



Child's Hope

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TO OUR FRIENDS

As We Reflect...

Dear Friends of Child's Hope,

"It shouldn't hurt to be a child" ...

That's what we say at Child's Hope, the Local Council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President for the past two years. As I look back, I am proud to say that we are becoming ever more focused on our mission, and we are making a difference! Highlights come to mind, such as joining community partners to present the *Heart of Gold* film, panel discussion, and workshop, all focused on preventing child sexual abuse. Most importantly, we have been diligent in our outreach and program delivery, and our community has responded with grant awards and donations. This has empowered us to welcome an Executive Director, Ramana Roberson, and to enthusiastically continue our prevention work. My best wishes and pledge of support go to our incoming President, Kathy Merry.

~ *Cynthia Swift, 2019 President*



As We Move Forward...

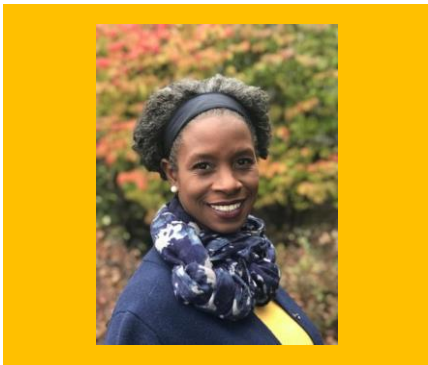
Friends,

Changing of the guard brings new challenges and opportunities; and my sincere thanks and gratitude to Cindy Swift for her tireless effort and leadership as the former President of the council. I am so looking forward to this next chapter as we are extending our reach into the community, and partnering for more mission-driven work. To continue this great work, we need your continued support. Whether that is in the form of monetary donations, supply donations, volunteering, committee membership, and support for legislation that supports child abuse and neglect. Our new Executive Director, Ramana Roberson comes into the position with experience and excitement, and we are all ready to assist. Won't you join us?!

~ *Kathleen Merry, 2020 President*



CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD

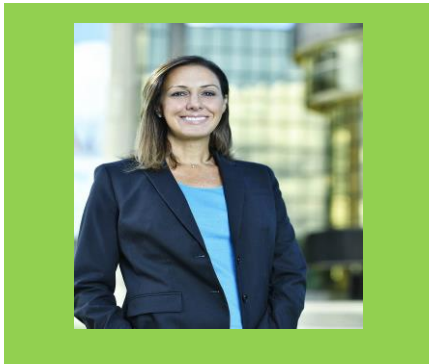


Senator Geiss represents Senate District #6 which includes Belleville, Brownstown, Flat Rock, Huron, Romulus, Taylor, Van Buren and Westland. She sits on the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee, Economic and Small Business, Insurance and Banking and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees.

Newly elected in 2018 to Senate District #6, Senator Geiss previously spent two terms in the State House of Representatives. She demonstrated immediate support for children's issues, education funding and civil rights. Senator Geiss has supported legislation to fund teachers' training in mental health as part of their professional development experiences; to support civil rights and to strengthen penalties for human trafficking...just to name a few.

As a proud mom of two children, and an adjunct professor at Wayne County Community College, Senator Geiss's support of children has a long history. This award is well deserved, and we thank her for all she's done to support the welfare of Michigan's children.

CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD



Senator Polehanki represents Senate District #7 which includes Canton, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth. She is the Democratic Vice Chair of the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee, and sits on the Senate Agriculture and Regulatory Reform Committees.

Newly elected in 2018, she demonstrated immediate support for children's issues, education funding and women's health. A major piece of legislation she sponsored was the amendment to the 3rd grade reading law that requires children who are reading more than one year below grade level at the end of 3rd grade must be retained. The education community has long opposed this legislation. Additionally, she sponsored a resolution to support the United Nations' efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation worldwide; and urged the state of Michigan to do everything it can to end it in the state.

As a two-time winner of the Teacher of the Year recipient, her support of children has a long history. The Child Advocate award is well deserved and we thank her for all she's done to support the welfare of Michigan's children.

2020-2023 STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS

Vision – To be the child advocacy leader in breaking the cycle of child abuse and neglect in Out-Wayne County.

Mission – To promote the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Out-Wayne

County through effective collaborations and prevention activities.

Strategic Goal 1:	By the end of every year, we will see a 10% gain in a combination of website visits, social media followers, and newsletter subscribers.
So That...	We gain support for our prevention activities.
Future Implications...	The public is engaged in understanding how their actions and decisions relate to child abuse and neglect prevention.

Strategic Goal 2:	To develop one new partnership annually to collaborate for activities that prevent child abuse and neglect.
So That...	More households in Out-Wayne County will implement safe practices.
Future Implications...	Caregivers are better prepared, and children are safe.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

TOTAL DOLLARS INVESTED 2019
IN OUT-WAYNE COUNTY
FOR CHILD ABUSE and NEGLECT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

MORE THAN... **\$75,000**

Grants

- ★ CTF \$43,100 *(In support of prevention activities (i.e. Safe Sleep) and general operations)*
- ★ PNC \$5,000 *(In support of the Read to Me Program)*
- ★ Metro West Credit Union \$2,500 *(In support of Blankets for Kids)*
- ★ Kerns Foundation \$1,000 *(In support of Let's Protect!)*

Corporate/Foundation Gifts *(In support of prevention activities)*

- ★ Colina Foundation \$500
- ★ Wolverine Human Services \$500
- ★ Executive Women International Detroit-Windsor \$500
- ★ Kiwanis Club of Dearborn \$300
- ★ St. Joe Parish Women's Guild \$100
- ★ Kroger Community Rewards \$46.31
- ★ Amazon Smile \$26.99

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT continued...



It all makes a difference...

Individual and Corporate Monetary Gifts

Ballard, Natalie \$100.00	Finkelstein, Caryn \$100.00
Barbara Betts Family Memorial \$1410.00	Fischetti, Lawrence \$30.00
Barbus, Stephen and Susan	Garden Food Distributor \$25.00
Betts, Heather	Georges, Michael \$100.00
Betts, William	Masson, Sherri \$25.00
Bible, Barbara	Meisel, Deborah \$500.00
Cleere, Linda	Otto, Janis \$50.00
Crowton, Richard and Astrid \$25.00	Rittmannsberger, Thomas \$463.50
Kovac, Louis and Judy \$100.00	Roberts, Mary Lou \$6.00
Zeiger, Sherry \$10.00	Schoolmaster, Darlene \$100.00
Barnhart, Michael and Carol \$50.00	Solomon, Shirley \$25.00
Baron, Nancy \$100.00	Swift, Cynthia \$100.00
Brady, James and Helen \$80.00	Woodyard, Emma Jean \$25.00
Broaden, Sekai \$50.00	Young, David \$100.00
Callaghan-Lynch, Mary \$100.00	Anonymous Cash \$22.00
Carr, Carolyn \$100.00	Anonymous Cash \$10.00
Diponio, Lee \$100.00	Anonymous Cash \$20.00

In-Kind Contributions

University of Michigan Dearborn CEHHS office space and equipment (Est. Value: \$17,500)

Blankets for Kids blanket making hosts and material donations (Est. Value of \$745)

**Although not listed, there are numerous individuals who have supported Child's Hope. Their contributions have touched the lives of many children in Wayne County; and we extend a big THANK YOU for their selfless acts of kindness!*

2019 ACTIVITIES



Blankets for Kids project took off running in 2013 and became a favorite in Wayne County. This year, like many, drew hundreds of volunteers to assist with the making of the no-sew blankets, and in turn provided a sense of comfort and warmth to over a thousand children throughout the county as well. This project also brought in close to \$800 in individual

monetary donations. This project came to a successful end December 2019. Child's Hope is grateful for Dr. Mary Trepanier-Street and her tireless leadership; and the many volunteers for their time, dedication, and hard work over the years.

Funded by the Kern Family Foundation, **Let's Protect!** is a sexual abuse prevention driven team that facilitates trainings for young children and adults. In 2019, young children in Wayne County participated in the My Body is Mine program, and professional groups took part in the Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children trainings.



2019 ACTIVITIES continued...



Funded by PNC Bank Foundation, **Read to Me** 2018-2019 wrapped up another successful year in partnership with seven (7) Dearborn Public Schools Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) classrooms. Prior to this year's implementation, fourteen (14) University of Michigan Dearborn students (mentors) were trained by a University of Michigan Dearborn English Professor on the proper and effective methods of mentorship that encourages learning and builds trusting relationships. The activity ended with a Family Fun Night for families to participate in fun and engaging learning activities that could be imitated in the home. Surveys and pre-post preschool tests indicated teacher and parent/guardian satisfaction, and most importantly, student improvement. Mentors also reported the experience as enjoyable and encouraging to continue related work.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

— **Benjamin Franklin**

2019 COLLABORATIONS

Mandated Reporter

If you reside in the state of Michigan and serve in any of the professional roles below, you are obligated to complete a Mandated Reporter training. Though we've been operating in the digital world for some time, online training is not always the best option for those that do not perform well as independent learners because they may be kinesthetic learners and/or do better when they can ask questions. Fortunately, the Wayne County division of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Children's Protection Services, and Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center have been able to provide face-to-face trainings at various convenient locations. These key partnerships support our effort towards spreading awareness cross-county.

Knowledge
is
power!



Physicians and Other Medical Professionals

Licensed Social Workers

School Administrators and Other School Staff

Clergymen

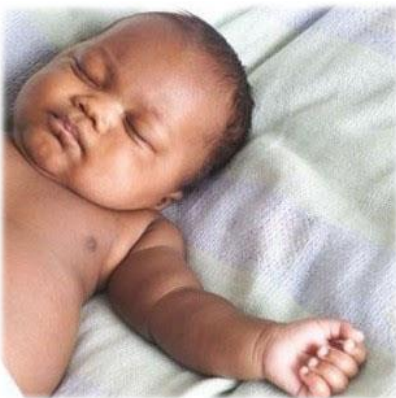
Licensed Child Care Provider

Registered Social Service Technicians

Therapists and Counselors

Law Enforcement

Safe Sleep



Child's Hope continues to partner with the Wayne County Department of Health, Human and Veteran Service's Infant Safe Sleep project, in support of breaking the cycle of improper sleeping practices that increases the likelihood of infant mortality. In 2019, Child's Hope sponsored four (4) safe sleep themed billboards throughout the Metro Detroit area in support of this project.



Special Thanks to Our 2019 Collaborations:

Open Forum Discussion (Michigan's Grandparents "Defacto" Parenting)
Held at the University of Michigan Dearborn

Planning Partner –

Anita Rothert, Parent Educator Specialist @ The Guidance Center

**Special Acknowledgement to the many Wayne County legislators that were a part of the panel discussion. Your willingness to listen and share your commitment to support the families of grandparents raising grandchildren were encouraging. We are grateful for you!*

"At the Heart of Gold" film viewing
Held at the Detroit Institute of Arts

Let's Protect! Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Workshop
Held at the University of Michigan Dearborn

Planning Partners –

Wayne County Safe
Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center
The Guidance Center
Global Sports
Courage First

Special Acknowledgements –

Carolyn Clifford, WXYZ Detroit
Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, 12th District MI-HR
Dr. Ann Lampkin, Dean - U of M Dearborn CEHHS



The Children's Trust Fund

A voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety, and welfare by funding effective local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect.

Suzanne Greenberg
Executive Director

Emily Schuster-Wachsberger
Local Councils Coordinator

In 2020, Childs Hope will be stepping into its 35th year as the local child abuse prevention council of Out-Wayne County. It has been an honor to serve as the leader in child abuse prevention for the Out-Wayne County area. We've had many volunteers and meaningful partnerships in support of this great work. We look forward to many more decades of serving our youngest citizens and their families!



2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors

Cynthia Swift, President

Rita Talamonti, Treasurer

Donna Rhodes, Secretary

Renea Callery

Kathleen Merry

Kathleen Robbins

Ruta Sharangpani

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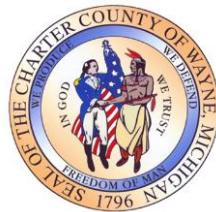
Mary Trepanier-Street

Traci Lee-Brown

Joseph Porcarelli

Darlene Schoolmaster

Lacea Zavala



Kids-TALK



Children's Advocacy Center



SERVICE LEADERSHIP COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE



REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS

TRADITION AND EXCELLENCE



OUR COMMUNITIES

Allen Park	Huron Twp.	Riverview
Belleville	Inkster	Rockwood
Brownstown	Lincoln Park	Romulus
Canton	Livonia	Southgate
Dearborn	Melvindale	Sumpter Twp.
Dearborn Hts.	New Boston	Taylor
Ecorse	Northville	Trenton
Flat Rock	Plymouth	Van Buren Twp.
Garden City	Plymouth Twp.	Wayne
Gibraltar	Redford	Westland
Grosse Ile	River Rouge	Woodhaven
Wyandotte		