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A Special Thank You!

Your overwhelming passion for the mission of the Children's Trust Fund is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work to make our thirteenth annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event another huge success!

Because of caring individuals such as you, the event raised \$490,000 dollars for child abuse prevention programs in Michigan and hosted nearly 700 guests! We are grateful for your continued support, generosity and commitment to this very important issue of child abuse prevention.

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

We extend our deepest appreciation to Delta Air Lines. Delta has been a longtime supporter of the Children's Trust Fund and the Official Carrier for the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event for all thirteen 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, CTF Board, Sponsors, Table Hosts, Auction Item Donors, Ticket Purchasers, Winning Bidders, Volunteers and everyone that made the event possible. We could not have done this without each and every one of you!

We wanted you to be aware of three places online where the media wrote articles about the event. Please help us by clicking on them, reading them, and sharing them in your social media.

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services News
- Children's Trust Fund Media
- WLNS TV 6

Save May 18, 2016, for the fourteenth annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event!

Tricia Headley, Fund Development Manager

Note: See a list of all the sponsors of this year's auction beginning on page 6.



The Michigan Children's Trust Fund is grateful to CNSI for coming on board this year as a new Marquee Sponsor of the 2015 Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event. CNSI pledged \$10,000 ~ \$5,000 as a corporate donation and \$5,000 as a challenge to CNSI employees to match the corporate pledge. Sharif Hussein, Senior Vice President, CNSI Midwest Region, proudly presented the CTF with a check for \$10,525! CNSI employees not only matched, but exceeded expectation. We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with CNSI.



**Sharif Hussein, Senior Vice President, CNSI Midwest Region
Presents Check to Patricia Headley, CTF Fund Development Coordinator**

New Online Course from FRIENDS

The FRIENDS National Center on Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention is pleased to release an online learning course-Implementation Science: Effectively Implementing Sustainable Programs. This is a two module course that introduces key elements in systems change or program implementation, implementation drivers, and the stages organizations travel through on the road to full implementation and sustainability.

The second module takes a closer look at three of the five key elements-leadership, vision and values, and environment and organizational culture. This module also considers the stages individuals may experience due to the changes in the work environment, and strategies for supervisors to consider in keeping the implementation progressing. Social Cognitive Neuroscience and its relationship to organizations and leadership is introduced as an important aspect of change that involves people.

You may go through both Modules 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>.

Protective Factors Survey Webinar

On May 15, 2015, The Michigan Children's Trust Fund hosted a webinar on the Protective Factors Survey Database with special presenter Edi Winkle of FRIENDS, the National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP). The training was attended by 12 partners in our network and was designed to show people new to the Protective Factors Survey Database how to use the survey and work with the associated data collection process. Anyone interested in a Powerpoint presentation of the webinar or desiring additional training can contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov.

Children's Trust Fund Board To Meet on June 10

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

The meeting will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance, 3275 Okemos Road, Mason, MI 48854 in their 4th floor Board Room. For more information on attending this meeting or receiving copies of agendas contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov or call 517-373-4320.

The Children's Trust Fund is featuring each month one of our Direct Service Grant Programs that partners with us to prevent child abuse and neglect in Michigan.

Direct Service Grant of the Month

Huron County Health Department - Family Mentor Program

Family Mentor Program at the Huron County Health Department is funded by a grant through the Children's Trust Fund. It is a home visiting program for expectant moms and children ages 0-5 living in Huron County who have been identified to be at-risk. Home visits are conducted using Nurturing Skills for Families curriculum which allows the Family Mentor to focus on the family's individual needs while maintaining the course of nurturing parenting. While providing home visits, the Family Mentor will assist families in parenting management and support, increase positive parenting strategies and provide effective stress management tools.

The Family Mentor focuses on:

- * Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- * Nurturing and Attachment
- * Social Support
- * Family Support
- * Increasing Family's Independence

Some statistics from the 2014 year-end outcomes report include:

- 100% of the families were screened using evaluation measures at the beginning of the program and 100% of families continued to be screened on an on-going basis for any changes that may have taken place.
- 100% of families have identified at least one, if not more, reliable, safe and appropriate support persons.
- 100% of families are offered lessons in Nurturing Parenting Curriculum. 100% of families are also given community information of upcoming educational programs, as well as resource guides and brochures in order to help connect families with services.
- 100% of children have received developmental screenings and parents have participated interactively with the assessments. 100% of children that fell below the developmental guidelines were referred to the appropriate source, mainly Early On.
- 75% of parents had indicated their parenting has improved due to Family Mentor services and commented on what they are doing differently.
- 100% of families that responded to the satisfaction survey indicated that the Family Mentor has helped get the services the family needs.

Staff of the Family Mentor Program supports the local Child Abuse and Neglect Council in fundraising efforts. A portion of the locally raised funds support these important services. Upcoming events include:

- Family Fun Days on June 15, 2015 at Key North in Caseville from 2-7 pm.
- The annual Golf Outing at Ugly Heights Golf and Country Club on June 24, 2015.
- The Annual Roof Sit is held annually in February.

For more information on the Family Mentor Program at the Huron County Health Department contact:

Huron County Health Department
Attention: Shelly Griftka
1142 S. Van Dyke Rd. Bad Axe, MI 48413
989.269.3492
Website: www.hchd.us/family_mentor.htm

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Prevention Awareness Day (PrAD) Events

Prior to The Children's Trust Fund's (CTF) April 23, 2015 Prevention Awareness Day (PrAD) Governor Rick Snyder officially proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month in Michigan. Although a very cold April morning, we still had approximately 200 attended this year's rally, procession and the planting of a pinwheel garden event. The event's theme was once more, The Power of One. The event was kicked off at 11:00 am at the Capitol to the fantastic jazz music of the Michigan State University's Music School students Leis Gearhart-Hall and Aaron Meyer. For the first time CTF Local Council Coordinator Emily Schuster-Wachsberger hosted and had the honor to introduce speakers including the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Nick Lyon. He expressed enthusiasm for the newly formed DHHS department which will enable increased efficiencies and effectiveness in the area of child welfare, including prevention efforts. Guest speaker Dr. Stephen Guertin, Medical Director, Sparrow Children's Center Hospital spoke about how, in his professional position, he's seen first-hand the devastating effects of child abuse and neglect. He also spoke about the strides and positive changes he's seen over the years and the important role prevention has played in making those vital changes. State Senators Ken Horn and Rebecca Warren, one Republican and one Democrat came together to voice their mutual commitment to the children of Michigan. CTF board member and chairperson, Lori Wertz spoke about the strength of the Children's Trust Fund and need to continue supporting this critically needed work. Former Senator Bill Hardiman, a current CTF board member and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director of Office of Interagency Collaborations and Reengineering and Tom Karnes, President of National Exchange Clubs also spoke, each articulating the issues of child abuse and neglect in Michigan and about the meaningful prevention efforts in our state.



Attendees had the pleasure of listening to the wonderfully strong voices of the Lansing Averill Elementary School's Allstars chorus directed by Lexa Bell, and the Lansing Community College (LCC) Choir under the leadership of Lydia Erickson. This year event marked Averill Elementary School's Allstars chorus's 7th year and LCC's 4th year at the Prevention Awareness Day event. A number of organizations set up booths to distribute important prevention information. They included; Parenting Awareness Michigan, Tomorrow's Child, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Sparrow Hospital Pediatric Residents, Early-On, Healthy Start, Ingham County Foster Care, the DHHS Faith Based Initiative and others. One new group to attend this year was the Pro Duffers organization. They are a group dedicated to helping children achieve their full potential and become productive citizens through the game of golf. CTF is grateful for the participation of a number of local councils and other organizations that took the time and effort to come from near and far, all in a common fellowship to be at this auspicious occasion. Following the speeches and music, attendees and speakers were led on a walk, led by the Averill Elementary Allstars to the traffic circle at Washington and Michigan Avenues where they planted a pinwheel garden in support of child abuse prevention. Media coverage was terrific including both Lansing television stations (WLNK and WILS). The event was publicized on those stations multiple times during the day. The Department of Health and Human Services Communications was also instrumental in recording the entire event. After the event participants were invited to join CTF for a pizza, fruit, "goodies", and water luncheon.

A Legislative Education Day (LED) Component was once more was part of Prevention Awareness Day which afforded a number of CTF grantees and other child advocates an opportunity to educate legislators about prevention needs and current programming across the state.

We are grateful and humbled by the generosity of so many sponsors that allowed us to have such a successful event. Sponsors included:

- The Grand Traverse Pie Company that provided us a grand amount of delicious pies, pastries and cookies (all were fantastic);
- The Lansing Exchange Club, and Lansing Area Black Social Workers Association, for providing funds which enabled CTF to provide food and gas money to those attending the events.

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Other generous supporters/sponsors contributing to the event were; Absopure, Stan Setas Produce Company, and Cottage Inn Pizza.

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. The Michigan State Capitol staff including, Barbara Thumudo and others, deserve praise for their role in the event's success. Special appreciation goes to DHHS Communications (Scott Davis, Steve Barosco, Jan Berry, Erica Quealy and Maura Campbell).

Thanks and appreciation goes to all the event participants. Special thanks and appreciation go to CTF Executive Director Mike Foley and the entire CTF staff team. Other special thanks go to the CTF Local Council CAP Month Workgroup. These Local Council volunteers take the time to help plan and organize the event. Their voice helps shape the character of the entire day's event.

Looking at all the beautiful pinwheels that were planted in the Prevention Awareness Day pinwheel garden I was reminded its symbolism that every child has the right to a wonderful childhood because they are our future. Individually and collectively we have the "Power of One" to help that ideal become the reality it should be.

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