



## The Michigan Children's Trust Fund Reinvests All Increases in Tax Check-off Contributions to Communities of Origin



Michigan taxpayers can take advantage of the opportunity to increase the child abuse prevention funding in their communities by making a tax-deductible contribution when filing the Michigan tax return. 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.

Like last year, all tax check-off contributions made to the Children’s Trust Fund will be returned to the communities of origin. The trust fund has always provided community grants that exceed the local tax check off amounts. Now, with this plan, CTF will increase those grants, dollar for dollar, with the increases in contributions.

Grants from the trust fund support a wide range of programs and services through the statewide network of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils. Based on local priorities, local councils use funding for initiatives such as shaken baby prevention and safe sleep education, parent support, child sexual assault prevention and education, welcome baby supports for new families, and community wide education to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Again, please remember when filing your state taxes that a portion of your 2018 income tax refund can be directed the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund – Prevent Child Abuse Michigan. Voluntary Contributions are listed on Line 22 of Form MI 1040. The amount to enter comes from line 3 on [Form 4642, 2018 Michigan Voluntary Contributions Schedule](#) which must be included with your tax return. If you use Turbo Tax the software addresses the voluntary contributions topic after you have completed the local section of your state tax return. You have the option to direct \$5, \$10, or an amount greater than \$10 from your income tax refund to help prevent child abuse in Michigan.

For more information about the CTF, how to contribute, and how to participate in local fundraising activities, please visit [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf) or contact Tricia Headley, CTF Fund Development Manager at 517-241-7226 or email [headleyp@michigan.gov](mailto:headleyp@michigan.gov).

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