



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children



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CTF Welcomes Stanley Hannah and Lauren Rakolta to Board



Stanley Hannah



Lauren Rakolta

Gov. Rick Snyder makes appointment to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Children's Trust Fund)

Thursday, August 11, 2016

LANSING, Mich. - Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the appointments of Stanley Hannah of Novi and Lauren Rakolta of Birmingham to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

The 11-person board promotes the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan's children and families by funding local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect.

"I am confident Stanley and Lauren will effectively serve the people of Michigan in this role," said Snyder.

Hannah is senior manager at Plante Moran LLC. and previously served as a senior organizational consultant at Young Samuel Chambers LTD. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University, and a master's degree in education and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Virginia. He will represent the business community and replace Andra Rush.

Rakolta is owner and president of Devon Facility Management. Previously, she owned and managed her own consulting group specializing in legislative, political, and finance strategies. Rakolta holds a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University. She will represent the business community and replace Mark Davidoff.

Members will serve the remainder of three-year terms that expire Dec. 19, 2018. Their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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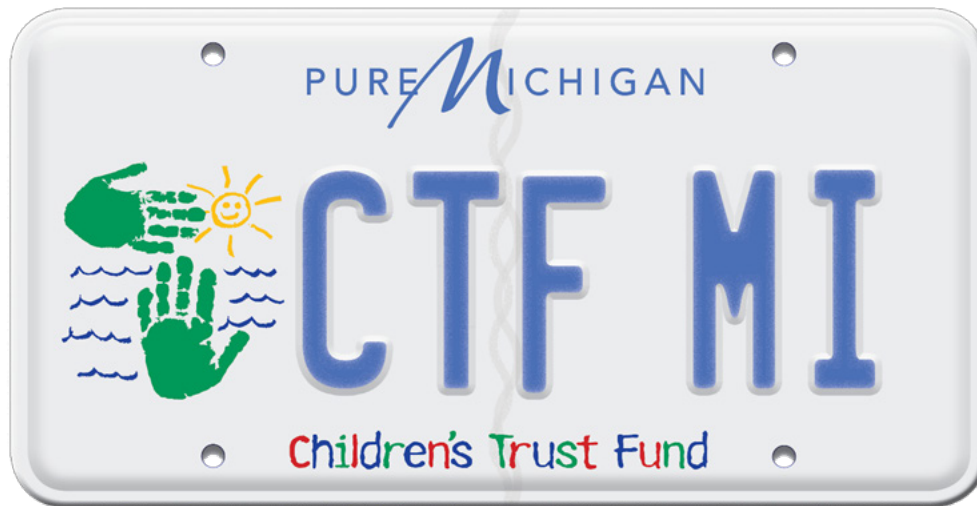
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Children's Trust Fund Marks 15-Year Anniversary of Specialty License Plate



You can support child abuse prevention programs throughout Michigan by purchasing the Children's Trust Fund's specialty license plate, which is now in its 15th year of existence.

Within the past 15 years, the Children's Trust Fund has used the plate to raise \$2.5 million.

Children's Trust Fund is the only statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Established in 1982, it currently funds 22 direct service prevention programs and 73 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils serving all of Michigan's 83 counties. Research is clear that families thrive in communities with a robust commitment to protective factors that support parental resilience, strengthen social connections, attend to concrete support in times of need, improve knowledge of parenting and child development and assure social and emotional competence of children. Building these family strengths is core to the work of the Children's Trust Fund.

Since its creation, the Children's Trust Fund has raised over \$70 million and provided support to over 7 million children and families. Part of that money came from the sale of the specialty license plates. You can order the plate from the Secretary of State any time of the year at www.michigan.gov/sos. The specialty plate sells for \$35; \$25 of which goes to the Children's Trust Fund to help fight child abuse and neglect. Once you purchase a plate, an annual \$10 fee (as part of your license plate renewal) provides ongoing support of the work of the Children's Trust Fund. All contributions are tax deductible.

By purchasing a specialty plate, you will be letting your friends, family and neighbors know that you support Michigan children and families.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf or call 1-800-CHILDREN.

Child Abuse Prevention Month, Prevention Awareness Day Save the Date

Although Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month seems like a long way off, CTF is already planning for our 9th annual Prevention Awareness Day event, a day to recognize Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month and to honor all the children and families in our state. Please mark your calendar for Prevention Awareness Day which is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 11AM at the Lansing State Capitol steps and help us to make this next Prevention Awareness Day event the biggest and best one ever! We have an exciting day planned that will include a rally, procession, and the "planting" of a pinwheel garden. We'll have notable speakers and entertainment, all supporting the belief that child abuse and neglect can be prevented. Following the rally on the Capital steps all participants will walk two blocks down Michigan Avenue where the pinwheel garden portion of the event will take place. The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. Stand by for further details.

35th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference Child Abuse & Neglect: Prevention, Assessment & Treatment

October 24-25, 2016
The Inn at St. John's
Plymouth, MI 48170

This year's two-day conference features noted national and Michigan experts who will address a range of topics in the field of child abuse prevention, assessment, and treatment. In addition to the keynote presentations and plenary session that feature Scott Becker, Sharon Cooper, and Carl M. Price, attendees will have a choice of over 30 workshops focusing on recent advances and best practices in the areas of prevention, medical issues, child advocacy, and law enforcement.

The goal is for conference participants to gain knowledge about practice in the field of child abuse throughout the conference and be able to apply this knowledge in the field. Participants will also have opportunities to interact and network with other professionals in the field.

The conference is designed for prevention specialists; social workers; child welfare professionals (children's protective services, foster care, adoption); juvenile justice services; physicians; nurses; mental health and other medical professionals; attorneys; law enforcement; child advocacy professionals; and educators. Information on the conference is located at www.canconferenceuofm.org.

2016 Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference East Lansing

There is still time to register to attend the 24th Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference at the East Lansing, Michigan site. The conference was held in Marquette, Michigan on October 13, 2016.

The Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference is November 18, 2016, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI. The keynote speaker is Dr. Dominica McBride.

Online registration is available at <https://classic.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1837183>, The PAM Conferences are geared for professionals and volunteers who work with parents, children, and families. Continuing education opportunities are offered.



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Michigan Department of Correction Supports the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan

In 2003, volunteers with the Children's Trust Fund reached out to the MDOC with a simple request for donated items for the trust fund's first auction to support its mission to fight child abuse and neglect.

Though the first event was attended by 150 guests, it raised \$50,000, and featured several high-quality wood items from the department's Prison Build Program that were popular with auction attendees.

The department's involvement with the auction has continued ever since, and Trust Fund officials said the dedication and enthusiasm of Director Heidi Washington – an early member of its Advisory Committee – and other MDOC staff has played a key role in the event's success.

The money raised is significant to the Children's Trust Fund to support child abuse prevention programs throughout the state, said Mike Foley, Executive Director of the Children's Trust Fund. Since 2010, items donated by the MDOC's Prison Build Program have helped raise almost \$38,000 for the Children's Trust Fund, according to figures available from the nonprofit.

"It often feels like Christmas at the Children's Trust Fund when MDOC staff deliver the wood products to our office in preparation for the auction," said Tricia Headley, Fund Development Manager. "Just when we don't think they can top the previous year, we are always in awe that they do. The craftsmanship is, and has always been, very professional." Money raised from items donated by the MDOC has usually exceeded \$5,000 in each auction since the event began, Headley said.

The next auction in May 2017 will mark the 15th year of the Children's Trust Fund annual Signature Auction Event, and the MDOC's involvement in it. "CTF is happy to promote the work the Prison Build Program does and proud to showcase the products annually at our CTF event," Foley said. "We are both proud and grateful to have MDOC represented on our event Advisory Committee and to have the ongoing opportunity to highlight a number of silent and live auction items that are products of the MDOC's Prison Build Program."

The Children's Trust Fund, a nonprofit housed within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, also works with the Michigan State Industries license plate factory at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility to produce specialty, fundraising license plates. The plates cost \$35, and \$25 of that goes to the Children's Trust Fund to help battle child abuse and neglect by funding service and outreach programs, and supporting local councils at work in communities across the state.

Foley, Headley and Children's Trust Fund staff visited the license plate factory at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility earlier this year and Headley said they were impressed by its operations.

The license plates raise about \$120,000 annually for the Children's Trust Fund, Headley said.

"It's an important fundraiser for us," she said. "It all goes to our core mission of preventing child abuse in Michigan."



Mike Foley and Tricia Headley



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