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Orchards Back-to-School Extravaganza
Summer 2013

ORCHARDS REMEMBERS IRVING GOLDMAN

A Wonderful Legacy

On August 13, 2013, we lost one of our Greatest Champions. Irving Goldman was an integral part of the Orchards for over 52 years. Doralee Rothberg Goldman, his wife of 67 years, was on the Board of the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Detroit Section, which founded Orchards. Doralee fostered Irving's interest in Orchards when she participated in numerous "O" committees. She and Irving collaborated closely with Gerry Levin, CEO of the Orchards, on numerous Orchards projects. Irving was instrumental in the transition of Orchards from the Council to its own 501(c)(3) organization. This decision allowed Orchards to spread its wings and help even more children. Irving was a guiding force in many of the initiatives we implemented. His family has always been there for us and kept the organization focused on its mission.

His daughter, Carol (Goldman) Klein, has been involved on Orchards' board for more than twenty years. The Clothing Corner, Summer Adventures program, Mentoring program and Youth Board, were her concepts, and have become an integral part of Orchards programming. Like Irving she is always there for us. Her husband, Mitch, has lent a helping hand for many of our projects and has been instrumental in bringing dental services to Orchards. Both of Irving's grandchildren, Jackson and Natalie Klein, are a part of the Orchards family. Natalie was the President of the Youth Board. Irving's other daughter Meg (Goldman) Kasdan and her husband Larry Kasdan and their two sons, Jake and Jonathan Kasdan, all residing in California, continue to support us as well. Irving is also survived by his brother, Marvin Goldman.

We will never forget the last event Irving attended at Orchards. It was our Larry Culley Bike Giveaway Day, an event that gave Irving a chance to do what he enjoyed the most, being with our children. He came in his wheel chair, but as soon as he saw the children he stood and gave each child a hug and said, "I want to buy some more bikes today for some kids!" And so he made that happen because that was what Irving did – made things happen. Seeing both of his daughters overwhelmed with tears as his energy increased when he was surrounded by children made us all happy. Their love for their father was as evident as Irving's joy of being there. That was Irving, making sure his family was together and supporting Orchards.

Irving E. Goldman attended Central High School and Michigan State University. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry and saw combat in the European theater. Irving, along with his brother and father, operated Grant Southern Iron and Metal Company—one of the largest scrap metal processing companies in the U.S.—for 40 years.

He was a Humanist Jew, an accomplished equestrian, philanthropist and devoted friend and family man.

Contributions and tributes may be made to Orchards Children's Services in memory of Irving E. Goldman at www.orchards.org or 248-593-1573.



Moving Families Forward



Orchards Announces New Locations in Oakland and Genesee Counties



Growth! It was the goal of the National Council of Jewish Women over 51 years ago when they recognized a need to help seven young boys in the community. What began as a single seed has blossomed into the Orchards that provides services to over 5,000 children annually.

We have offices in Wayne, Oakland, Genesee, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. Our work extends throughout the entire state of Michigan with our Adoption Resource Consultants. Our growth motivated us to take a very close look at our capacity and sites. Our focus this year is Moving Families Forward. Now the time has come to Move Orchards' Family Forward as we open a new main office in Southfield and a new satellite office in Flint.

Memories! In the new **Southfield** location, the clinical activity room will offer kids in crisis a new memory--one that can buffer the challenges they may encounter during difficult visitations with soothing rooms and comfortable spaces. Our Foster Parents will be able to relax in the fresh new waiting room where the layout and natural lighting lends itself to increased safety. Our children experiencing clinical/therapy services will have a new space which will de-emphasize the clinical nature of the visit.

Opportunity! In the **Flint and Southfield** offices, the staff will have updated work spaces and the ability to collaborate and team build. **There will be great training spaces, conference spaces, and multi-purpose spaces.** Kids will experience innovative colors, calming environments, an open area to jump and play and even a toy vault, which was once a large bank vault! The legacy of Orchards will be preserved while new seeds of opportunity will be planted and new memories nurtured.

Effective November 18, 2013
Orchards' New Southfield Location
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Suite 500
24901 Northwestern Highway
Southfield, MI 48075

Effective October 7, 2013
Orchards' New Genesee Location
444 Church Street,
Flint, MI 48502



Pictured above are scenes from Orchards' 1st Annual Health Fair. Please see back cover for list of participating organizations.



Orchards Children's Services lost another one of our longstanding supporters, George Fox, earlier this year. George served as financial advisor and board member for many years, helping to grow the organization into what it is now. In honor of his work, his friends and family along with Orchards organized George Fox Day at Comerica Park.

Combining his two passions--baseball and children--George was honored on August 16th at the Detroit Tigers game. Over thirty of George Fox's family and friends met at Comerica Park at the Pepsi Porch, where they dined on hamburgers and hotdogs and watched the Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals. A plaque honoring George's life work at Orchards was presented by Michael Williams, Orchards' CEO, to George's wife Joan, his son Dr. Daniel Fox and daughter Lisa.

In what was a nail biting game, Cabrera hit a solo homer in the ninth inning lifting Detroit to a 6-5 win--a special way to end a special night. George would have been proud.

Pictured above: Lisa Fox, Joan Fox, Dr. Daniel Fox, Michael Quinn, Keisha Quinn and son



Joan Fox, Harriett Lusky and Jasmine Williams



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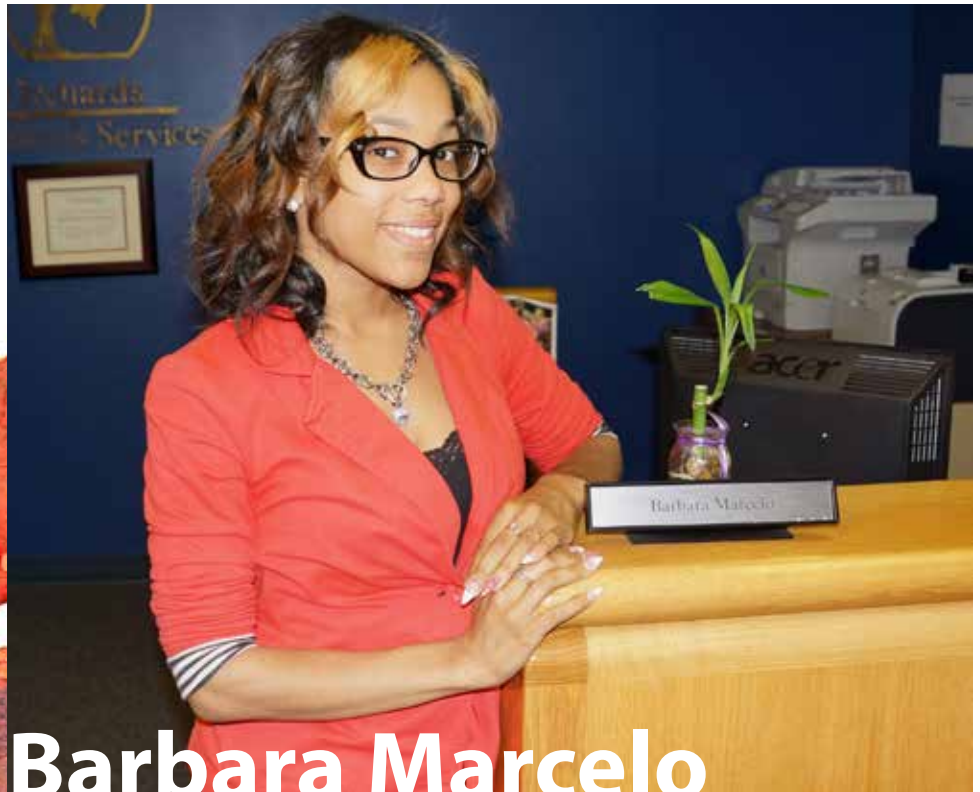
Orchards Introduces

Executive Assistant and Donor Relations Associate

Smart move! Leaving your retirement plan assets to the Orchards eliminates the federal income tax on assets.

Did you know?— Perhaps the most common planned giving arrangement for the benefit of the Orchards is the will bequest. Charitable gifts made by will are 100% tax deductible. Bequests may be unrestricted — giving the Orchards the most flexibility — or designated for a specific purpose.

The IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended for 2013! Please consider Orchards when you transfer funds from your IRA to avoid undesirable tax effects. For Traditional IRA owners: If you're going to turn age 70 1/2 this year (2013), the IRS requires that you begin taking minimum withdrawals from your account.



Barbara Marcelo

Orchards would like to introduce Barbara Marcelo. Barbara is the new Executive Assistant & Donor Relations Associate. Barbara is the first face you will see when entering the executive wing. Barbara is responsible for greeting guests, supporting the executive team, receiving and documenting charitable gifts, sending acknowledgements and recognition materials in addition to managing the copy room.

Barbara is driven to help our families. Barb was a key figure in coordinating many other events for the community relations department in her previous role including our expanded food and toy drives as well as our successful holiday party at Forgotten Harvest. This year she will be co-chairing our holiday events. Barb states, "Last year during the holiday giving season, I worked diligently to ensure that the fifty (50) families that were sponsored by our generous donors over the holidays received their holiday wishes by having their gifts collected, labeled and distributed to their workers. That experience was exhilarating and really meaningful!"

"I've always had a strong passion for learning about and helping children. Three years ago, I started out majoring in Child Development, but recently fell in love understanding business principles and decided to change my major. I love my new role because it allows me to mix both of these interests together! I am honored to have been a part of Community Relations, and I am looking forward to my future endeavors here at Orchards."

Barb is humble and uniquely effective. We know she will continue to add to the already high level of professionalism that our office services and support personnel exhibit daily. Barb resides in Detroit with her daughter Wynter. In addition to working at Orchards, she attends college full-time and is working toward her Bachelor of Arts in Business Management.



A BIKE DAY TO REMEMBER

Orchards believes every child deserves a childhood full of positive memories and receiving a brand new bike at the beginning of a fun-filled summer does just that. On June 28, 2013, our families and community guests enjoyed carnival games, food, music and fun as Orchard's celebrated its 5th Annual Bike Day, in memory of Larry Culley, Orchard's past facility director. Larry was a valued employee who expressed a strong passion for helping children.

Through the efforts of generous private donors, as well as corporate donors General Motors, Kroger and Wal-Mart, we were able to provide over 400 bicycles, helmets and locks and help promote a healthy summer full of fun and exercise. Leading up to this day our bikes were assembled by volunteers from the community, Quicken Loans and the Chrysler Corporation. None of this could have happened without the volunteer leadership of Chuck Ronan.

Southfield's Mayor, Brenda Lawrence, administered the ribbon cutting. The City of Southfield Fire and Police Departments were on hand to provide safety tips. The Southfield Fire Safe House featured a simulated house fire, which gave children proper procedures on how to exit their home in case of a fire.

Irving Goldman, a long time supporter, wanted to make sure he gave each child a hug after they received their bicycle. Irving was a man who not only had a vision for Orchard's but worked with others to make the vision a reality. Irving Goldman passed away on August 12th, 2013. His legacy will live on and Orchard's will never forget the memorable moments he shared with our families at the Larry Culley Bike Day.

Pictured here with the late Mr. Goldman are Orchard's COO Carmine DeVivo, Mitch Klein, Doralee Klein, Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence, Orchard's CEO Michael Williams and Carol Klein.





Living, Learning - Giving, Sharing

The only human instinct is love; human beings learn everything else by imitation. An infant will thrive when lovingly attended to. A toddler will happily play with anyone that shows an interest. Little children will freely offer to share anything they have with others. Human nature is to share and give; we are bound by our capacity for love, caring and sharing. Our children learn everything else from us; the behaviors and attitudes of adults were learned early in life.

“Kids don’t remember what you try to teach them. They remember who you are.”

- Jim Henson (creator of the Muppets), *It’s Not Easy Being Green: And Other Things To Consider*

In our busy lives, we often forget that we can learn a great deal from children. We forget that helping a child learn increases our opportunities and our capacity to learn from them. Learning, giving and sharing are elements essential to living. As we give and share so we learn and receive. Whether helping a child with a school assignment or explaining life lessons; teachable moments are also learning and sharing moments.



Michael E. Williams

Michael Williams
President and Chief Executive Officer

“You must be the change you want to see in the world.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

The spirit of this famous quote is easily applied to our interaction with children. We should all strive to set a loving, caring, sharing example. Our children are the future; what they learn from us, what we share with them will impact the future, their future.

The Orchards Children’s Services family has evolved over the years by continually learning and sharing. Today, our innovative programs support those in need. From our Learn 2 Learn program to family preservation, we strive to provide not only educational support for children, but structural support for families. It has been our privilege to help improve the quality of life for children and families throughout southeast Michigan and it is with gratitude that we thank everyone who has helped us over these years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Management and Staff of Orchards Children’s Services, thank you. Your giving, caring and sharing makes our work possible. Because of you we are able to improve the lives of children, youth and families.

David Kramer

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Board Chair




Orchards Programs

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In addition, our six Families First teams, that cover seven counties, have serviced over 700 families in FY 13 and achieved over 100% utilization in each of these contracts for the state. Through the use of this intensive, short-term crisis intervention and family educational model, Orchards staff has prevented over 2,000 children from entering foster care.



We have also expanded our Family Reunification programs and are now servicing eight counties. Previously, Orchards had contracts in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties. In October, we began servicing families with a plan to reunite biological parents with their child(ren) in foster care within 30 days in Genesee, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Monroe counties. We have hired twelve additional staff members in these counties to deliver services to families 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Our nineteen Adoption Resource Consultants continue to travel around the state to meet with adoption providers of children that are in need of recruitment, resolute in our commitment to find them an adoptive home. In less than two years, we have achieved permanency through adoption or guardianship for 243 children. Although ninety-one children remain without a family resource from our original group, we are determined to assist these children in finding a permanent connection with a family as they grow into adulthood.

As they do each summer, many children in our programs attended day camp and overnight camp thanks to our Camp Steering Committee and other generous donors. This summer, we had over 200 children participate in our Summer Adventures programs, taking advantage of the chance to participate in many different activities.



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Orchards 1st Annual Health Fair