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Hello all,

We would like to share the press release that was sent out today, March 12, 2014 by the MDCH Director's Office. If you know families who would benefit, please encourage them to apply to the CSN Fund.

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LANSING – The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) today announced that the Michigan Children with Special Needs (CSN) Fund received a \$50,000 grant from the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation. The CSN Fund will use this grant to help Michigan families that have children with special health care needs purchase indoor home ceiling and stair lifts.

“This is a very generous gift that will go a long way to supporting Michigan children with special needs and their families,” Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said. “I thank the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation for its generosity and commitment to improving the lives of others.”

The funds will help pay for ceiling and stair lifts – equipment that ensures children can be transferred safely and securely in their homes. These home improvements also minimize health issues parents and caregivers experience as a result of frequent lifts and transfers of children.

“Keeping Michigan’s youth healthy is always a top priority for the state,” said James K. Haveman, Director of the MDCH. “These funds will not only improve the quality of life for special needs children statewide, but will also assist the families and caregivers who love and support them.”

The CSN Fund is housed in Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), a program that helps families address the medical care and treatment needs for certain eligible medical conditions for children that have special health care needs. The CSN Fund was created in 1944 to help children with special needs when other sources of funding are not available. For the past 70 years, the CSN Fund has helped thousands of

Michigan families purchase equipment that improve the quality of life, independence, and mobility of children with special needs.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/csnfund or call the CSN Fund at (517) 241-7420. For more information about Children's Special Health Care Services in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/cshcs, contact your local health department, or call the CSHCS Family Phone Line at 1-800-359-3722.