Cost and Proceeds

For only $40 you will have a souvenir that can be passed from generation to generation as a cherished keepsake of a loved one’s birth. The sale of each heirloom certificate will provide $20 to the Children’s Trust Fund of Michigan to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

About the Children’s Trust Fund

- Established by Public Act 250 of 1982.

- Michigan’s only independent, statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

- Since 1982, CTF has generated more than $60 million to support prevention programs and services in communities across the state, positively touching the lives of more than six million children and families.

- CTF does not receive state general funds for operations. The Children’s Trust Fund relies on direct donations, promotional campaigns, including a specialty license plate, an heirloom birth certificate, state income tax contributions, grants, investment income and fundraising events for their programs and services.

For more information about Michigan’s Children’s Trust Fund, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf or call 1-800-CHILDREN (517-373-4320).

Children’s Trust Fund

Mission: To serve as a voice for Michigan’s children and families, and to promote their health, safety, and welfare by funding local programs and services that will effectively help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Michael Foley
CTF Executive Director

Michigan Department of Community Health

Mission: To protect, preserve, and promote the health and safety of the people of the State of Michigan.

Vision: Improve health, improve care, lower costs through competitive and collaborative organized systems of care.

Values: Always inspire leadership, achieve excellence and develop teamwork.

James K. Haveman
Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health

State of Michigan

Heirloom Birth Certificates

Division for Vital Records & Health Statistics
201 Townsend Street, 3rd Floor
Lansing, MI 48913
Phone: 517-335-8666
www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords

Honor your child’s birth date in history.
Heirloom Birth Certificates

The beautiful *souvenir* heirloom birth certificates are 8.5” x 11” and suitable for framing. Information on the certificate will proudly show the facts of birth of your loved one. Gift certificates are also available for purchase.

There are five designs to choose from, created from the original art work of local Michigan artists. Each certificate can be purchased at a cost of $40 and a portion of proceeds raised will go to benefit the Children’s Trust Fund to support the statewide prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Ordering Information**

The person requesting the heirloom certificate must, by law, meet at least one of the eligibility requirements listed below:

- Child named on the record
- Parent named on the record
- Heir of person named on the record
- Guardian/legal representative of the person named on the record

**ORDERING A CERTIFICATE**

To apply, you may choose from three options:

- **Mail In**
  Download an application from the website below and mail to Vital Records at the address listed on the application. [www.michigan.gov/heirloom](http://www.michigan.gov/heirloom)
  Or, you may call the Eligibility Unit at 517-335-8666 to have an application mailed to you.

- **Order Online**
  Access our online ordering service at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com) to order with a credit card.

- **Apply in Person**
  Apply in person at the State Office located at 201 Townsend St, Capitol View Building, 3rd floor, Lansing MI 48913.

*Directions to the office are available online at: [www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords](http://www.michigan.gov/vitalrecords)*

Processing time for all heirloom birth applications mailed in or applied for in person may take up to five weeks.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES**

If you are not eligible to request an heirloom birth record for a loved one, you may purchase a gift certificate to present to the child or parent for redemption. Gift certificates must be purchased by mail or in person.

*Please note that heirloom certificates are non-certified and cannot be used for any legal purpose.*