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Holiday Gift Giving Opportunities

This holiday season we hope you will consider a gift that will keep on giving! When you donate to the Children's Trust Fund—to the prevention of child abuse and neglect—you give a gift that will make a difference in the life of a child and family in Michigan. The Children's Trust Fund supports programs and services throughout Michigan that are making meaningful differences for children and families. The support you provide helps us sustain our work at a time when so many are facing particularly challenging times.

Most are familiar with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's Campaign "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" and CTF's Child Abuse Prevention Month Campaign "The Power of One." This year's CTF Tax Campaign is "Every Child Deserves Our Protection." Each campaign slogan is a reminder that we are all connected—that we are all one—conveying the need for community!

There are many opportunities this holiday season, and throughout 2011, to support community: by donating to our current Annual Appeal campaign, by purchasing a CTF specialty license plate (and encouraging others to do the same), by making a donation on your state income tax form 4642, by remembering CTF in your estate planning, by becoming a sponsor, gift donor, or table host for the ninth annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event on May 18, 2011. For additional information on any of the above campaigns, please contact me at 517-241-7226 or headleyp@michigan.gov. You can also visit our web site at www.michigan.gov/ctf for additional information.

Over the years we have experienced your generosity and sense of community and we thank you!

Blessings to you and your family for a safe and joy-filled Holiday Season!

Tricia Headley
Fund Development

Direct Services Grant of the Month

Detroit Parent Network



“Two years ago I went to Youthville, the building where Detroit Parent Network is located. My family and I were looking to enroll our children into Youthville’s programming. We found out about Detroit Parent Network while visiting the building. I joined the organization but did not participate. Last year my life was falling apart and I felt defeated. During that same time I was at my mom’s washing dishes. As I washed the dishes, I prayed and felt God tell me to go to Detroit Parent Network. I went to their office on a Monday morning. I found out about Sista 2 Sista, a Parents Anonymous Support group. I attended a meeting and felt welcomed and respected. The support was overwhelming. The group is wonderful and educational. I cannot say enough about the support I received from Detroit Parent Network and the support group.” – A Parent

Facts about Detroit Parent Network

- An informative and educational organization for parents
- Provide support to parents and children
- Support groups
- Children’s activities
- Resource and referral information

For more information contact:
Detroit Parent Network
7375 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1100
Detroit, MI 48202
PH: 313.832.0617
www.detroitparentnetwork.org

Detroit Parent Network – Parent Support Groups

Men of DPN- Every 3rd Friday at YouthVille Detroit 6-8pm

Divorced Moms – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday at YouthVille Detroit 5-7pm

Sista 2 Sista – Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at YouthVille Detroit 6-8pm

Mother of Inmates – Every 3rd Monday at Fellowship Chapel, 7707 W. Outer Drive in Detroit (48235) – 6-8pm

Teen Parent Support – Every 3rd Friday at Nancy Boykin School, 10255 3rd St. in Detroit 10am-11:30am

One Miracle at a Time – Location & Time: TBD

Strong Parents Strong Families- Location & Time: TBD

Single Parents Support Group- Every 3rd Saturday at Payne Pulliam, 2345 Cass in Detroit, 10am-12pm & Every 3rd Monday at 5:30pm-7:30pm

Maintaining Weight Loss- TBD at Detroit Edison Library, 18400 Joy Road in Detroit (48228)

Domestic Violence Support Group- Every 3rd Saturday at Amazing Grace International Fellowship, 7810 Southfield FWY Detroit, Michigan 10am-12pm & 4-6pm

Grand Parents Support Group – Location & Time: TBD

* Location & Time: To be determined (TBD). Please call LaCherryn Hoost at 313.832.0617 for more information.

Direct Service Grants

A year-long thanks and appreciation for your commitment to Michigan's communities. Wishing all safe and wonderful holidays!

Tip for this month:

“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.”
– Hal Borland

Announcements:

A *Direct Service Orientation* will be held for the seven new FY2011 – FY2014 direct service grantees (below) on January 13, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The orientation will be held at Lansing OPD Training Center (Conference Room “2-1”), 7109 West Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917.

Branch/Hillsdale/St. Joseph Community Health Agency

Healthy Beginnings Teen Prenatal Education Classes

Cadillac Area OASIS/Family Resource Center

The Family Links Program based on Healthy Start Community Outreach and Home Visiting model

Child Advocacy Center of Shiawassee County

Positive Youth Development Educational Programs and Advocacy

Children’s Aid Society – Wayne County

The Nurturing Family Project

Family Service & Children’s Aid – Jackson County

The Nurturing Parenting Education Program

The Guidance Center – Wayne County

My Time Respite Care Program

Michigan State University Extension – Saginaw County

Parents as Teachers Home Visitation Program

Direct Service Workgroup

The DS Workgroup teleconference scheduled for December 2 was cancelled and rescheduled for February 3, 2011, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Email reminders will be sent out in mid-January, along with the agenda. If you have a topic you want discussed, please send an email to brown-joness@michigan.gov.

CTF Conference Call-in Number: 877-336-1828 Access Code: 8088351

Local Councils 2010 Highlights

Reflections on 2010

This past year marked many accomplishments and new beginnings for local councils. A number of those “firsts” were a direct result of input from councils.

This contract period (2010 – 2012) marked the first time that a three-year contract was implemented (instead of an annual renewal process), significantly reducing the work required by local councils. Likewise, local councils had their program register and activity reporting requirements reduced to semi-annual reporting (instead of quarterly).

For the first time, local councils collaborated with each other by tier group to work on projects of their own choosing, which produced a number of volunteer and board development resource materials. That information paved the way to the creation of the Local Council Resource Library on the CTF website. A Tier III workgroup is currently working on creating a social media toolkit which, when completed, will add to the Local Council Resource Library. Another first was the creation of a Peer Sharing Pilot which will be implemented by 14 volunteer councils in 2011.

During this past year CTF combined the design of past regional meetings with a CTF facilitated effort, resulting in the completion of seven successful meetings held throughout the state. At those gatherings councils had opportunities to share and collaborate with their regional neighbors. They also were introduced to peer sharing concepts and provided valuable feedback about possible future opportunities. Commentary from these regional sessions was positive and plans are underway to continue the regional effort in 2011.

One sad note for 2010 was the loss of Carol Schmidt, the Iosco County local council coordinator. She was a tireless advocate for children and families. Prior to her death in January 2010, the Iosco County’s Baby Pantry name was changed to Carol’s Baby Pantry. Her accomplishments and efforts will be remembered and honored.

This year’s initiatives would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the local councils, which represent a strong and significant voice for prevention. Their efforts are valued and appreciated.

Happy holidays!

Healthy Families New York Home Visiting Program Random Control Evaluation Shows Meaningful Outcomes

Exciting research may be found in a recent study from the random assignment control trial evaluation of Healthy Families New York. Interviews with home visited and control participants were held at the time of the child’s birth and when children were ages 1, 2, 3 and 7, and data were collected about child protective services and foster care, along with any applicable federal and state benefits received.

Christine Deyss, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse New York writes, “The recent, child age 7, results include reductions in indicated child abuse for families with prior CPS involvement and, for young first-time mothers entering the program during pregnancy, improved school performance for children, and some identifiable cost savings. Among the findings in prior years were improved birth outcomes, health care, and positive, non-abusive parenting practices.”

A brief, user-friendly summary of findings from birth to age 7 is available at <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/reports/Healthy%20Families%20New%20York%20Short%202011-24-2010%20FINAL.pdf>. The seventh year report will be posted on the National Institute of Justice website in the future, but it’s currently available on NYS Office of Children and Family Services website at http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/prevention/HFNY_Study_10-31-10.asp.

CAP Month 2011

A date for the CAP Month Kick-off event, Prevention Awareness Day, has been set for March 29, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the Capitol steps. The CAP Month Workgroup, CTF staff and others are working to expand the event so that it will be a momentous and memorable occasion in Michigan.

What is Prevention Awareness Day?

- Prevention Awareness Day, along with its theme “The Power of One,” serves as the kick-off for April’s Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- A rally, procession and planting of a pinwheel garden will take place in downtown Lansing to show support for child abuse prevention programs in the state.
- The pinwheel is the national symbol of child abuse and neglect prevention.
- A Legislative Education Day component provides CTF grantees and other child advocates an opportunity to educate legislators about prevention needs and current programming across the state.



How to Become Involved?

- Promote Prevention Awareness Day to other individuals and/or organizations. (Note: Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media are good ways to promote the event.)
- Attend the rally event on March 29, 2011.
- Come to Lansing to educate legislators.
- For further information on becoming a sponsor and/or supporting Prevention Awareness Day, contact Emily Wachsbarger (wachsbarger@michigan.gov) at 517-335-0671.
- Make a donation of \$1 or more to support Prevention Awareness Day.

How Prevention Awareness Day benefits you?

- You and/or your organization join with others as a positive presence of support in the belief that child abuse and neglect can and must be prevented.
- Your investment in healthy child development contributes to community and economic development, as flourishing children become the foundation of a thriving society.
- Estimates show that implementing effective policies and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect can save taxpayers more than \$104 billion each year.
- Taking responsibility for creating safe and nurturing environments in which to raise our children leads to happy and healthy children.

Circle of Parents



Greetings to Michigan's Circle of Parents network, and a year-long THANKS for a job well done! Our goal is to continue to build statewide capacity. Have safe and happy holidays!

Please send in your success stories.
Collaborative partners are always welcome.

"If I had my child to raise all over again, I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later. I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less. I would do less correcting and more connecting. I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes. I'd take more hikes and fly more kites. I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play. I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars. I'd do more hugging and less tugging."

– Diane Loomans, from "If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again"

Updates

- Mark your calendars for Prevention Awareness Day on March 29, 2011. Join us and be a voice for Michigan's children by attending the rally event. Promote Prevention Awareness Day to other individuals and/or organizations.
- CTF's Circle of Parents Advisory Committee (COPAC) meeting was held on October 28. The committee remains open to all interested persons. The committee is looking for a co-chair to take on a lead role with the COP Advisory Committee. **Self-nominations are welcomed.** The next COP Advisory Committee teleconference meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2010, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Conference call-in number: 877-336-1828 Code: 8088351

Statewide COP Training Information (Only 25 slots available - Register Early!)

Where: Weiss Advocacy Center (formerly C/CAN and CAC)
515 East Street
Flint, MI 48505-1946

When: Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Training and materials will be provided to participants at no charge. CTF will provide training materials, breakfast and lunch. Participants will be responsible for their lodging and evening meals.

Contact: Sylvia Brown Jones, LMSW (Brown-jones@michigan.gov) at 517-241-7792 or Lena Shacks-Glover (shacksl@michigan.gov) at 517-335-2711.

The training registration form is accessible at: www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/COP_training_brochure.Registration_Jan_20-21_2011_337957_7.pdf.

Key Dates



December 16: The Circle of Parents Advisory Committee teleconference meeting is scheduled for December 16 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. To participate, call 877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

December 23-24: The Children's Trust Fund office is closed for the Christmas Holiday.

December 30-31: The Children's Trust Fund office is closed for the New Year's Holiday.

January 6: The Local Council Work Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. To participate, call 1-877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

January 13: The Children's Trust Fund will host a Direct Service Grant Orientation for new grantees from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2-1 at the Lansing OPD Training Center, 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. Please contact Derrick Hartwell at 517-373-4320 to confirm attendance.

January 17: The Children's Trust Fund office is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

January 20-21: The Children's Trust Fund will host a Circle of Parents Statewide Training on January 20-21 at Weiss Advocacy Center, 726 Church Street, Flint, MI 48502.

January 24: The Local Council Tier III Project group meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. To participate, call 877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

January 25: The Child Abuse Prevention Month Sub-Work Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. To participate, call 877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

January 27: There will be a Peer Sharing Pilot technical assistance Webinar on January 27 at 1:00 p.m. Registration information will be provided to those involved at a later date.

Please submit dates for future events to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov by January 3, 2011.

michigan.gov/dhs



Michigan Department of Human Services Launches Mobile App

Information Includes How to Report Abuse of Children

The Michigan Department of Human Services has launched a mobile application to help people access information on DHS services from their mobile phones. Information available on this free app will include how to report abuse of children or adults, report suspected fraud in DHS programs, or become a foster or adoptive parent. The app was released to the Android market on December 9, 2010, and will be available in the iPhone by the end of the month.

Communications/Team News

CTF Welcomes Ama Agyemang



Ama Agyemang has joined the Children's Trust Fund team as a Grant Monitor for Before and After School Programs. Ama is from Ghana, West Africa and received her Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree from Michigan State University. Her most recent assignment was serving as a Departmental Analyst in the Department of Human Services, in the position of Relative Licensing Coordinator for the Foster Care Unit.

Mike Foley, Executive Director of Children's Trust Fund, said, "We are delighted to have Ama join the CTF Team. Her passion and expertise will be very important in accomplishing our goal of integrating prevention programs in innovative and expanded areas in Michigan communities." Welcome aboard Ama!

Special Thanks

CTF wishes to express its thanks to the Kappa Delta Sorority Gamma Omicron Chapter at Wayne State University. Their recent Vera Bradley Fund-raiser event raised almost \$3,000 to support the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the Children's Trust Fund.



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