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Thank you to Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville for 12 Years of Dedication to CTF



The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) extends heartfelt appreciation to Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville for his unending support of CTF and our annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event. Senator Richardville was one of the first four original legislative co-chairs in 2003. He has remained very active and supportive of the event for the past twelve years. He has taken time from an extremely busy schedule to meet with CTF Board and staff; to solicit sponsorships and gift items for the event; and to attend early morning meetings and media events.

In his varying roles in the legislature, he has never wavered in his efforts to assure that vulnerable children and families in Michigan are a priority. Senator Richardville has provided outstanding support of CTF and our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect across the state. After serving two complete terms in both the House and Senate, Senator Richardville will truly be missed as a champion for CTF in the Michigan legislature. Yet we know (because he's told us so!) that he will continue to support our organization and our annual event, as a member of the Advisory Committee, and we look forward to that continued partnership.

SAVE THE DATE!

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND OF MICHIGAN

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

WHAT: Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

**WHEN: Wednesday, May 13, 2015
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**



**WHERE: Lansing Center, Downtown Lansing
For directions go to <http://lansingcenter.com>**

WHY GET INVOLVED: To help protect Michigan's most vulnerable citizens from child abuse and neglect. Your donation can help to make a difference.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- **Join the CTF's Advisory Committee**
- **Become a Cash or In-kind Sponsor**
- **Donate or Underwrite an Auction Item**
- **Host a Table at the Event**
- **Purchase a Ticket to Attend the Event**

Visit www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature to download an auction item, sponsor commitment, table host, or ticket purchase form.

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS: Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/CTFAuction2015> or call the CTF office at 1-800-CHILDREN.

Please contact Tricia Headley, CTF Event/Fund Development Manager, at headleyp@michigan.gov, for additional information or to get involved.

LOCAL COUNCIL NEWS

Child Abuse Prevention Month! Prevention Awareness Day: Save the Date

Although Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month seems like a long way off, CTF is already planning for our Prevention Awareness Day (PrAD) event—a day to recognize CAP Month and to honor all the children and families in our state. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 11AM at the State Capitol steps in Lansing. We have an exciting day planned that will include a rally, procession, and the “planting” of a pinwheel garden. We’ll have notable speakers and entertainment, all supporting the belief that child abuse and neglect can be prevented. Following the rally at the Capitol steps, all participants will walk two blocks down Michigan Avenue where the pinwheel garden portion of the event will take place. The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. Stay tuned for further details!

Safe Sleep Local Council Feedback

This summer, CTF Local Councils held seven regional meetings throughout the state. These meetings enabled Local Councils to spend the morning portion of the meeting examining the Safe Sleep programming in their respective communities. Currently Michigan is losing approximately 140 infants per year due to unsafe sleep circumstances. These deaths are 100% preventable. During the Safe Sleep discussions, information was gathered about successful local council programming, opportunities and gaps, and priority recommendations. The data represented 65 of 73 councils and included input from more than 100 attendees. The information is being presented at an upcoming Infant Safe Sleep Advisory Committee meeting and can be obtained by contacting Emily Schuster-Wachsberger at CTF.

Annual Training

On October 27 and 28, Local Councils convened in Plymouth, MI for the CTF annual training which is coordinated with the annual University of Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect Conference. During both days, councils had opportunities to listen to notable speakers, attend a number of informative breakout sessions, and dine together. During the Local Council breakout session, needs assessments were discussed and explored. The councils will soon be completing a new three-year application process, the first step of which is collecting and evaluating needs assessment data. This data is necessary in order to help the councils determine appropriate programming for fiscal years 2016-2018. The councils brainstormed practical and effective ways to proceed with the process of gathering and analyzing needs assessment information. They also engaged in a peer sharing activity which enabled each council to pair with another to hold conversations designed to strengthen their council’s programming and administration. The discussions were animated, creative and will assist Local Councils with the upcoming application process. It is always this Local Council coordinator’s pleasure to spend time with such a dynamic and dedicated group of individuals!

New FRIENDS Online Learning Course

The FRIENDS National Center on Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention is pleased to release an online learning course Evidence-Based 101. This is a three module course about evidence-based research, practices and programs and is accompanied by a workbook to be used as the course is completed.

The first module is designed as an introduction to evidence-based practice. Module two discusses how to conduct a needs assessment and analyze the data with an emphasis on understanding how internal agency capacity impacts service delivery. Module three explores resources for researching various models, programs and practices as well as providing key questions that help in the selection process.

You may go through each module in a single sitting or stop and start as you wish completing the course at your own pace and convenience. Access to the Online Learning Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <http://friendsnrcelearning.org>.

Winners of Drawing at Annual Training

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Children's Trust Fund resource table at the University of Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect Conference on October 27-28. The winners of the CTF door prizes were Marcia Franks, Christie Campbell, and Dianne Haitman. Congrats!

Kids Store

When you think of the month of November, you usually think of Thanksgiving and all of the great food that you will be eating! Many of us have lots of leftovers and what better way to carry your leftovers to work, school or any place away from home than in a lunch cooler. The lined cooler is great for storing your food and keeping it fresh, and it comes with an adjustable strap for easy carrying and is very lightweight. It also has CTF's logo imprinted on it. The lunch coolers are available in green, yellow and blue. You can show your support and buy a lunch cooler for only \$6.00 each. All proceeds go back to Children's Trust Fund in helping prevent child abuse and neglect.

To purchase this item or to check out other CTF items in our Kids Store, please go to <http://media.state.mi.us/michiganestore/public/categorydisplay.aspx?categoryId=8>. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Stokes at 517-373-4320.



Best Wishes to Christina Medina

On September 18, Christina Medina accepted a position as a Youth Intervention Specialist for Ingham Teen Court/ Team Attendance. Christina had worked for the Children's Trust Fund since 2011 as a General Office Assistant and her work included dedicating many hours to providing support for the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event. We wish her all the best in her new endeavors!



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