

# *Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event*

## CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND FAQ

### What is the Children's Trust Fund?

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

- Established by Public Act 250 of 1982, as Michigan's only statewide nonprofit organization solely dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Since 1982, CTF has raised more than \$60 million in charitable donations to support prevention programs and services in communities across the state, impacting over 6 million children and families through community-based grants.
- CTF does not receive a state appropriation. Rather, it is funded by interest income from a restricted trust fund, direct donations, grants, specialty license plate sales, income tax check-off and fundraising events.

### What Does CTF Do?

- Funds over 73 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils, serving all 83 Michigan counties, in addition to 21 community-based non-profit, direct service programs across the state including childhood development programs, respite care, home visitation programs, and parent education.
- Provides training, technical assistance and support to our statewide prevention network.
- Promotes evidence based services for children and families.

### Why Should You Get Involved?

- Optimal child development is at the core of community and economic development.
- Effective child development efforts lay a strong foundation for a child's successful growth and development.
- When we don't make the healthy growth and development of our children a top priority, we jeopardize our future.

### How Can You Get Involved?

You can help prevent child abuse and neglect by becoming an event sponsor, joining the Auction Advisory Committee, hosting a table, purchasing or selling tickets, or by donating an auction item to the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event.

### Are Your Donations Tax Deductible?

Yes. Your donations will help prevent child abuse and neglect throughout Michigan and because CTF was created by the Michigan Legislature as a charitable and educational endowment fund, your donations are charitable contributions and are tax deductible. CTF's taxpayer identification number is 38-6000134.