

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND GRANTEE SUCCESS STORIES

CARE of Southeastern Michigan – Direct Service Grantee



Stephanie's family was referred to Supportive Opportunities for Families (SOF) by Child Protective Services November 2013. Stephanie and her boyfriend were seeking to obtain guardianship of his two children. While in the SOF program, Stephanie's family gained many parenting skills through the Nurturing Parenting curriculum. Because of this Stephanie's family has been strengthened over the past several months: she has married her boyfriend, moved to a home they plan on purchasing, and have obtained custody of one of the children. Stephanie has credited CARE of Southeastern Michigan with helping her family and says, "I love my case manager. I think she is wonderful and I hope she stays with me. The program has been a lifesaver."

Motherly Intercession – Direct Service Grantee

Motherly Intercession helps children who have a parent that is currently or was previously incarcerated. Using the Strengthening Incarcerated Families program they offer high level secondary prevention education and training. They teach family members (children and adults) how to identify stressors, how to respond to and cope with these stressors, and how to create an environment of peace, safety and wellbeing for the children in the home.



They have been successful in recruiting and retaining a number of clients. One mother has been reported saying that "this support group has given her the feeling of knowing that she is not alone." She further states, "I'm able to get ideas from the other members and try new things in my home."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties, Inc. – Direct Service Grantee



The goal of the Girl Power program is to provide positive female role models for girls in Marquette County. Girl Power matches girls in the traditional community based Big Sister program along with a site based program at Ishpeming Schools, which matches middle school girls with high school girls.

Gabby is a young girl who is part of the Girl Power program. She is currently matched with her Big Sister Laurie. Gabby is enjoying time spent with Laurie. Gabby's grandmother, whom she lives with, has stated, "Laurie is the best thing that ever happened to Gabby. Since they have been matched, Gabby doesn't feel abandoned anymore."

Proceeds from the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event go directly to the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan to prevent child abuse and neglect.