Winter Newsletter

The Magic of the Holidays
The holidays tend to be a difficult time for those in our care. This year, as the world still manages through a global pandemic, Orchards, with the support of many, came together to provide food baskets for over 400 families in our care. Thank you to our incredible friends at Kroger for donating $10,000 worth of gift cards for our families!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Orchards Food Drive this year! A big thank you to the Orchards Youth Board for stuffing over 400 bags!

Thank you to so many that helped make this holiday season special!
Big Family of Michigan sponsored 250 children again this year. Toys for Tots donated multiple truckloads of toys. As did the Sylvan Lake Police Department. Your continued support means everything to us; we truly would not be able to do what we do without you.

Giving Hearts Charity hosted a dinner and hundreds of toys were donated to Orchards. Additionally, a huge thank you to the Southfield Police and Fire Department for giving our kids the opportunity to shop with a hero for Christmas gifts!

Serra Automotive, for over 8 years has sponsored families in the Flint area and provided them with gifts for Christmas!

This year, over 100 families were adopted through our Adopt-A-Family program. This was a record breaking number of families that were adopted during the holiday season! Thank you to all of the generous donors who helped give these children and families an incredibly special holiday. In total, with the backing of so many incredible donors and supporters, we were able to give over 1,500 kids gifts for Christmas!

Thank you to all of our supporters who help bring home the magic of the holidays!

Toys for Tots
Gallagher-Kaiser Corporation
Giving Hearts Charity
Southfield Police and Fire Department
Big Family of Michigan
Variety
Sylvan Lake Police and Fire

HTI
National Council of Jewish Women
StockX
Foster Swift
Crime Stoppers
Joyful Tots
Project Beautiful Inside and Out
Gerald L. Levin  
'Champions for Children' Signature Event

This year, Orchards Children's Services celebrates 60 years of service! We invite you to celebrate our annual Signature Event with us on Friday, May 20th at the beautiful International Banquet Center in downtown Detroit.

Sponsorship information will be available soon!
Have you or someone you know ever thought about adopting or fostering a child? Our licensing department goes above and beyond to make sure you have all of the credentials and information you need to become a foster or adoptive parent. We are always in need of those who can make a difference in the lives of kids in the foster care system. Also, January is Sexual Abuse Awareness Month. Did you know, 88% of children that are victims of sex trafficking were in the care of social services?
You could make a life changing impact on those who need it most. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a licensed foster parent, visit our website [orchards.org](http://orchards.org).

DID YOU KNOW?

In the US, over 69,000 youth in foster care live in residential facilities, group homes or other placements, instead of with a foster family.

[www.ccainstitute.org](http://www.ccainstitute.org)

MLK Day

MLK Day is Monday, January 17th. Our offices will be closed in remembrance of the great advocate for civil rights.

We Are Hiring!

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Orchards team? Visit our [website](http://orchards.org) for more information.
"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."
-MLK

March is Reading Month!

March is Reading Month! Help support our ParentChild+ Program by purchasing books from our AmazonSmile page. Books are given to kids and families in our PC+ program to get them ready to start kindergarten!

Click HERE to shop.
Thank you!

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