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The Department of Human Services (DHS), Children's Trust Fund (CTF), is the only statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. CTF does not receive a state appropriation to support its important work, and relies substantially on individual giving through the purchase of the specialty license plate, the tax check off, fundraising efforts such as the upcoming Signature Auction Event, and interest earnings from the Children's Trust Fund in the Department of Treasury.

CTF has made great strides in aligning their support of child abuse prevention efforts with the full array of child welfare programs and services that are provided by DHS. Because prevention efforts are so critical to our full continuum of child welfare services, we are inviting DHS staff throughout Michigan to consider supporting the Trust Fund. There are two easy ways to provide support.

1. **Income Tax Check-Off:** This tax season, we have the opportunity to support CTF with a tax check-off contribution. When you do your Michigan taxes, look for **Michigan Tax Form 4642, which is the Voluntary Contribution Schedule**. CTF is listed as "Children's Trust Fund – Preventing Child Abuse in Michigan" along with other charities. If you use a tax preparer for your taxes, be sure to inform him or her of your donation intentions. This campaign is significant in generating much needed dollars for the important work of child abuse prevention in Michigan.
2. **Children's Trust Fund Specialty License Plate:** Since its creation, CTF has raised over \$60 million and provided support to over 6 million children and families. Part of that money came from the sale of specialty license plates. At any time during the year, or when you renew your license plate, you can order a CTF plate from the Secretary of State at www.michigan.gov/sos. The CTF plate sells for \$35; \$25 of which goes to CTF to help fight child abuse and neglect. Once you purchase a plate, an annual \$10 fee (as part of your license plate renewal) provides ongoing support of the work of the CTF. All contributions are tax deductible.

By purchasing a CTF specialty plate, you will further our work and help share the word with your friends, family and neighbors, that you endorse supporting Michigan children and families.

You can also support CTF by helping to get the word out. Please send this message on to your family and friends so they can see that you endorse supporting Michigan children and families through the Children's Trust Fund. For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, please visit www.michigan.gov/ctf or call 1-800-CHILDREN.