocate, Kaity Woody as Volunteer, [Moroccanoil](#) as Supporter and Lacy Voight Gordon as Artist. Although it takes many to make HALO a success, these individuals and companies are recognized for their exceptional involvement and have significantly impacted HALO whether it be through direct work with HALO youth or donation of time, resources or funds.

“We are excited to recognize our 2016 HALO Award Winners,” said HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh. “They have raised thousands of dollars to support more than 1,000 HALO youth in six countries, shared our HALO mission with the Kansas City community, provided office furniture for the HALO Learning Center to thrive and given countless hours creating art that has changed lives.”

HALO launched its first annual award ceremony in 2015, celebrating a decade of progress. 2015 winners included Advocates Billy and Mara Hodes, Volunteers Josh and Leena Fry, Supporters Jon and Tara Darbyshire of the Archer Foundation, Artist Vera VonHoldenberg and a special Hero Award presented to HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh.

2016 Awards will be presented at the [11th Annual HALO Kansas City ArtReach Auction on February 26, 2016](#). All award videos can be seen [here](#). A group photo will be shared after the event.

About HALO

Featured in the Moroccanoil *INSPIRED* film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show”, and Variety Magazine, HALO provides housing, healing and education to youth in the greatest need. Its goal is to empower youth to become contributing members of their communities. HALO is a volunteer-driven, grassroots non-profit with more than 80 percent of donations going directly to programs. HALO serves more than 1,000 youth each year. Domestically, HALO supports future-focused programming for at-risk youth to help set tangible goals for becoming contributing members of their communities. HALO currently has HALO Centers and TLP (housing) programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and programming in New York, Portland, and Los Angeles. Internationally, HALO supports 21 orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico, India, Guatemala and Nicaragua. This includes providing food, water, shelter, clothing, education, art therapy, caretakers, and vocational training or college for youth in the greatest need. Learn more at www.haloworldwide.org.

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