

## *Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event*

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

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The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) was created in Michigan law to prevent child abuse.

- Established by Public Act 250 of 1982, as Michigan's only statewide nonprofit organization solely dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Since 1982, CTF has raised more than \$60 million in charitable donations to support prevention programs and services in communities across the state affecting over 6 million children and families through competitive, community-based grants.
- CTF does not receive a state appropriation. Rather it is funded by interest income from a restricted trust fund, direct donations, grants, specialty license plate sales, income tax check-off and fundraising events.

#### **What Does the Children's Trust Fund Do?**

- Funds 72 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils, serving 82 of Michigan's 83 counties.
- Funds over 25 community-based non-profit, direct service programs across the state including childhood development programs, respite care, home visitation programs, parent education and support groups.
- Provides training, technical assistance and support to our statewide prevention network.

#### **Why Should You Get Involved?**

- Research shows for every \$1 spent on child abuse and neglect prevention, \$34 will NOT be spent on publicly-funded, crisis-oriented programming such as protective services, foster care, special education, counseling and more – and this does not take into account juvenile delinquency or adult incarceration.

#### **How Can You Get Involved?**

You can help prevent child abuse and neglect by becoming an event sponsor, purchasing or selling ticket(s), or by donating an auction item to the CTF's 2012 Signature Auction Event on Wednesday, May 16, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center.

#### **Are Your Donations Tax Deductible?**

Yes. Your donations will help prevent child abuse and neglect throughout the State and because CTF was created by the Michigan Legislature as a charitable and educational endowment fund, your donations are charitable contributions and are therefore tax deductible. CTF's taxpayer identification number is 38-6000134.

**To get involved, make a donation, or for additional information about the Children's Trust Fund, visit [www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature](http://www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature) or call 1-800-CHILDREN**