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Summer Newsletter



Signature Event 2021

Thank you to all of our 2021 Gerald L. Levin 'Champions for Children' Signature Event donors!



Your investment in our children and families helped make a huge impact in their future! Because of your support, we were able to raise over \$100,000 in a non-traditional way while we stayed apart to keep each other safe. Thank you for your constant support throughout the year and thank you for investing in Orchards. We truly couldn't do it without you. We look forward to seeing you in person next year!

Congratulations to our 2021 'Champions for Children' Award Winners!



Corporate Award Winner

Kroger Rachel Hurst



Individual/Advocate Award Winner

Staci Griffes







Thank you to our four Platinum Sponsors who help support the movement in enriching and strengthening the lives of those we serve.

Kroger has been a consistent supporter of Orchards for many years. They support our Bike Day, provide our families with gift cards for Thanksgiving, and have also donated zoo tickets for our families.

Joan Binkow is a longtime friend of Orchards and has been a huge supporter of education and our Summer Adventures Camp. Joan is also a previous 'Champions for Children' award winner!

Martha and Robert Sachs are founders of the Dorothy Sachs Scholarship. They provide youth who age out of foster care the opportunity to further their education. Martha and Robert are also previous 'Champions for Children' award winners!

Lori and Michael Silver are new supporters of Orchards and friends of our board member, Jonathon LoPatin. We look forward to a continued friendship with the Silver's and are so thankful for their support.

Thank you to all of our sponsors! We wouldn't be able do the work that we do without them and their constant support.

To see a list of all of our 2021 Signature Event Sponsors click <u>HERE!</u>

Larry Culley Bike/Scooter Day

This year's annual Larry Culley Bike Day looked a little bit different. We brought bike day indoors due to mother nature. We provided our kids



with scooters and skateboards due to a nationwide bike part shortage that prevented us from getting bikes. We made sure our kids didn't leave empty-handed as they were supplied with the following:

- Scooter/Skateboard
- Helmet
- Lights
- Knee and Elbow Pads
- Multiple Books
- Bubbles/Sidewalk Chalk

- \$50 Kroger Gift Card
- Blankets from NCJW
- Stuffed Animals
- Sticker Packs
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Spun Sugar Cotton Candy

Although it looked different, we were so happy to provide our kids with outdoor equipment to kick off their summer. We can't thank our volunteers enough for all of their help. We look forward to bringing our traditional Larry Culley Bike Day back next year.

Thank you to Kroger, Little Caesars, Spun Sugar Cotton Candy, National Council of Jewish Women, and our Board Members for helping make this Bike Day successful!









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Summer Adventures

Summer camp is back at Orchards!
Our kids are headed to day camps across the Metro Detroit area this summer. Overnight camps were paused for another summer, however, we are still making sure kids in our care are getting the experience of summer camp. To donate to Orchards Summer Adventures Camp click **HERE**.





Back2School Drive

Help our kids head back to school this fall prepared to learn. When you support our Back2School Drive, you are making sure kids in our care are well equipped for the start of the school year. To host a drive at your place of worship, work, club, etc. contact Vicki Orleans at vorleans@orchards.org or to make a donation click HERE or shop our AmazonSmile page HERE! Let's make sure our kids have the confidence they need on that first day of school.



Juneteenth

In honor of Juneteenth, Orchard's leadership team



Pride Month



established June 19th as an annual agency holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the day in 1865 when the last enslaved people learned they were free as word of the end of the Civil War and the **Emancipation Proclamation** reached Texas. Our richness is because of the people we know and the beauty we find within one another. And it is together, as we support one another, that we will continue to move forward during difficult times. Orchard's staff united against racism.

Standing with Pride Month is a representation of the national average of 30.4% of foster youth identifying as LGBTQ in 2019. These kids need a voice, loving foster homes, supportive adoptive homes, and a bright future! Orchards accepts foster and adoptive families of all sexual orientations and perspectives.



Congratulations to the Class of 2021

The 2020 school year came in like no other. Virtual was the reality for so many high schools, colleges, and trade schools. We want to congratulate all of you for sticking it out and pushing through after experiencing a different final chapter of your high school year than expected.

Congratulations class of 2021, you did it!

Save the Date

Celebrating 60 Years of Orchards

Our 2022 Gerald L. Levin
'Champions for Children'
Signature Event will be back in
person next May! Mark your
calendars now as we are
celebrating our 60th
anniversary on **Friday**, **May**20, 2022.

We can't wait to see you there!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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