



**Children's Trust Fund**  
*Protecting Michigan's Children*

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**Exciting new fantasy trips and getaways to be auctioned  
at Children's Trust Fund annual charity event**  
*Other items still open for bids on online auction site*

**LANSING** — Attendees to the seventh-annual Children's Trust Fund Signature Event on Wednesday, Sept. 30 will have the opportunity to bid on exciting new fantasy trips and getaways.

They include a visit to Hawaii, where the hit-show "Lost" is filmed, a Food Network wine and food festival in Miami, and vacations to Mexico, Jamaica, a French chateau, and other beautiful destinations.

All proceeds from the charity event, which begins at 5 p.m. at the Lansing Center, will go toward child abuse prevention efforts in Michigan.

"We are fortunate to have amazing auction items donated each year by our generous supporters," said Michael Foley, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund. "We have a number of travel packages to many exciting and unique locations this year. Purchasing the packages is a great way to help children in Michigan and also have a fun and relaxing experience away from home."

Tickets to the Signature Event are \$100 per person. Other live auction items include a Cleveland Cavaliers game in the owner's suite, a winery tour in Santa Cruz, California, various university sporting packages, and a 52" Samsung LCD TV.

Those who cannot attend the event can still provide support by bidding on items through an online auction or make a direct donation to the Children's Trust Fund. Items featured include a Grand Traverse Resort and Spa Golf Getaway, tickets to the Michigan State University vs. Penn State football game, a one-night stay at The English Inn, Lansing Symphony packages, and many other great auction items. Bidding ends at midnight on Sept. 28.

"The proceeds raised through the auction items, sponsorships and donations are critical to helping the Children's Trust Fund educate parents and families about how to best care for their children," said Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, one of the event's legislative co-chairs. "I encourage residents to check out the items at the online auction or attend the Signature Event and support our critical mission to help children."

The CTF is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Michigan. Since 1982, the organization has raised more than \$80 million and provided support to more than 8 million Michigan children and families.

For more information about the Signature Event or to purchase tickets, bid on online auction items, or follow the event on Facebook or Twitter, visit [www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature](http://www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature).

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