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FROM OUR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Julie Thomasma, Ph.D.

Dear Friends,

Greetings! While 2022 presented many new challenges, Child and Family Charities continues to respond to those challenges and expand services! To meet the overwhelming increase in requests for mental health services, we continue to add to our talented clinical team. Now with a team of 10 therapists (and growing), we offer mental health clinics in 5 local schools in addition to our main clinic at the Five Oaks location. With a focus on prevention and building resilient families, our increasing outreach efforts include basic need support, nutrition education, social emotional learning groups, strengthen families and parenting classes.

As our programs continue to grow with our mission to “...evolve and grow to meet the needs of a changing community”, we are in last phases of the Be the Light Capital Campaign to raise the needed funds to create a new campus and renovate the west portion of the former McLaren Greenlawn hospital. This project’s success is testament to a community coming together in private and public partnership–the state, county, individuals, small businesses, corporations and foundations have committed to the vision to create a campus to focus on the well-being of children and families.

Some exciting updates...in June of 2023, we will be celebrating the grand opening of the first building on our new campus, Jackson House, a residential home for youth ages 12-21 who have limited supports and are experiencing homelessness. Our staff and board of directors are eager to open this beautifully updated space. And, there are more exciting plans in motion! In September of 2023, Child and Family Charities plans to officially “break ground” and begin renovations on the Education Center and Main campus.

It is only through the community's support that we have accomplished so much this year! I invite you to be part of the final phase of the Be the Light Campaign and raise \$1 million dollars! By investing in the vision, we can partner together to create a campus with quality services and a genuine commitment to meeting the changing needs of children and families.

Be the Light!

Julie Thomasma

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OUR MISSION

To strengthen and support children, families, and individuals as they evolve and grow in a changing community.

OUR VISION

To be a leader in human services, recognized for excellence in practice, collaboration, and advocacy on behalf of vulnerable populations.

OUR VALUES

TEAMWORK

Work well together to achieve an outcome by valuing each team member’s opinion and contribution through effective communication and support.

RESPECT AND DIGNITY

Treat all people with value and worth with awareness for situations and actions that have an impact on them. Truly listen to others and treat people with kindness, courtesy and politeness.

INTEGRITY

Actions are supported with best practices, transparency, thoughtfulness and strong ethics. Be accountable and take ownership for actions.

TRAUMA FOCUSED CARE

Create a space with cultural, emotional and physical safety guided by strength based approaches, choice and empowerment, preparation and collaboration, confidentiality, and empathy.

INCLUSIVITY

Include all people and embrace differences with full acceptance and maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. This is achieved through self-awareness and a willingness to actively listen, seek to understand and adapt to different needs.

EXCELLENCE

Always strive to exceed expectations and provide outstanding services with evidence-based practices and collaborative approaches.

Child and Family Charities Would Like to Thank our Igniting Hope Giving Society Members

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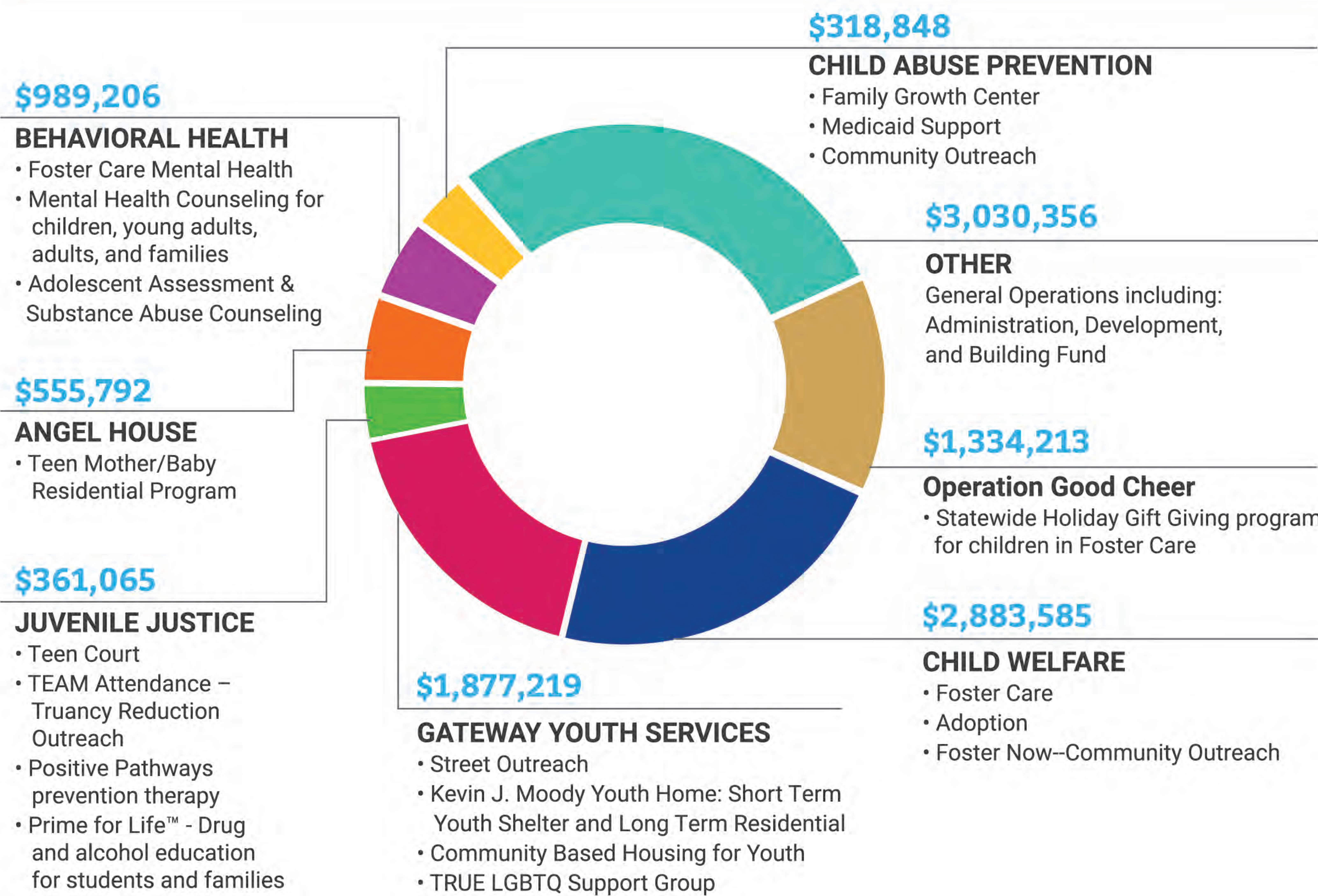
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If you are interested in joining the Igniting Hope Giving Society please contact Demphna Krikorian at demphna@childandfamily.org | 517.816.9139

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Amounts include Gifts In-Kind such as clothing, infant supplies, toys, rental space, and more!



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2022

Program Data Outcomes



Angel House

In 2022, here's how Angel House tracked outcomes to show success...Moving out to safe and stable housing, meeting educational goals, receive career preparation, increase supportive relations, Demonstration of life competency skills, and maintaining healthy mental health.

- **20** youth and their families served
- **6** infants and Toddlers
- **10%** moved to independent living
- **70%** improved independent living skills
- **35** served through Angel House Services

Clinical Intervention Services

- **176** children, youth and adults served through our mental health clinic (main office)
- **87** youth served in Emotional Health school-based clinics (Waverly, Holt, Okemos, LLH)
- **59** individuals served for Substance Use Disorder
- **50** children and adolescents received trauma specific therapy
- **67** foster and adoptive parents supported with educational interventions
- **263** served through Behavioral Health Services

Child Welfare

- **624** children, youth and families served
- **19** family reunifications
- **24** adoption finalizations, creating forever families
- **76** clients served through Supervised Visitation
- **40** clients served through Post Adoption Intermediary Services
- **81** inquiries for foster homes
- **19** new homes licensed
- **29,212** total days of foster care provided
- **624** served through Child Welfare Services

Gateway Youth Services

- **246** youth and adults received services and support through outreach
- **78** youth received case management services
- **78** youth received counseling services
- **78** youth received housing services, including residential and supportive housing
- **92%** of youth reported improved life skills
- **84%** of youth exited the program to safe and stable housing
- **79%** of residential & transitional living youth (including young parents) enrolled in school, graduated, received GED, began college, received vocational training
- **28%** of young parents and youth in supportive housing became fully self-sufficient
- **338** served through Gateway Youth Services

Family Growth Center

- **163** children, youth and families served through Family Growth Center
- **806** lunches distributed
- **86** parents received Medicaid outreach
- **5,764** people reached with nutrition education through community presentations at 17 farmers markets
- **222** families and individuals received food or household assistance items
- **454** served through Child Abuse Prevention Services

Prevention Services

- **89** youth enrolled in Teen Accountability Hearings
- **165** of parents served through the Teen Accountability Programs
- **265** youth trained as peer jurors for Teen Accountability Hearings
- **23** adults and youth served in the Strengthening Families Program
- **20** youth served through Early Intervention groups
- **30** youth served through Prime for Life prevention groups
- **297** youth provided with Social, Emotional, Learning skills
- **898** served through Prevention Services

Program Innovations

- **5** new programs initiated through the following grants:
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA): Project Connect4Success-bringing mental health clinics into local schools - 5 year award
 - Children's Trust Michigan (CTM): Nurturing Fathers Program, helping fathers learn nurturing skills - 4 year award
 - Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF): Human Rights Campaign, All Children All Families, aiding inclusion for LGBTQIA+ children and families - 2 year award
 - MHEF: Trust-Based Relational Intervention in Foster Care - 2 year award
 - Community Foundation - Youth Action Committee (YAC): Rise Above Positive Mentoring, a peer mentoring program initiative.

Community Partnerships & Outreach

- **16** community events attended by CFC staff, reached over **2,500** people with information regarding our programs and services
- **10** new or strengthened collaborations with local partners, agencies, organizations, and corporations, providing additional services to children, youth, and families in the community
- **25** tours and presentations for local civic, social and faith-based groups-extending the reach of Child and Family Charities services and programs to over **1,200** people locally

Other programs: Operation Good Cheer (Statewide), Hope for the Holidays (Local), and Volunteers

- **7,000** children and youth in the foster care throughout Michigan received a minimum of three Christmas gifts each (**21,000** gifts!)
- **211** pilots volunteers to fly gifts all over Michigan for Operation Good Cheer
- **93** foster Care agencies participated in Operation Good Cheer
- **350** donors (including Ford and GM) for Operation Good Cheer and Hope for the Holidays and 15 local companies participated in Hope for the Holidays
- **550** local children and youth whose families are in need received a minimum of three Christmas gifts each (**1,650** gifts)
- **125** local families in need received a minimum of three Christmas gifts each (**375** gifts)
- **550** families received goods and resources through various in-kind donation programs throughout the year
- **850** volunteers for various programs, campaigns, and events throughout the year



Michael only remembered the world spinning around him. Everyone at the party was running around in a panic. A neighbor had called in the police, and when the squad cars arrived, the kids took off. Michael was so drunk he didn't run. He was arrested for being drunk and disorderly, among other things.

The booking, court date, and subsequent fights with his parents all passed in a haze.

He was thankful, in any case. The judge had been sympathetic towards him and ordered him to therapy for substance abuse instead of Juvenile Hall. That is when Michael first came to Child and Family Charities. His first impression was one of uncertainty. As he stood outside of Child and Family Charities Behavioral Health clinic, Michael had no inclination as to what to expect for the next hour.

As one might imagine, the first session with Jon, his new therapist, was awkward. He wondered as he sat in the chair across from Jon what he should share, if anything, of his life. Jon didn't push him. Michael found that he didn't have to

answer any questions he did not want to answer. "I am here for you, Michael. You can tell me as much or as little as you want about your life, family, friends, and even what brought you here in the first place." That made it easier for Michael to return the following week.

And Michael did return. The times when Michael did not want to share, Jon would fill in the space, sometimes with words and sometimes with a comfortable silence. It took several weeks for Michael to feel safe enough to talk about his life. But Jon was patient, and Jon gave Michael the space he needed to feel safe during this challenging work of recovery.

As the sessions progressed, Michael began to share more and more. Jon had seen interactions between Michael and his parents that concerned him. When the time was right, Jon asked Michael about his relationship with his parents. That was the day everything started to change for Michael. All the anger he had been holding in about his parent's divorce, his mother's new husband, and the fights that always ended with the slamming of doors and shouts of insults came pouring out.

To find help for yourself or others, contact our offices at 517.882.4000, ext. 151, to set up an appointment. Therapists are providing therapy through telehealth platform doxy.me and in-person sessions.



Before, when I was stressed, I'd go out with friends. We'd drink and have fun, but I know now that I had a problem with alcohol.

Now when I'm stressed, I breathe deeply. I can get through this.

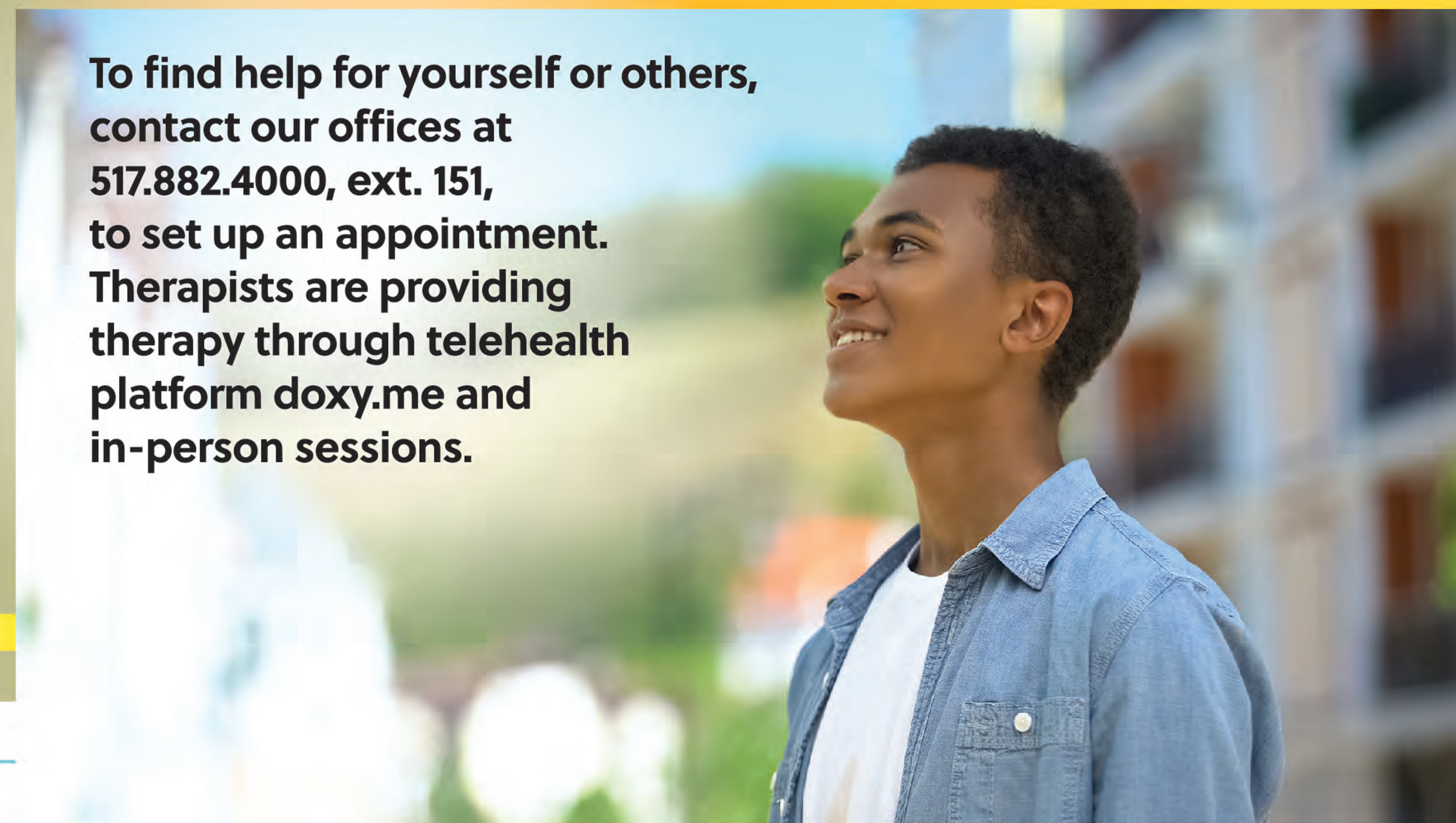


After that session, Jon worked with Michael and his parents, sometimes together, sometimes separately, to improve communication. Michael's family had always communicated through yelling, and Michael had grown up in a household that viewed fighting as the primary way to get the point across. But Jon introduced them slowly to what effective communication looked like. Working on these concerns, gaining trust in Jon, and discovering how to manage his anger better, Michael finally admitted to Jon, his parents, and himself that he had a drinking problem. Realizing the problem was the first step towards recovery, and Michael was taking that step!

When his family began to see the change in Michael, they, too, began to admit their mistakes. It was not easy, to say the least, as recovery seldom is. But as Michael learned, it was worth it.

Michael felt less and less distressed day by day. The urge to drink had lessened with each session, and after a while, when Michael's friends asked him to join them at a drinking party, he would politely turn them down. There were still stressful moments in his life, but Jon worked with Michael to help him develop coping mechanisms that made it possible to move through those difficult times without needing a drink.

Michael will graduate high school this year and plans to attend college. He isn't sure yet if he wants to learn a trade or earn a four-year degree, but he is well on his way to success in whatever field he chooses! Michael uses the communication strategies he learned from Jon as he navigates school and life. He uses coping strategies when he gets stressed and knows that life is better now than it was a year ago.





Volunteers

are the heart of Child and Family Charities.

*Whether you are a parent, caregiver,
or have never worked with children,*

you can make a difference in your community.



For a tour or to volunteer at CFC,
Contact Quin Clifton-O'Donnell,
Program Manager, Child and Family Charities.
Quin@childandfamily.org | 517.816.9141
childandfamily.org/volunteer

Child and Family Charities "A Million Reasons to Give"
tours are held once a month on the third Friday of the month.



Child and Family Charities' Programs in Brief

Through 6 Service Areas and 30 Programs, Child and Family Charities helps over 15,000 abused, neglected and at-risk children, youth and families-8,000 locally and 7,000 throughout Michigan through our programs and services. Your support is vital to our success.

Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic—provides mental health and substance use screening, assessment, support and treatment to children, adolescents, adults and families. CFC recently added several new therapists in order to meet the community need. Counseling is also provided to students in five local school districts.

Child Abuse Prevention/Family Growth Center—helps low-income families by providing a no-charge respite child care center. Through the Family Resource Coordinator, this service area provides help with basic needs such as food and clothing and assistance locating local resources. The program also offers nutrition education to families in the community and supports families through Medicaid Outreach.

Child Welfare—Foster Now! recruits and trains community members to serve as foster families. The Child Welfare service area creates forever families through adoption, offers post-adoption support programs, and Confidential Intermediary Search Services. Child Welfare also offers Supervised Family Visitation for families who are court-ordered to be supervised during visits with their children as they work towards family reunification.

Angel House—a staff supported Independent Living Plus Program for female and female identified youth ages 16-19 who are in foster care or Juvenile Justice involved. Angel House provides supervision, counseling, and independent living skills coaching for up to 12 months to help youth transition into a community setting. Angel House also welcomes referrals for youth who are pregnant or parenting children of their own.

Prevention Services and Teen Accountability Program (TAP)—helps first-time youth offenders heal the harm they have caused through using a restorative justice model. Local high school students learn about the justice system by serving as members of a Peer Jury and as the Court Bailiff. Local judges and attorneys preside over Accountability Hearings. TAP works with the youth and their family to prevent repeat offenses. Other prevention programs include: Strengthening Families, Nurturing Fathers, TEAM attendance, INDEPTH: tobacco and vaping cessation, and Prime for Life.

Gateway Youth Services—offers programs to help homeless, at-risk, and runaway youth and young adults through outreach, shelter, residential transitional living, and supportive community housing programs. All of Gateway's programs provide youth with basic needs, counseling, case management, and support as they develop independent living skills. Additionally, Gateway provides TRUE (Teens Respecting and Understanding Each Other), a community support group for youth who identify as LGBTQIA+. For detailed information on Gateway's programs, including age limits and program descriptions, please visit our website at childandfamily.org.

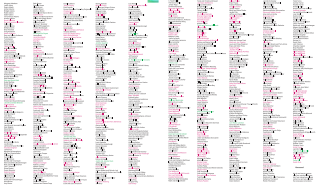
Operation Good Cheer (OGC) and Hope for the Holidays—providing Christmas gifts both throughout Michigan (Operation Good Cheer) and locally (Hope for the Holidays). Both State and local programs rely on donations from corporations, local businesses, and generous individuals through the wish lists from children, youth, and families.

CFC Tours are being held monthly on the third Friday of the month at 9:00 AM. To sign up for a tour, volunteer or to learn more about our agency contact Emily Marsh, Assistant Director of Development at 248.392.5310 or Emily@childandfamily.org

Thank you

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Sometimes, the unthinkable happens. Kim, a teenager, found herself in the foster care system after the unexpected death of her mom. Before she even knew what was happening, Kim was in a new place, with a new face taking care of her. It was a difficult transition, to say the least.

Kim tried to make the best of it. After a time, the stress and strain got the better of both her foster mom and Kim. That is when the disagreements started. The fights escalated day by day, increasing in severity. Kim would often leave and walk through the neighborhood to try to cool down. After one such fight – Kim can't even remember what it was about – she didn't return home.

That is when Kim was connected with Child and Family Charities' Gateway Youth Services program.

At Crossroads, a long-term residential program for at-risk and runaway youth, Kim received a safe place to live, food to eat, and all the basics she needed to live a healthy life.

Kim was quickly identified for a special program that provided her with an advocate who could help her get the services she desperately needed, therapy to help her understand her anger and grief, and a caseworker who helped keep her on track towards success.

Family visits with her foster mom, were started. Unfortunately, these visits would quickly erupt into their old patterns of yelling and arguing. The first few visits were absolutely abysmal. Once Kim began sharing her feelings about herself, her aunt, and the family fights with her therapist, her advocates, and her caseworker, Kim started to understand more about her life and the reasons behind her actions.



Kim's therapist met with her foster mom individually to help her improve her communication skills, her understanding of Kim's anger and how she could help, instead of hinder, Kim's progress.

Slowly, the broken relationship began to heal as they got to know each other better and began to actually work on their relationship.

After a while, Kim found herself excited to see her foster mom at the family visits. She could tell her about the new kid at school or the funny thing that her friend said. Soon, Kim and her foster mom found that the scheduled family time wasn't enough and began to meet up for an hour over shakes and hamburgers or to go shopping.

Kim knows that she still has parts of herself to work on and she is committed to doing just that. As much as she appreciates her relationship with her foster mom, Kim has set a goal of moving towards independent living when she finishes high school.

Kim knows that with her newfound relationship with her aunt and the support of Child and Family Charities, she'll have the success in life that she now knows she deserves.

**Know a youth who needs help?
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2023 marks the 17th year of this very successful and important fundraising gala supporting Child and Family Charities. Through six departments and 30+ programs, Child and Family Charities ends cycles of abuse and neglect, creates brighter futures for homeless and at-risk youth and provides programs that strengthen families.

2022 CFC Employee Awards



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CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

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NEW EMPLOYEE WITH DISTINCTION AWARDS

Danika Fenska
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Kelly Haynie

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Lisa Vaughn

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Child and Family Charities
2022 Extend Your Reach Award



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2022 Resilience Hero Award



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2022 Resilience Award



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When you go to work, you want more than a job to do. You want a purpose you can believe in—and confidence that what's meaningful to you is meaningful to your employer. That's why we take extra care to support our associates and our communities, offering opportunities to impact causes you care about. Join our team and discover how you can make a difference that resonates beyond the office.

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At America's Preferred Home Warranty (APHW), we celebrate and support the efforts of **Child and Family Charities**, and we invite you to join us with your own Spark of Hope.

When a child or teen has a dangerous or abusive home life, most don't know where to turn. Many try to survive on the streets in poverty, and desperation can lead to sickness, fear, drugs, imprisonment, or worse.

But you can spark hope.

Child and Family Charities offers so many resources to help children, at-risk youth, and families in the mid-Michigan area. This organization provides a full spectrum of support to over 15,000 children, youth and families each year, from working with foster parents to distributing food, and providing beds to sleep in, clothing, basic life necessities, and much more.

Whether you donate time, money, or supplies, you are sparking hope.

"Child and Family Charities works very hard at taking care of disrupted families and children, kids who are out there with nobody—It just touches my heart."

*- Randy Caltrider
President, APHW*

Visit ChildandFamily.org today to learn how your Spark of Hope could light someone's way.

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FILL THE BACKPACK

Although we are always in need of school supplies for children and youth who are placed in foster care with us during the school year, The Fill the Backpack School Supply Drive for kids in need runs each year beginning on June 1 through the first week of August.

Individuals can help by filling a backpack with items on the list that can be found online at www.childandfamily.org.

Companies & organizations can help by putting out one of our collection boxes and handing out lists to their staff and clients. We use the donations for children and youth in our programs and for those families who work with us who are in need of assistance— because everyone can use a little help sometimes!

For more information on how you can get involved contact Quinn Clifton-O'Donnell at Quinn@childandfamily.org

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HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Let us help make your holiday shopping experience truly life-changing. Celebrate the holiday season by giving hope to a child. You will change the life of a young person through this Gift Giving Program for abused and neglected children living right here in our community. This year, as you begin your Holiday shopping, remember how meaningful it will be to include in your holiday shopping list the name of an abused or neglected child and his/her Holiday wishes. Simply contact our office or go to our website. We will give you and your family the name of a child to "adopt" for the holidays.

We also provide tree tags for organizations and companies to collect for children/youth who are involved in our numerous programs and services. We guarantee your participation will enhance your holiday spirit.

Help a needy child this year—perhaps changing his/her life forever! We also provide Thanksgiving dinners to families in need who are involved in our programs! Please contact us if you or your organization would like to help provide Hope for the Holidays!

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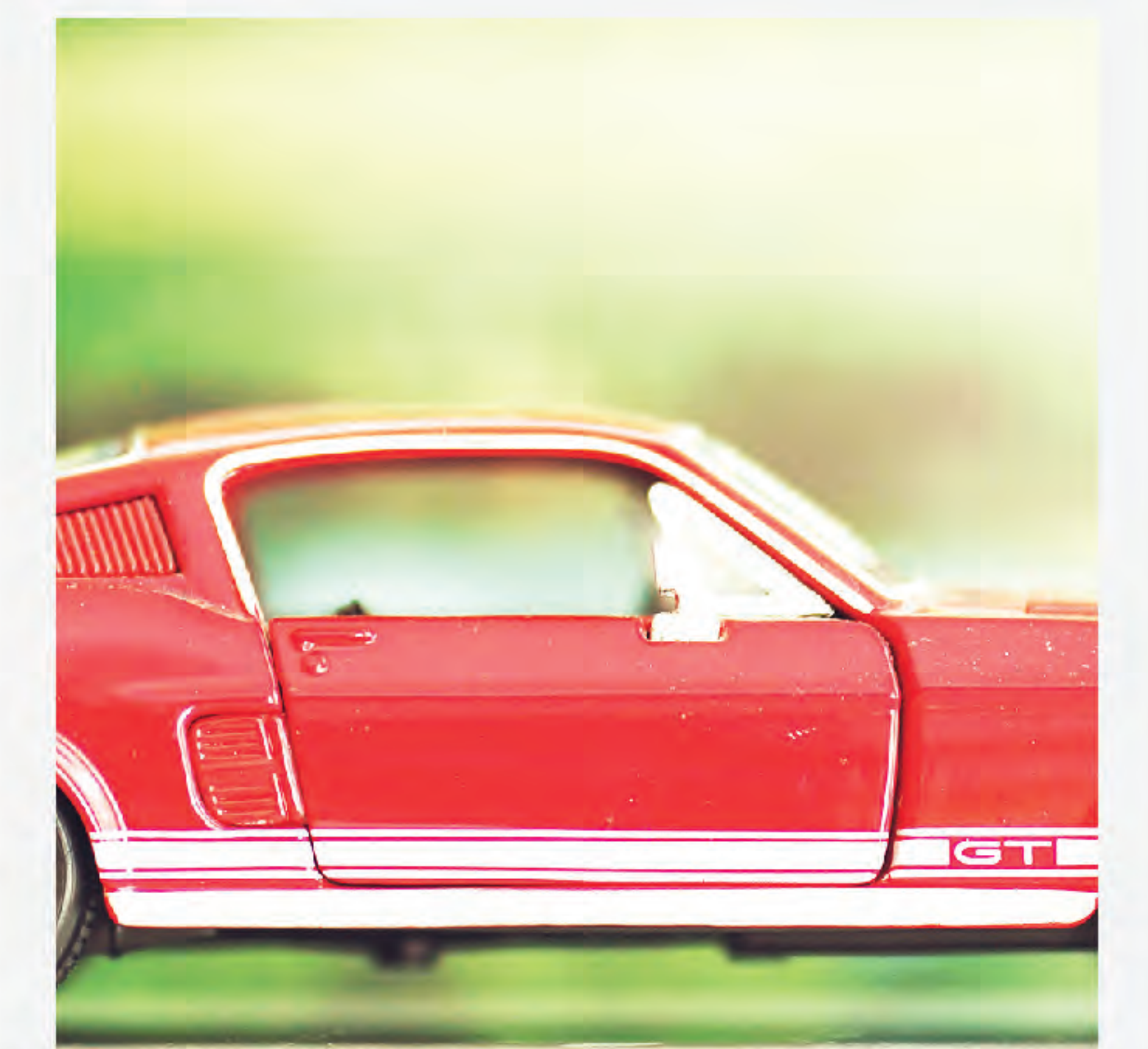
2023 marks the 17th year of this very successful and important fundraising gala supporting Child and Family Charities. Supporting our agency gives kids and families a fighting chance at a better future – filled with hope! We anticipate over 450 guests to attend the event this year and look forward to seeing you and your guests enjoying the fun! For more information on how you can get involved contact Emily Marsh at emily@childandfamily.org



OPERATION GOOD CHEER

This entirely volunteer Christmas gift-giving program, sponsored and coordinated by Child and Family Charities began in 1971 by individuals who wanted to make a difference in the lives of children who reside in foster care. Recipients include infants, children, teenagers and adults with disabilities. Thousands of generous volunteers gather annually to participate in Operation Good Cheer. Donor groups and individuals purchase and wrap Christmas gifts from a child's "Wish List". At donor sites, these gifts are picked up, loaded and transported by volunteer trucking companies and their drivers to a centrally located airport. These pilots and drivers use their aircrafts and vehicles to transport gifts to local airports across Michigan. At each airport, agency volunteers gather the gifts and deliver them to the children and youth in foster care. This impressive display of generosity provides thousands of youth, some of whom would not receive anything otherwise, with gifts and the joy of knowing there are people who care.

For more information on how you can get involved contact Demphna Krikorian at demphna@childandfamily.org



CAPITAL AREA MUSTANGS (CAM) BLUE OPAL CAR SHOW

Each year in late summer the Capital Area Mustangs put on a fabulous car show: The Blue Opal Car Show. This event is held in Grand Ledge and is a lot of fun. Thank you to Ray Hilton and his club for your help providing crucial funding support for Gateway Youth Services!



PINS 4 PEDALS CHARITY BOWL-A-THON AND BIKE DRIVE SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 2023 ROYAL SCOT GOLF & BOWL

Linda and Denny Moore are hosting a fun and lively Bowl-a-thon that is open to competitive and recreational players alike!

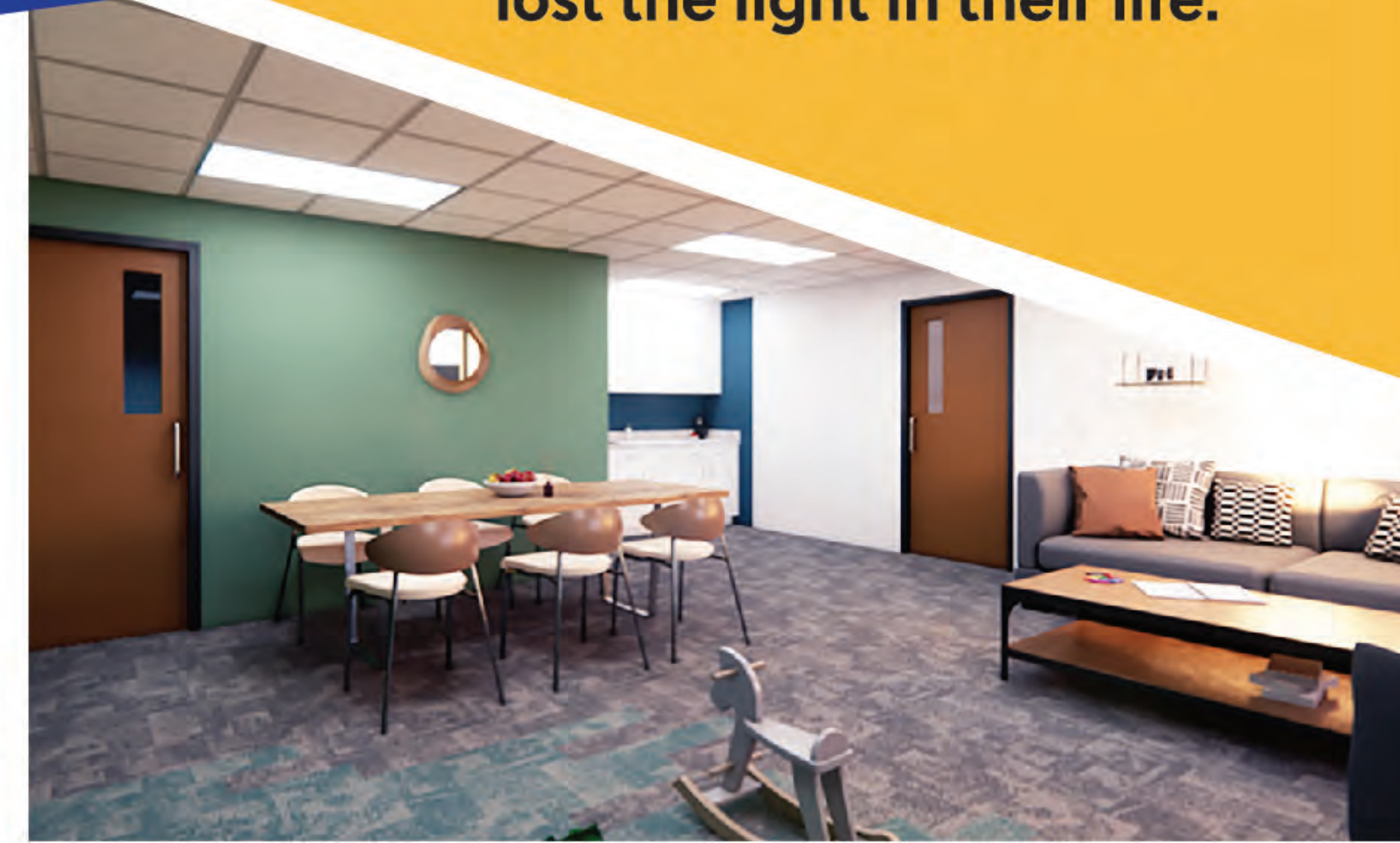
Held each year, this must-be-at event is located at Royal Scot in Lansing. Everyone in attendance will enjoy a great DJ, pizza, pop and snacks, a great goodie bag, silent auction, face painting for the kids and fun, fun, fun for the whole family!

For more information about sponsoring the event or to join the festivities with a team, contact Linda Ellsworth-Moore at: Lindaaem@cb-hb.com

a million reasons

Imagine you are a child without basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter or your home is not a safe place to live.

Imagine you are a child who has lost the light in their life.



Thank you to Jackson and Jackson employees for supporting the Jackson House building project. By donating nearly a million dollars to the campaign, the Jackson House remodel was initiated in 2022!

The Groundbreaking Celebration was attended by many local dignitaries including State Representatives who supported the project and Major Andy Schor!

What started as a small spark has turned into a significant guiding light for children and families throughout mid-Michigan. For over 110 years, Child and Family Charities has provided hope and vital services to strengthen and support children, teens, and families.

We are excited to share that we are in the final months of raising \$11.2 million to create a comprehensive campus of programs and services to best serve our community's diverse needs. Corporations, government and individuals have generously donated all but \$1 million toward the Be the Light capital campaign.

Today, we reach out to you as we launch the campaign's final phase – A Million Reasons. This grassroots effort invites everyone to give whatever amount they can to help us reach the finish line! Together, we can make this community vision a reality ... one person, one group, one school ... at a time.

Child and Family Charities honors and deeply appreciates those who make contributions to our life-changing services. Pledges to A Million Reasons campaign may be designed for personalized recognition, to honor a friend or loved one, or to recognize a business or organization.

Our goal is to raise \$1 million!

Naming rights of designated locations at the new Child and Family Charities' facilities are also available. A gift of any size helps children, teens, and families in need of vital programs and services through Child and Family Charities.

LOOK AT HOW FAR WE'VE COME

Jackson House
BY JACKSON

From the Jackson House Groundbreaking in 2022



Coming SOON! Ground breaking and renovations to the main campus and education center! Please join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 6th, 9 AM - 10:30 AM 407 W. Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48911

Contact Demphna Krikorian, Senior Director of Development, at 517-816-9139 or demphna@childandfamily.org for more information.

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Grand Opening Coming June 2023!