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Legislators, Children's Advocates Unveil Auction Items, Resolution in Prevention of Child Abuse

Businesses, citizens urged to join May 18 event, to help prevent abuse

LANSING – Legislators, the **Children's Trust Fund**, children's advocates and others today unveiled exciting items up for auction on May 18 to prevent child abuse, as well as a resolution commemorating the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event for its importance in helping keep kids safe.

"Across Michigan, nearly 90 children are abused every day – that's 90 children too many – and that's why we are proud to stand together and send the message that Michigan's children deserve better," said Senate Majority Leader **Randy Richardville**, a co-chair of the event, which the CTF is organizing. "The Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event is a rare opportunity for all of us to come together, have fun with our families and help strengthen the future for so many Michigan children who live in fear and neglect every day. We can make a real difference, and events like this auction deserve our fullest support."

"We are extremely proud of what the Children's Trust Fund does every day to improve the lives of children so they can succeed in school, give back to the community and get good jobs later on life –and that's why we are so thrilled to support the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event," said Rep. **Lesia Liss**, another co-chair of the auction event. "This event gives us an opportunity to spotlight all the great work CTF and its partners do, and shine a light on the fact that our work is far from done."

The Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event will be held May 18 at the Lansing Center, starting at 5 p.m. At the event, Gov. Rick Snyder will also present House Bill No. 4258, a new law that generates revenue for CTF by offering specialty birth certificates to Michigan citizens.

Live auction items include:

- U.S. Open Golf Championship, Bethesda, Maryland
- Dinner with the Legislative Quadrant
- Sunset Beach Resort & Spa Junior Suite in Cabo San Lucas
- U2 360 Concert & Dinner
- A Trip to the Irish Countryside, Powerscourt, Ireland
- Jimmy Buffet Concert at DTE Energy Music Theatre
- Dinner & The Jersey Boys!
- Ft. Myers Beachfront Condo & Palm Harbor Boat Trip
- ...and much, much more.

To see full descriptions and additional live auction items, please visit the live auction preview website at: <http://www.ctfsignatureevent.weebly.com>.

The Legislature also passed a resolution commemorating the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event and the important work it does in the effort to prevent child abuse and neglect, which endangers more than 32,000 children every year.

While CTF's annual fundraiser auction is now in its ninth year, this year's event is named in honor of Pam Posthumus, who passed away in August 2010. The wife of former Michigan Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus, she was appointed to CTF's Board of Directors in 1997 and board chair in 2002. The event features a silent auction from 5-6:45 p.m. followed by a brief program. A one-hour live auction will follow.

Created by legislature in 1982, CTF is Michigan's only statewide nonprofit organization solely dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It has raised more than \$60 million to support programs that have affected more than 6 million children and families.

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