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The Center for Reproductive Rights Receives 2016 Espiritu Award from Isabel Allende Foundation

SAUSALITO, Calif., Oct. 25, 2016 – Internationally acclaimed author Isabel Allende announced today that the Center for Reproductive Rights (CRR), a nonprofit organization that uses the law to advance reproductive freedom as a fundamental human right, is this year's recipient of her foundation's annual Espiritu Award. CRR will receive a grant of \$100,000, making it the only organization to receive the Espiritu Award a total of three times (previous grants awarded in 2011 and 2012).

In 2016, the Center for Reproductive Rights spearheaded a historic coalition that led to the June 27 U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down a Texas law designed to close most of the state's abortion clinics by imposing medically unnecessary restrictions. The justices' decisive rejection of deceptive clinic shutdown laws marked the most significant abortion-related ruling from the Court in more than two decades, and is already having a significant impact in other states where similar laws threaten to shutter abortion clinics with medically unnecessary regulations.

"We are deeply committed to the legal fight for reproductive rights worldwide," said Allende. "This year, CRR assembled and managed the most powerful coalition of voices ever to argue before the Supreme Court on behalf of a woman's right to choose. The stakes in this battle could not have been higher, and the victory is one of the greatest our movement has ever seen. Yet the campaign to ensure that all governments are legally obligated to protect and respect women's reproductive rights is far from over. With this award, we offer our gratitude for what has been accomplished and our support for the work yet to be done."

Nancy Northup, president and CEO of the Center for Reproductive Rights, expressed her appreciation for the grant, stating: "We are profoundly honored to once again have the support of the Isabel Allende Foundation in our efforts to advance women's reproductive rights as fundamental human rights. Like the Isabel Allende Foundation, we strongly believe that every woman has the right to determine her own destiny and we will fight to hold governments accountable for ensuring this right can be exercised freely by all women, no matter where they live."

About the Isabel Allende Foundation

Founded in 1996 in honor of the author's daughter Paula, who died at age 28, the Isabel Allende Foundation provides support to select nonprofits dedicated to providing women and girls with reproductive self-determination, healthcare and education, as well as protection from violence, exploitation and discrimination.

For more information about the Isabel Allende Foundation, visit www.isabelallendefoundation.org.

Additional information about Isabel Allende can be found at www.isabelallende.com.

To learn more about the Center for Reproductive Rights, see www.reproductiverights.org.