



**Children's Trust Fund**  
Protecting Michigan's Children

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## CTF NEWS BRIEFS ~ February 2016

### Wayne State University's Kappa Delta Sorority Hosting Shamrock Pancake Breakfast for CTF

Gamma Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta will host their second annual Shamrock Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 5th, 2016 from 10am to 1pm at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. It is open house style so feel free to stop by for as long as you wish! All proceeds from our ticket sales and raffles will benefit Prevent Child Abuse America and the Michigan Children's Trust Fund. For more information visit their website at [www.shamrockpancake.weebly.com](http://www.shamrockpancake.weebly.com).



### Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting on April 13

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. The meeting will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance, 8 Corporate Way, Lansing, Michigan 48951. For more information on attending this meeting or receiving copies of agendas contact Alan Stokes at [stokesa@michigan.gov](mailto:stokesa@michigan.gov) or call 517-373-4320. Other meetings this year will be held on June 8, 2016; September 28, 2016; and December 14, 2016.

### *Featured Events*

**Parenting Awareness Month – March 1-31 (See Page 5)**

**Prevention Awareness Day – April 19 (See Page 3)**

**Pam Posthumus Signature Auction – May 18 (See Page 2)**

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# *Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event*

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

## EVENT DETAILS



### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD!

**J**oin us for a night of great music, fun conversation and lively bidding at the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event. Who knows what you might take home! A delicious hors d'oeuvres buffet and complimentary bar are included in the price of your ticket.

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Lansing Center, Downtown Lansing**

Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/CTFAuctionTickets> or call the Children's Trust Fund office at 517-373-4320 or 1-800-CHILDREN.

For directions to the Lansing Center go to <http://lansingcenter.com>

### *Ready to get involved?*

- Join the Auction Advisory Committee
- Sponsor with Cash or In-Kind Services
- Donate or Underwrite an Auction Item
- Purchase and Host a Table
- Purchase or Sell Tickets
- Promote Volunteer Opportunities



VISIT [WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/CTFSIGNATURE](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/CTFSIGNATURE) TO DOWNLOAD THE FORMS FOR AUCTION ITEM DONATION, SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE, VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT, TABLE HOST OR TICKET PURCHASE.

*Proceeds from the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event go directly to the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan to prevent child abuse and neglect.*

# Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month is Only Two Months Away

Even though it is only February and we're at that time of year when; we're either lamenting the coming end to snow sports season, or wishing a warm sun and flowers would appear, Child Abuse Prevention Month will soon be here. Since 1983 April has been designated by presidential decree as Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month. During each April, prevention networks throughout our state and nation pause to acknowledge the issues of child maltreatment and to bring awareness to the great prevention work being done to strengthen families so that all of our children may thrive.

For the past 7 years a number of Local Councils have volunteered their valuable time to be part of a sub-committee that helps plan the Children's Trust Fund's CAP Month programming and resources. This dynamic group includes: Catherine Martinez (Bay), Kathy Kelly (Ingham), Holly Naylor (Livingston), Miriana Milo (Oakland Co.), Leigh Moerdyke (Ottawa), Leslie Eschenbacher (Saginaw), and Cindy Swift (Out-Wayne).

First, they assist CTF in developing a CAP Month toolkit which provides a plethora of high quality informational materials that both CTF affiliated and other like-minded individuals and organizations can use to plan their own CAP Month programming and activities. To access this toolkit go to the following link, <http://tinyurl.com/CAPToolkit>. This sub-committee also helps plan Prevention Awareness Day.

Speaking about Prevention Awareness Day, this year marks the 8th year when we come together during Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month to acknowledge the issues of abuse and neglect in Michigan. We also gather to recognize the great prevention work being accomplished in our state as well as to honor all our children and families. This rally event will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 11AM at the Lansing State Capitol steps. This year's event will be once more structured as: a rally, procession, and the "planting" of a pinwheel garden. The rally will consist of notable speakers and entertainment. The subsequent procession will walk down Michigan Avenue toward the traffic circle at Michigan and Washington Avenue, where a pinwheel "garden" will be planted. The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. The theme for this year's CAP Month is once more The Power of One. This statewide initiative under the leadership of the CTF asserts that the power of one person, one community, one dollar and one action can make a significant effect on the prevention of child abuse.

A Legislative Education Day (LED) Component will once more be added to Prevention Awareness Day which will afford CTF grantees and other child advocates an opportunity to educate legislators about prevention needs and current programming across the state.

CTF invites individuals and/or organizations to participate in this momentous rally event. Please attend the rally and visibly represent your organization, and/or come to educate legislators. If you receive Facebook notices about Prevention Awareness Day, we request that you share the post (if you are able). We are looking forward to increasing the number of attendees at this auspicious occasion.

Your participation in Prevention Awareness Day will benefit you.

- The event will enable you and/or your organization to join with others as a positive presence of support in the belief that child abuse and neglect can and must be prevented.
- Attending this event reinforces your commitment to championing healthy child development and nurturing environments, key components to the foundation of a thriving society.
- By coming you demonstrate mutual support of each other as Michigan prevention champions.
- Notable speakers will be imparting their experiences and wisdom that day. You might learn something that you didn't know before.

Feel free to contact Emily Schuster-Wachsberger ([wachsbergere@michigan.gov](mailto:wachsbergere@michigan.gov), 517-335-0671) with any Prevention Awareness Day, including Legislative Education Day questions as well as for any donation inquiries.

Please join with the Michigan Children's Trust Fund in April (and throughout the year) when we assert the notion that all children deserve great childhoods because they are our future.

## 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 increases in 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 CTF when filing your state income taxes. Look for Michigan Tax Form 4642, Voluntary Contribution Schedule, and check to protect.

For more information about CTF, how to contribute, and how to participate in local fundraising activities, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/mictftaxcampaign> or contact CTF Fund Development Coordinator, Tricia Headley at [headleyp@michigan.gov](mailto:headleyp@michigan.gov).





# 24th Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conferences

**October 13, 2016  
Holiday Inn Marquette**



**November 18, 2016  
Kellogg Hotel &  
Conference Center  
East Lansing**



Learn about parenting issues, and current trends, programs, resources. Kick off the 24th Annual Parenting Awareness Month

For anyone who works with parents and families- educators, service providers, school personnel, parent network and coalition members, and parent leaders and volunteers.

## Conference Highlights:

- Network with people throughout the state working to have a positive impact.
- Workshops on issues facing parents and caregivers
- Parenting information and resources for year around
- Resources to kick off a successful Parenting Awareness Month in 2017
- The winning 2017 PAM Poster Contest entries on display
- Network with people throughout the state

**Come alone or bring a group. Connect with other parenting advocates and educators who will talk about a variety of parenting and family topics.**



**Registration Opens in August  
Continuing Education Available  
Visit [www.preventionnetwork.org/pam](http://www.preventionnetwork.org/pam)  
800-968-4968**

Sponsored by Prevention Network and the  
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## CTF Social Media Pages



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### Visit our eStore

As February, the month of love, approaches us, it is now a great time to think about that someone special in your life. What better way than to get them a beautiful sterling silver necklace that has a pinwheel pendant. This necklace will compliment any outfit as well as a great communication starter piece. The pinwheel is the universal symbol for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. For only \$25.00 you can help support Children's Trust Fund. All proceeds go to Children's Trust Fund in helping prevent child abuse & neglect.

To purchase this necklace and/or to check out other CTF great items in our kids store please go to the website listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristie Feldpausch at 517-373-4320.



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