**BELGRADE WOMAN HONORED WITH INTERNATIONAL AWARD IN NEW YORK CITY**

*Dušica Popadić Honored for Her Supporting Survivors of Child Sexual Assault and Ground-Breaking Prevention Programs*

New York City, USA. – October 27, 2016 – World of Children®, an organization dedicated to setting the gold standard in child advocacy, hosted its annual Awards Ceremony in New York City on October 27, 2016. The organization introduced a new class of Honorees, including Serbian Dušica Popadić, who won the first ever World of Children Protection Award.

This year’s five Honorees were chosen from a pool of several thousand nominations for this year’s Awards. Nominations are reviewed by an International Committee of volunteers and issue experts. Top candidates are investigated by an independent international firm to ensure their programs are of the highest caliber.

Dušica was named as the first ever World of Children Award Protection Honoree for her work as Co-Founder of Incest Trauma Center – Belgrade (ITC), an organization that provides care and support to child survivors of sexual assault and prevention education thousands of school children and thousands of adults in government offices, NGOS, and police departments.

Recognized as the "Nobel Prize for Child Advocates," as an Honoree Dušica will receive a grant to help her program grow and ultimately impact the lives of even more children. Her Award comes with a grant of $80,000USD over the course of three years to support the work of ITC.

**ABOUT WORLD OF CHILDREN AWARD:**

World of Children® Award improves the lives of vulnerable children by funding and elevating the most effective changemakers for children worldwide.

Since 1998, World of Children Award has granted more than $8 million in cash grants and program support to more than 100 individuals leading programs serving children worldwide.