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## Snyder Signs Bill Authorizing Creation and Sale of Heirloom Birth Certificates

On May 18, 2011, at the CTF Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event, Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation that allows the state to create and sell heirloom birth certificates with a portion of the revenue going to the Michigan Children's Trust Fund.

The heirloom birth certificates will be sold by the Michigan Department of Community Health as family keepsakes. They are not official birth records. The new law is referred to as the Pam Posthumus Law in recognition of the late Pam Posthumus, wife of former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and mother of state Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons, who sponsored the bill. Pam Posthumus served on the Children's Trust Fund board.

"This new law is a fitting tribute to Pam's legacy of advocacy and service on behalf of Michigan's children," Snyder said. "She would be delighted to know that this creative revenue source will help the Trust Fund achieve our shared goals of protecting the health, safety and welfare of children across our state." House Bill 4258 is now Public Act 28 of 2011.

Source: [www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,1607,7-277-57577\\_57657-256489--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,1607,7-277-57577_57657-256489--,00.html)



### A Special Thank You!

Your overwhelming passion for the mission of the Children's Trust Fund is deeply appreciated! Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work to make our ninth annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event a huge success!

Because of caring individuals such as you, the event raised over a half million dollars for child abuse prevention programs in Michigan and hosted nearly 700 guests! We are grateful for your continued support, generosity and commitment to this very important issue of child abuse prevention. As the event has grown, so has the number of champions for children. You have helped us prove that a group of committed individuals can make a difference, even in times such as this. On behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, I would like to express a heartfelt thanks to our Legislative Co-Chairs, CTF Board, the entire Advisory Committee and Sub-Committee Co-Chairs, Sponsors, Auction Item Donors, and the many, many supporters and volunteers that made the event possible. We could not have done this without each and every one of you! --Tricia Headley, Fund Development Coordinator

# 2011 Regional Meetings Planned and Will Begin in June, 2011

Once more CTF's Local Council Coordinator, Emily Schuster-Wachsberger, will be conducting regional meetings throughout the state and building upon last year's successful meetings. Currently, over 60 individuals plan to attend. In addition to Local Councils having an opportunity to share their successes and challenges, planned topics to explore at the all-day meeting include needs assessment development, peer sharing, and an examination of how to advance locally-created programming on the Evidence-Informed/Evidence-Based programming continuum. It is a thrill for this writer to travel around Michigan and have an opportunity to interact personally with the many dedicated Local Council individuals. The following is a list of regional meeting dates and locations.

**Southeast** – Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Care House

44765 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48341

**Southwest** – Thursday, June 30, 2011

Kalamazoo County/DHS

322 East Stockbridge, Kalamazoo, MI 49002

**West** – Thursday, July 14, 2011

Kent County Local Council

678 Front Ave. NW #210, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504

**East** – Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Saginaw CAN Council Mid-Michigan Children's Museum

315 W. Genesee Ave Saginaw, MI 48602

**Northern Lower Peninsula** – Wednesday, August 10, 2011

B.J.'s Banquet Meeting Rooms

990 N. Center St. Gaylord, MI 49735

**Eastern UP** – Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Village Inn of Newberry

7552 M 123, Newberry, MI 49868

**Western UP** – Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Conference Rm C RESA

321 East Ohio Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Please contact Emily Schuster-Wachsberger ([wachsbergere@michigan.gov](mailto:wachsbergere@michigan.gov)) with any questions.

# Direct Service Program of the Month

## *Family Resource Center of Livingston County*



In December 2010, after many months of self reflection and strategic planning, the Women's Resource Center of Livingston County launched its new identity as the Family Resource Center, to more clearly and accurately reflect the scope of the agency's programs, which are designed to strengthen and support women, men, and children – in a word, families – in our community.

With a direct services grant from CTF, our Healthy Families Livingston Program was able to expand to provide services specifically for fathers, known as Dad's Make a Difference. Participants have included dads who are single, married, divorcing, and primary care givers. With the help of a trained facilitator, these dads learn about child development, parenting, and the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. They also have the opportunity to give and receive feedback and support each other in becoming better fathers.

With the support of Circle of Parents and other services, one participant gained control over his abuse of alcohol, found and maintained stable employment and began to participate positively in the lives of his children. At his own request, he attended the CTF-sponsored Parent Leadership Training in July 2010. Upon returning, he helped develop a new flyer for the group, and began actively recruiting other members by speaking at parenting classes about the benefits of joining the Circle of Parents support group.

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# Communications/Team News

## Christina Medina Joins CTF Staff



Christina Medina has been hired to serve as a General Office Assistant in the CTF office. She has been involved in the various roles in the last three Signature Auction Events and the 2011 Child Abuse Prevention Month rally. In 2009, she was responsible for registration; in 2010 she was a volunteer; and in 2011 she was the volunteer coordinator and had responsibilities for sponsor management.

Christina has a B.S. degree from Central Michigan University in Community Development with an option in Community Services. She lives in Lansing with her husband Eric, daughter Isabel (pictured above), and son Isaiah. CTF is pleased to welcome Christina to our team.

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