



Children's Trust Fund
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The Roundtable

Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable

Newsletter

November/December 2010

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Mark Your Calendar Family Fun Events:

Operation Christmas Child

Now through _____

Pick up your shoe box at the Emporium, downtown St Ignace, to help support Operation Christmas Child. Fill your shoebox with a variety of 'gifts' that will bring delight to a child overseas. See Maureen Brady for more information or go online at www.operationchristmaschild.org

Halloween Candy Buy-Back

November 1 3:00-5:00 pm

Dr. Mercer's Dentist Office
Bring in you excess Halloween candy and Dr. Mercer will reimburse you \$1.00 per pound. Candy collected will be sent to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hike-North County Trail

November 6 10:00 am

Castle Rock Area
Check out the progress on the Castle Rock Project. Contact Kay for more information at kay1940@lighthouse.net

Elementary Music/Band Concert

Monday, December 6 6:30 pm

St Ignace Middle School
St Ignace Elementary grades K-6 will be holding their music/band concert.

Night of Christmas Music

Sunday, December 12 7:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church
111 East Spruce, Sault Ste Marie, MI
Admission by freewill donation to the United Way of the EUP
Featuring the "Lock Cities' Chorus" of Sweet Adelines International and the Sault High Jazz Band

Santa Arrives in St Ignace

Santa Land (The Pavillion) 6:00

And Christmas Tree Lighting!

Weekly Events:

Evening Book Club

Meets every third Wednesday at 6:00 pm
St. Ignace Library

Morning Book Club

Meets every third Thursday at 10:00 am
St Ignace Library

Roundtable Coordinator Update

Mary Lynn Swiderski resigned from her position as Roundtable Coordinator October 1, 2010. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work over the past two years are deeply appreciated. Mary will continue to play an active role in the Roundtable in her new role as a Roundtable Board Member.

The new Roundtable Coordinator for Mackinac County is Judi Guillard. Judi's professional background consists of over 20 years experience in the areas of foster care, adoption, and regulatory services. Her office is located in the Department of Human Services building located at 199 Ferry Lane, St Ignace, MI 49781. She can be reached at (906)643-6110 or guillardj@michigan.gov

The Roundtable Board of Directors Approve Two Sponsorships

Fab Friday Open Ice Skating at the Little Bear East Arena in St Ignace. Fab Fridays began on October 8th, 2010 and will run through March 4th, 2011. The Roundtable board approved sponsoring five of these events this year. The dates are:

- November 19th
- December 17th
- January 14th
- February 11th
- March 4th

Fab Fridays are free and open to the public. Those participating enjoy *free* skate rentals, ice skating, pizza & pop.

The Roundtable board also approved a grant request from the St Ignace Area Schools to sponsor 8 weeks of their *Afterschool Wellness Program*. This program provides students in grades K-6 with a safe & meaningful afterschool environment. Three main sections we provide are 20 minutes of nutrition time, 25 minutes of reading time, and 90 minutes of structural physical activity time. The program is expected to operate from November 2010 through February 2011.

Great Starts With Our Kids!

Great Starts will be hosting *Great Starts With Our Kids!* Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Brimley Elementary School. All parents of children from age birth to 12 and child care providers are invited! The day will include Yoga, 5 Goals of Parent Leadership, Learning Through Play, and interactive lunch, door prizes, and Kid's Camp. Kid's Camp is free child care for children ages 3 to 12. Lot's of fun is planned! Please RSVP to Heather Bird at hbird@eup.k12.mi.us or 643-8500 at extension #243



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Girls Group:

The Diane Peppler Resource Center is offering girls ages 11-16 a Girls Group on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 pm at the St Ignace Middle School. The group meets in the room across from the Middle School office. There will be snacks and transportation provided, with the permission of the parents by signing permission and consent forms, all forms can be picked up in either the Middle School or High School offices. The girls will discuss issues such as self esteem, friendships, peer pressure, relationships, feelings, stress, anger, anxiety, and dating and domestic violence. It is a non-formal and fun way to meet and talk with other girls, make new friends, and talk about important issues that girls often face. If you have any questions about the group or any other services offered, please feel free to call Erica Rhome at (906)643-0498.

The Diane Peppler Resource Center held their 3rd Annual Strike Out Violence at Gateway Lanes on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2010 and was a huge success! We had our biggest turnout ever with 94 students participating in this event. We are looking forward to bringing the event back again next year and are hoping to increase our attendance again. We are pleased that the youth participate in such a great event to promote dating violence awareness in a fun way, hope to see you all back again next year.

Homeless Awareness Week

Homeless awareness week will be celebrated nationally November 14-20, 2010. It is an important tool in increasing public awareness of homelessness.

Homelessness ends with a place to live. Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness is driven by public and private groups across the state, working together toward a single goal: making stable, sustainable, and affordable housing available to every person in Michigan. This goal guides our more than 60 dedicated and coordinated partner organizations. Together we know that:

- *We must plan together, focusing all of our energies on the single goal of permanent, affordable housing for every individual and family in Michigan.
- *We must understand that homelessness is a risk that we all share-people of all means, of all back grounds, of all abilities, in all regions.
- *We must be willing to speak in one voice, throughout our communities, for the need for supportive housing and systems-based solutions to make housing for all and accessible reality.

Because only through our united efforts can homelessness be eradicated in Michigan. Those who want to learn more about Homeless Awareness Week should visit www.mihomelessweek.org. Those who wish to learn more about Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness should visit www.thecampaigntoendhomelessness.org

Family Fish Fry Fundraiser

There will be a Fish Fry Fundraiser dinner at the Gateway Lanes on Tuesday, November 9th, 2010m from 5:00-7:30 pm. The basket will include whitefish, fries, coleslaw and pop. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the proceeds will go the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable. There also will be bowling at a discounted rate, bake sale and 50/50 drawing!

This bi-monthly newsletter comes to you compliments of The Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable. If you would like to feature your family event or to be in the Agency Spotlight contact Judi Guillard, Roundtable Coordinator at 643-6110.