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Harford County Tween Named 2016 HALO Award Honoree

The youngest of four youth nationwide recognized for 'helping and leading others' is Maryland's Grace E. G. Callwood

(Harford County, Md.) – We Canceve Movement Founder Grace E. G. Callwood, age 12, of Harford County, is a 2016 NICKELODEON HALO AWARDS Honoree, and will be recognized during a concert special honoring her and three other young community leaders who are changing the world by “Helping and Leading Others” (HALO).

The concert, which will feature performers Jason Derulo, Hailee Steinfeld, Zedd, Alessia Cara and Daya, will be held at New York's Pier 36 and will be simulcast Sunday, November 27 at 7 p.m. (ET/PT) across Nickelodeon, TeenNick and Nicktoons, according to its press release.

"The 2016 NICKELODEON HALO AWARDS honorees are truly outstanding role models for this young generation and I can't wait to celebrate them at this one-of-a-kind concert event," said Nick Cannon, who is the show host, creator and executive producer. "The passion and commitment of these four teens have enabled them to bring about social change, helping thousands of kids around the world and inspiring countless others. That's what HALO is all about."

Callwood is being recognized for the work she and her all-youth board of advisors do to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster children through Callwood's We Canceve Movement, Inc. She established the organization in 2012, shortly after being diagnosed with Stage IV Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. After gaining weight from the chemotherapy, Callwood donated her brand-new back-to-school clothes to two girls who had recently lost everything in a fire. This act of kindness inspired Callwood to start the We Canceve Movement, Inc., and to date, We Canceve has served 3,743 homeless, sick and foster youth with plans to add another 1,300 by December 2016.

"I'm very honored to be a 2016 NICKELODEON HALO Awards Honoree. This award presents another opportunity for me to bring more awareness to helping homeless, sick and foster children, and to inspire my peers to make a difference in their communities," said Callwood, who is also the 2016 Children's Cancer Foundation Ambassador. "I am so glad to have so much support from my board of advisors, my community and my friends and family. My board of advisors has great ideas, gives advice and amazing feedback, and are very helpful. From the start, I've had the support of my family and friends, and from countless people in our community who believe in the work that We Canceve does for homeless, sick and foster children."

Callwood is a sixth-grade student at Edgewood Middle School, where she excels in both math and reading, plays trumpet in the school band and serves on the Student Government Association.

Her next major project is the "Breakfast Bags Bonanza," a major stuffing party scheduled November 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Havre de Grace where the community is invited to help decorate and fill brown paper sacks with nonperishable breakfast items for 500 homeless and hungry youth in Harford County for the Thanksgiving break.

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To date, We Canceve has donated more than \$9,000 in cash grants to Sinai Hospital, Casey Cares Foundation, Harford Family House, Anna's House, Eastside Family Emergency Shelter and the Sharing Table, and plus more than \$23,000 in products to more than seven homeless shelters, four hospitals and a group home for children in foster care.

We Canceve has established an accumulator fund with the Community Foundation of Harford County (CFHC). The We Canceve Accumulator Fund will eventually become a permanent fund of CFHC to support the work of the We Canceve Movement. Contributions made to the Community Foundation of Harford County are tax-deductible, and can be designated to the We Canceve Accumulator Fund. The Community Foundation of Harford County is a 501(c)(3) public charity (nonprofit) supported by the community through donations. For more information, visit www.wecanceve.org.

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