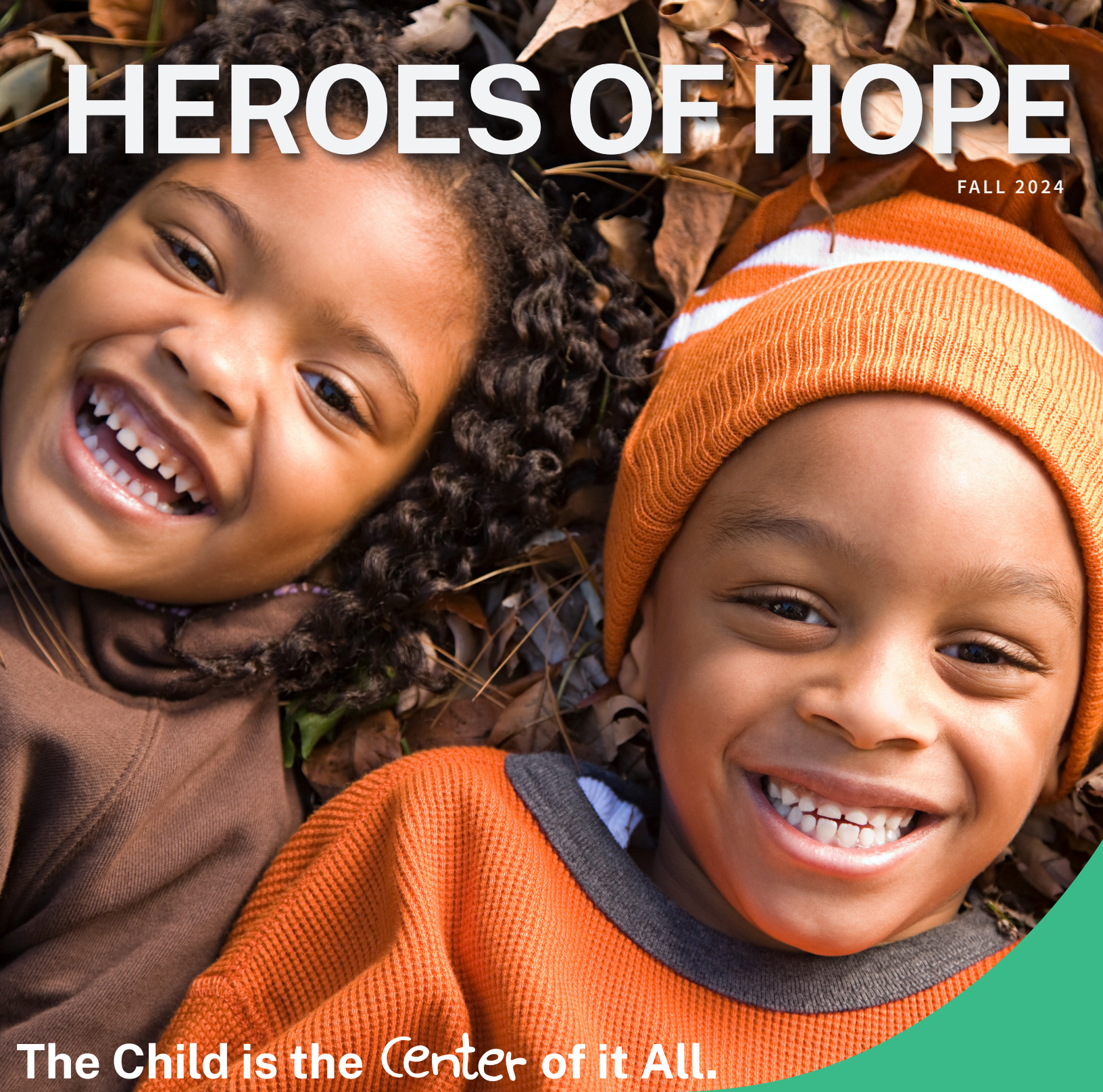


HEROES OF HOPE

FALL 2024



The Child is the Center of it All.

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From the CEO's Desk

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This quarter has been marked by incredible achievements at The Children's Center, all made possible by our collective efforts. Our Back to School Bazaar provided 1,650 backpacks, ensuring students are ready for a successful school year. The Community Health and Wellness Fair connected families with vital resources, thanks to our agency and community partners. The experiences and skills our youth gained during Summer Camp will resonate for years to come. The Youth & Family Led Candidate Forum also powerfully amplified the voices and concerns of our families.

Your unwavering support makes all this possible—thank you for being an essential part of our mission.

Warm regards,



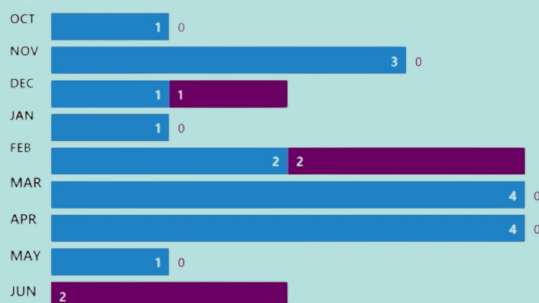
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The Children's Center



Child Welfare



Adoptions and Reunifications that occurred per month during FY24.



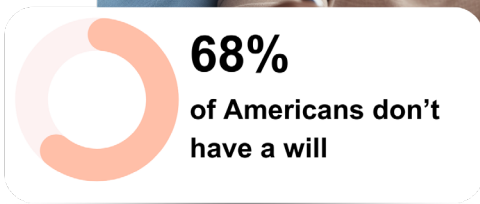
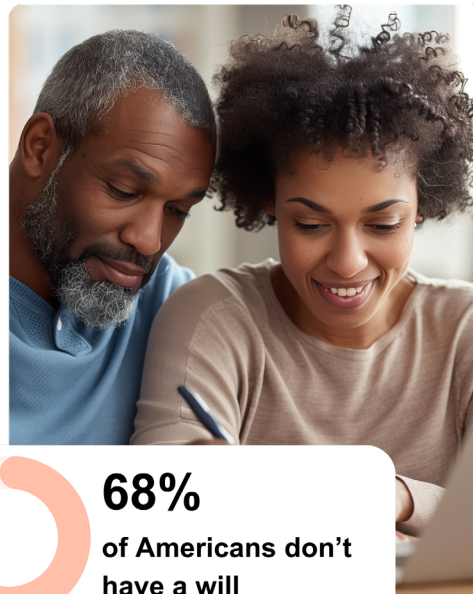
22
Children have achieved permanency,
fiscal year to date

5
Reunifications

17
Adoptions

FreeWill

Plan ahead for your future and the future of The Children’s Center! 64% of Americans say that having a will is important — but 68% don’t have a will in place. National Estate Planning Awareness Week is October 21st-27th, and this year, we’re reminding our community that no matter your age or how wealthy you are, you should have a plan in place. With our partner, FreeWill, you can create your plan in just 20 minutes online, and protect the people and causes you love. As a reminder, we offer this free will-writing service in gratitude for your support of children’s mental health. Go to www.freewill.com/thechildrenscenter to make a plan and beyond. Your continued support means the world to us and our families. I look forward to collaborating with you to further enhance the well-being of our children.



F R E E W I L L

<https://www.freewill.com/thechildrenscenter>

Back-to-School Bazaar

The Children’s Center successfully hosted our annual Back-to-School Bazaar to aid our youth and community as they prepared to return to school this fall. Our agency was able to assist 1,650 youth by providing them with backpacks that were filled with essential school supplies. Not only did these backpacks equip our children with the resources and tools they need for a successful school year, but they also helped alleviate financial pressure off our families.

Our Back-to-School Bazaar could not have been done without the outstanding partnership of our Presenting Sponsors, the Tigers Foundation, Meijer, Forvia, and Detroit Manufacturing Systems. Their generous financial contributions and volunteer efforts in packing 1,650 backpacks were instrumental in making this event a success.

Additionally, community partners like Marriott International, Rehmann, and KIRCO played a significant role in ensuring that our campus was well equipped to host our Back-to-School Bazaar event. Our families joined us on campus to receive their backpacks, and we could not have been more thrilled to see their smiling faces! We are extremely grateful to all the groups and individuals who supported this event, as their contributions were vital to its success. Together, we were able to help our children foster a love for school and a path to shape their own futures through education.



2024 Summer Camp

The Children's Center organized its annual summer camp program in July, catering to 34 children and offering them a range of unique summer activities. The camp aimed to foster prosocial skill development, encourage positive peer interactions, and support healthy interactions amongst adults and children.

Over five weeks, children engaged in various activities such as science, art, cooking, crafting, gardening, and yoga. Additionally, the children enjoyed off-campus excursions including swimming, chocolate making, museum visits, Mediterranean cuisine, ice cream, fishing, a gaming truck, and escape room adventures.

A wonderful team of volunteers from Hollingsworth helped our campers build their very own version of a community utilizing cardboard boxes and art materials. Each year, summer camp serves as a avenue to bring art, culture, and new experiences to children who might have not have encountered them otherwise.



Thank You Ford Motor Company

Almost since its inception, The Children's Center has had the privilege to partner with Ford Motor Company as we seek to strengthen communities, empower families, and inspire children to dream a brighter future.

We are grateful for all that you have done to support our work: financial investments, in-kind contributions, and volunteer service. Because of you, children have access to quality programs, enrichment activities and basic need resources.

We are honored to collaborate with Ford Motor Company and meet the critical needs of the families we serve. Together, we can provide the continuity of care our children need and deserve. Thank you for your careful consideration given to our proposal.



Community Health & Wellness Fair

The Tau Beta Family Success Center took pride in hosting our second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair in collaboration with Youth United and DWIHN. This event aimed to offer health services and resources to the families we serve and the wider Detroit community. With the participation of 31 community organizations as vendors, over 250 adults and children enjoyed a range of activities including food, entertainment, ice cream, face painting, and art. Notable health and service providers like Delta Dental, Vision to Learn, The American Red Cross, The Unemployment Agency, and The Secretary of State were on-site to offer their services. The fair saw 85 children receiving vision screenings, 40 undergoing examinations and receiving eyeglasses, 20 dental assessments by Delta Dental, and The American Red Cross providing smoke detectors to 26 families with scheduled installations. This event brought joy, entertainment, and a sense of security to all attendees, allowing The Children's Center to continue supporting families on their journey to healing.



Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) Interns

A dynamic summer unfolded as we welcomed a group of interns from Grow Detroit's Young Talent (GDYT) to join us. Throughout the season, our interns collaborated with various departments, acquiring new skills and contributing to agency projects. Ariell Monagan-Clark, a junior at Wayne State University majoring in Psychology with a minor in Theater, returned to The Children's Center for the second consecutive year. Ariell expressed her enthusiasm for interning at our agency, stating, "The Children's Center offers a warm and supportive environment, making it an exceptional workplace for those interested in a career in Psychology. The impactful work carried out at the agency is remarkable, and I am grateful for the valuable learning experiences I have had over the past two summers."

Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday, a Global Day of Generosity, is just around the corner!

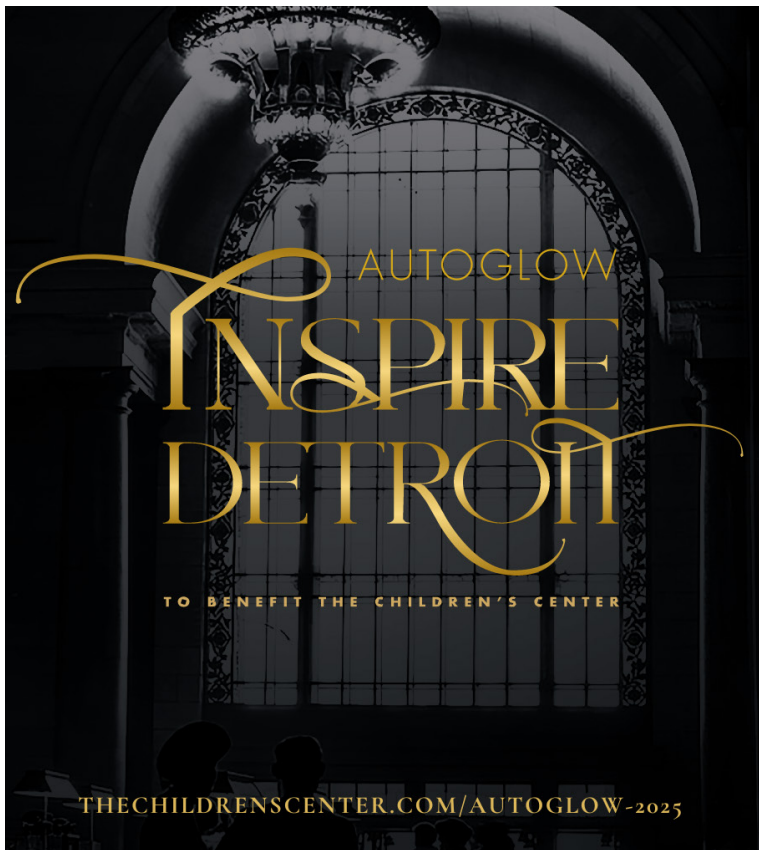
We invite YOU and your companies to join forces with The Children's Center on December 3rd to make a meaningful difference. This day presents an extraordinary chance to empower individuals to significantly impact the lives and futures of children. Your generosity fuels TCC's vital programs, fosters lasting change, and strengthens our community!

By supporting TCC this Giving Tuesday, you can help us inspire change. Our dedicated staff are committed to guiding our children, understanding that "to empower our youth to forge their own paths... is so life-affirming for our youth to have a hand in creating their own destiny," as shared by Dina from General Behavioral Health. It takes a collaborative effort to help our youth build a brighter future, and your donations ensure they have access to all the necessary services and tools.

Join us on this important mission to create a world where every child can achieve their full potential. Save the date for Giving Tuesday, and together, let's make a lasting impact on future generations!

GIVING TUESDAY

AutoGlow



SAVE THE DATE

Lisa & Bill Ford along with Lia & Jim Farley cordially invite you to inspire a brighter future for children and families by joining them at AutoGlow 2025.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

4:30 p.m. – Midnight

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

2405 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, Michigan 48216

We are honored to be one of six charities benefiting from Detroit Auto Show (DAS) Charity Preview proceeds. All AutoGlow ticket holders must also be DAS Charity Preview ticket holders. To order your Charity Preview tickets, visit detroitautoshow.com or call 888.898.7900 and designate The Children's Center your charity partner of choice. MC65787



Youth & Family Led Candidate Forum

In July, The Children's Center hosted a Youth & Family Led Candidate Forum, moderated by Charlie Langton from Fox 2 News. Our families had a valuable opportunity to engage directly with candidates ahead of the Primary Election. The participating candidates included: Shri Thanedar, Shakira Lynn Hawkins, Tonya Myers Phillips, Ernest Little, and Barry Altman.



Holiday Shop

As we approach the holiday season, it's the perfect time to consider how we can support our families this year. We are excited to open our annual Holiday Shop, which helps families celebrate together with joy and cheer. This initiative allows parents and guardians to select gifts for all children aged 18 and under in their households.

Each child will receive a gift, a stocking stuffer, a hat and gloves, and a book. In addition, the guardian will have the opportunity to choose a blanket for the entire family and will also receive gift-wrapping supplies and a gift card to buy ingredients for a festive meal.

From donating essential winter items like coats, hats, and gloves to offering your time or financial support, YOU can play a vital role in helping The Children's Center create cherished memories for our children and families this year. For more information, please reach out to Alyssa Silletti or Ade Odiduro at volunteer@thechildrenscenter.com.



Corporate & Foundation Partnership

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to Rite Aid Healthy Futures for their unwavering support of The Children's Center. Your partnership has significantly impacted our mission to improve health and wellness in Detroit and Wayne County.

Thanks to your continued support, we're able to reach more individuals, provide essential services, and create lasting change. Together, we're making children and families shape their own futures.

Thank you, Rite Aid Healthy Futures, for being a true community partner!



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Future Events

October

Trunk or Treat

October 25, 2024 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

*The Children's Center, Parking lot of
Building 90*

November

Community Baby Day

November 15, 2024 11:00 AM to
4:00 PM

*The Children's Center, Lower Level
of Building 90*

January

AutoGlow

January 10, 2025

Michigan Central Station

Scan the QR to Donate Today!

Make a meaningful
impact in a child's
life and enrich our
community by making
a donation!



Events are subject to change.

If interested in Volunteer Opportunities, please contact the Philanthropy team to sign up at Philanthropy@thechildrenscenter.com.