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Third Annual Children's Advocate Award Recipient Carol Goss

The Children's Trust Fund was proud to honor Carol Goss as our 2014 Child Advocate Award recipient at the 12th annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction event. Ms. Goss recently retired from her position as President and CEO of the Skillman Foundation. In her leadership role at the Skillman Foundation, Ms. Goss promoted a vision that child abuse and neglect are intolerable for all Michigan's children, and that supporting families is a responsibility we all share. Her tireless efforts to strengthen families align closely with the mission of the Children's Trust Fund. Her nationally recognized leadership in education reform, her visionary transformation of Skillman's grant making, and her focus on neighborhoods have positively impacted the lives of countless children and families. Ms. Goss's work exemplifies the vision of the Trust Fund to assure that all children thrive and reach their greatest potential.



Pictured (L to R): Michael Foley, Lori Wortz, Carol Goss, Governor Rick Snyder.

Mike Flanagan Joins CTF Board of Directors

Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, recently joined the Children's Trust Fund Board of Directors to represent the Department of Education. Mike Flanagan has dedicated his career focused on improving the education and lives of all children in Michigan. After leading as a local and regional school superintendent in Michigan, he was appointed State Superintendent in 2005 and is the longest-serving state schools chief in the nation. His overarching creed is to have a quality educational system that serves all children. Mike has spearheaded statewide programs to increase access in early childhood education; reading proficiency by the end of third grade; quality educational opportunities; school breakfasts; and begin building a Culture of Reading. Mike and his wife Anna have three grown children and five grandchildren.



Mike Flanagan



Carol Wolenberg

His appointment follows the retirement of Carol Wolenberg, who served on the board for 20 years. CTF extends many thanks to Carol for her years of service and her commitment to children and families in Michigan.



RICHARD J. GARBER ANNOUNCES \$3 MILLION CAN COUNCIL GREAT LAKES BAY REGION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

“We are at maximum capacity,” says Suzanne Greenberg, CAN Council President/CEO. “Our expansion will allow us to deliver services to 30 percent more children and families each year.”

Capital Campaign Co-Chairs, Richard J. Garber (Saginaw), President of Garber Management Group, and Michael J. Stodolak (Standish), Senior Vice President of Independent Bank, along with 130 business and community leaders will raise funds to renovate and expand the existing building located at 1311 N. Michigan Ave.

The \$3 million campaign will allow the CAN council to provide:

- Superior privacy and security for abused children and their families during forensic interviews and medical examinations;
- Dedicated space to interview more than one abused child at a time;
- Capacity to offer evidence-based parent support services on-site; and
- Adequate training room and private meeting space for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers and supervisors.

Early-stage grant writing and fundraising efforts have procured two-thirds of the \$3 million needed for construction. The team led by Richard J. Garber & Michael J. Stodolak will raise the remaining funds needed by summer 2014. R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc. is scheduled to break ground in June 2014 and complete the building by 2015.

“The CAN Council protects the most vulnerable members of our community – our children. The Great Lakes Bay Region will unite to build its new facility ensuring the safety of our children for generations to come.” – Richard J. Garber, Campaign Co-Chair

Kid Store

Many families look forward to June! Kids are done with school and you may be taking your next family vacation. What better way to travel, whether by car or plane, than with this duffel bag! It’s a compact size but has a large interior and two outside pockets to fit all of your personal belongings. You will be amazed by what you can pack into this great bag! It is available in blue or black. You can show your support for kids in Michigan by purchasing this duffel bag for only \$20. All proceeds go to the Children’s Trust Fund to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

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



A Special Thank You!



Your overwhelming passion for the mission of the Children's Trust Fund has once again made a difference! Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work to make our 12th annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event a huge success!

Because of caring individuals such as you, the event raised over \$500,000 dollars for child abuse prevention programs in Michigan and hosted nearly 700 guests! We are grateful for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to the important issue of child abuse prevention.

We gratefully acknowledge this year's \$50,000 Platinum Sponsor – Great Lakes Capital Fund and our two \$30,000 Premiere Sponsors – DTE Energy Foundation and Jackson National Life Insurance Company. Joining these Platinum and Premiere Sponsors were nearly 100 additional sponsors ranging from \$500 to \$20,000. Please see pages 5-7 for a list of sponsors.

We extend our deepest appreciation to Delta Air Lines. Delta has been the Official Carrier for all twelve years, donating both domestic and international flights that have allowed us to build one-of-a-kind travel experiences around the globe!

On behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, heartfelt thanks to our Legislative Co-Chairs, Advisory Committee, Sponsors, Auction Item Donors, CTF Board, and the many, many supporters and volunteers who made the event possible. We could not have done this without each and every one of you!

Tricia Headley, *Fund Development Coordinator*



Mark and Mary McDaniel, Great Lakes Capital Fund (Platinum Sponsor)

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

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Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Prevention Awareness Day



Approximately 250 people attended this year's Prevention Awareness Day rally in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month in Michigan. The event kicked off at the state capitol and the theme was once again "The Power of One." Speakers included Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan and first lady Sue Snyder. The first lady spoke about child abuse and neglect prevention and specifically the issue of infant unsafe sleep. Other notable speakers included Senators Randy Richardville and Gretchen Whitmer, CTF Board Chair Lori Wertz, former Lansing Area Exchange Club President Dr. Stanley Chase, and Maple Tree Montessori Academy Director Susan Cherry. Each speaker beautifully articulated the issues of child abuse and neglect in Michigan and the meaningful prevention efforts happening in our state.

Attendees had the pleasure of listening to Averill Elementary School's Allstars chorus and the Lansing Community College (LCC) Jazz and Pop Ensemble. After the rally, attendees were led by the Averill Elementary Allstars and first lady Sue Snyder to the traffic circle at Washington and Michigan Avenues where they planted a pinwheel garden in support of child abuse prevention. Participants were then invited to join CTF for lunch.

A number of organizations set up booths to distribute literature and information, including Parenting Awareness Michigan, Tomorrow's Child, the DCH Dental and Healthy Homes/Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Way and the Sparrow Hospital Pediatric Residents. A Legislative Education Day component was also part of Prevention Awareness Day, which provided CTF grantees and other child advocates with an opportunity to educate legislators about prevention needs and current programming across the state.

CTF is grateful for the participation of many local councils, direct service programs, and other organizations that took the time and effort to come from near and far. Special thanks are extended to the CTF Local Council CAP Month Workgroup. These local council volunteers took the time to help plan and organize the event. CTF also wishes to thank Lansing's Mayor Virg Bernero, Department of Parks and Recreation Coordinator Carol Munroe, city police and other officials for their continued support for the procession and pinwheel garden portion of the event, continuing a wonderful tradition that started six years ago.

We are also grateful for the generosity of many sponsors that allowed us to have such a successful event. Sponsors included:

- Dean Trailways which, for the fourth year in a row, provided two buses that picked up attendees in Saginaw, Grand Rapids, and Hastings;
- The Grand Traverse Pie Company that provided us a grand amount of delicious pies, pastries and cookies;
- The Lansing Exchange Club, Lansing Area Black Social Workers Association and Lansing Community College, for providing funds which enabled CTF to provide food and gas money to attendees;
- Absopure, Stan Setas Produce Company, and Cottage Inn Pizza for providing support and sponsorship.

Looking at the beautiful pinwheels that were planted in the Prevention Awareness Day pinwheel garden, I was reminded of its symbolism that every child has the right to a safe, nurturing and loving childhood. With the "Power of One" each one of us can help make that happen.

2014 CTF Local Regional Meetings

Once more CTF's Local Council Coordinator, Emily Schuster-Wachsberger, will conduct regional meetings throughout the state. These meetings provide an opportunity for Local Council partners to share, collaborate, learn, laugh and have fun with their colleagues. The agenda for each all-day meeting will include: Safe Sleep, resilience, parent leadership and Strengthening Families.

All Local Councils have been engaged in Safe Sleep activities in this fiscal year. We will devote significant time during the regional meetings to evaluate progress and achievements. We will also take time to explore new ideas and Safe Sleep opportunities to help save infant lives. The learning and sharing that take place during these meetings is dynamic. In addition to the local council coordinators, CTF has extended the invitation to include local council board members and volunteers. Regional meeting dates and locations are as follows:

Southeast

Wednesday, June 18, 2014
Washtenaw ISD
1819 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Southwest

Tuesday, July 15, 2014
Family Support Center of Barry County
231 S. Broadway, Hastings, MI 49058

Northern Lower Peninsula

Tuesday, July 22, 2014
B.J.'s Banquet Meeting Rooms,
990 N. Center St., Gaylord, MI 49735

East

Thursday, July 24, 2014
Saginaw CAN Council, Mid-Michigan Children's
Museum
315 W. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602

West

Tuesday, July 29, 2014
Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
1268 E. Newell, White Cloud, MI

Eastern UP

Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Village Inn of Newberry
7552 M 123, Newberry, MI 49868

Western UP

Thursday, September 11, 2014
RESA
321 East Ohio Street, Marquette, MI 49855



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Tee it Up for Kids Charity Golf Scramble

Child and Family Charities will hold its Annual Charity Golf Scramble on Friday, August 15, 2014 at Eagle Eye Golf Club and Hawk Hollow Golf Club. Sponsorships and teams are still available. Contact Demphna Krikorian at 517-882-4000, ext. 126 or email golf@childandfamily.org. For more information, go to www.childandfamily.org.

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