

Look for CTF and check to protect.

CTF can be found on your Michigan Tax Form 4642. Simply choose a donation amount and your contribution will be used by programs to make a difference in a child's life.

Tell your tax preparer!

If your Michigan income tax return is prepared by a tax preparer, fill out this form and give it to your preparer with your information for the year.

□ Yes, I would like to contribute to CTF to help stop child abuse and neglect.

□ \$5 □ \$10 □ \$20 □ \$50 □ \$100

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(other amount)

Your donation is tax-deductible in the next tax year.

All new contributions stay in your county to support child abuse and neglect prevention.





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prevent child abuse and neglect by donating to the Children's Trust Fund on your Michigan tax form.

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Every child deserves our protection.

Protecting children. No task is as important, as utterly profound, as keeping children safe from harm. Unfortunately, too many children fall victim to neglect and abuse by the very people they trust to keep them safe.

Parents are responsible for more deaths of children under age 5 than all childhood illnesses combined. This is a statistic we can no longer tolerate.

Ignorance and impatience are usually behind these tragic deaths, often the end of a short life marked by repeated episodes of abuse.

We all must act.

If we are going to succeed in keeping all children safe, we must all be actively involved. In Michigan, the Children's Trust Fund (CTF), an independent nonprofit agency, promotes the health, safety and welfare of children by supporting and funding effective, collaborative programs that prevent child abuse and neglect.

CTF is directed by a volunteer board appointed by the governor, and supports community-based direct service programs and local child abuse and neglect prevention councils that serve 81 of Michigan's 83 counties. CTF-funded programs help eliminate the ignorance that often is the root of abusive parenting or caretaking and teach parents what to expect from babies and toddlers, how to positively handle preschoolers, and how to encourage students toward positive behavior and achievement. CTF also supports programs that teach adults how to combat their own impatience—how to "stay cool" when the challenges of child-rearing make the job feel overwhelming. These programs remind adults in Michigan that children deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to learn and grow.

Keep them safe with an income tax donation. It's painless. Abuse is not.

It is a simple act of giving, but the results can mean everything for that child — that child you chose to help.

When you fill out your Michigan Tax Form 4642, look for the CTF donation line. Fill in a donation amount and make the difference in a child's life. If you use a tax preparer for your taxes, be sure to inform him or her of your donation intentions.

Let's keep every child in Michigan safe, because every child deserves our protection. Every child deserves your protection.