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Preview Gala

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, Michigan

Evening Events

6:30 PM

Doors Open for VIPs

(Includes Access to the Sky Lounge/Open Bar)

Silent Auction Begins

Welcome from Tati Amare (WDIV Live in the D Host)

7:30 PM

Patrons Arrival (Cash Bar)

9:00 PM
Silent Auction Closes

10:00 PM Preview Gala Ends

For more Festival of Trees information, visit **www.fot.org**.

Proceeds benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.



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Tati is an award-winning journalist, anchor and producer, and is currently the co-host of WDIV's lifestyle show "Live in the D." She's a self-described news junkie and foodie. Tati loves talking to people and is so grateful she gets to do it for a living. She has lived in Los Angeles, Brooklyn, Harlem and now calls Detroit her home.



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Festival of Trees President

Dear Friends of Festival of Trees,

For 38 years, Festival of Trees has kicked off the holiday season in Metro Detroit, and this year is no different. We are so happy to call the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center our home for another year.

We truly appreciate and thank the wonderful staff at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, and to Mayor Hammoud and his staff for their dedication to assisting in our efforts to raise funding for pediatric research.

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I would like to extend a warm holiday welcome to you and your family as you visit our event this year. This year is dedicated to all those we have lost over the last few years. A very special thank you to our Board of Directors, Executive Committee, dedicated designers, generous sponsors and the hundreds of volunteers that make Festival of Trees a spectacular event each year.

As you take time to enjoy the beauty of this event, I ask you to reflect on the true reason this event takes place. Festival of Trees is the largest annual special event fundraiser for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, raising funding for pediatric research initiatives for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. Festival of Trees has granted over \$500,000 this year to the Children's Clinical Research Institute through the Evergreen Endowment. Since our inception in 1985, the Evergreen Endowment has grown to over \$21 million, money that is dedicated to providing ongoing funding for research and has funded more than \$10 million in research grants.

Thank you joining us at the 38th Festival of Trees. May you unwrap the magic of the holiday season with the people you love. As everything we do is for the kids, we especially want to thank you for helping us give kids more days to play, nights to dream, and time to just be kids.

Sincerely,

Scott Killingbeck

President of Festival of Trees

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Celebrating 38 Years of Continuous Generosity and Dedication



For more than 38 years, **Festival of Trees** has provided pivotal support dedicated to ground breaking pediatric research. This includes their support of the Clinical Research Institute – in collaboration with The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation – which provides pediatric medical researchers the resources to gain funding and conduct breakthrough research.







\$10 MILLION



Festival of Trees has donated more than \$10 Million to support pediatric research.



Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation

Dear Friends,

November 2022

Welcome to the 38th annual Festival of Trees Preview Gala! For nearly four decades, Festival of Trees has made the holidays a little brighter for everyone. The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation is proud to be included in this event and grateful to be the beneficiary of its important fund-raising effort.



The essential support of Festival of Trees is helping physicians to perform critical research at Children's Hospital

of Michigan, ultimately improving how to diagnose and treat disease. Here are two interesting projects they are actively researching:

Improving medication adherence in adolescent heart transplant recipients: Adolescence is a high-risk period for heart transplant recipients, and often this age group fails to understand the importance of taking immunosuppressive medications. This results in multiple hospital admissions, injury to their transplanted hearts, and even loss of life. This pilot study will test a multicomponent intervention model using coaching, targeted text communications, and electronic automated pill dispensers to improve medication adherence in adolescent heart transplant recipients with the goal to improve long-term outcomes.

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The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation is proud to partner with the Festival of Trees, continuing our work to make a positive, lasting impact on the health and wellness of children. We appreciate your loyalty. Together we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

Dearborn is excited to once again be the host for the Festival of Trees in 2022. We are proud to welcome the thousands of visitors from across Metro Detroit to the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center for this charitable event.

I applaud the many Dearborn residents, businesses and organizations that continue to support the Festival of Trees, which is celebrating its 38th year as a premier fundraiser

for the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

We would also like to invite Festival visitors to enjoy other holiday activities here at The Center, including The Nutcracker on December 3 and 4, Dearborn Holiday Choral Festival on December 10, The Letterman on December 17, and the Motor City Brass Band's Sounds of the Season on December 18.

As always, all are welcome to join us for Dearborn's popular annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Sing-Along on November 21 at The Center.

On behalf of the residents of Dearborn, I extend our warmest wishes to all who visit the Festival of Trees and hope for a delightful and joyful holiday season for everyone.

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Abdullah H. Hammoud *Mayor*

















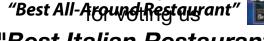








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2022 Research Projects at Children's Hospital of Michigan

Funding from the Festival of Trees has been a crucial source of support for innovative pediatric research projects at the Children's Hospital of Michigan that have advanced the science and practice of pediatric health care. The Evergreen Endowment provides seed funding that supports preliminary research projects that allow physician-scientists to develop new models of a disease or to evaluate the efficacy of a new intervention or treatment. This kind of support is vitally important to help advance research projects to the point where they can attract external funding, because researchers cannot successfully compete for federal grants without preliminary data. Several nationally known research programs at Children's were initiated with research funds from the Festival of Trees.



A Children's Foundation Initiative



Improving Medication Adherence in Adolescent Heart Transplant Recipients

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Role of the Microbiome in Immune Paralysis After Trauma and Major Surgery in Children

Dysregulation of the immune system causes significant disease and death in critically ill children. The intestinal microbiome (microorganisms in the intestines) regulates the immune system. Changes in the microbiome occur in children who suffer trauma from significant illness or major surgery. However, it is unclear if these changes cause immune dysregulation. This study will identify changes in the microbiome associated with immune dysregulation and infection in children after trauma or major surgery.



Improving Michigan Vaccination Rates by Integrating Human Papillomavirus Education for Pediatric Patients and Their Caregivers

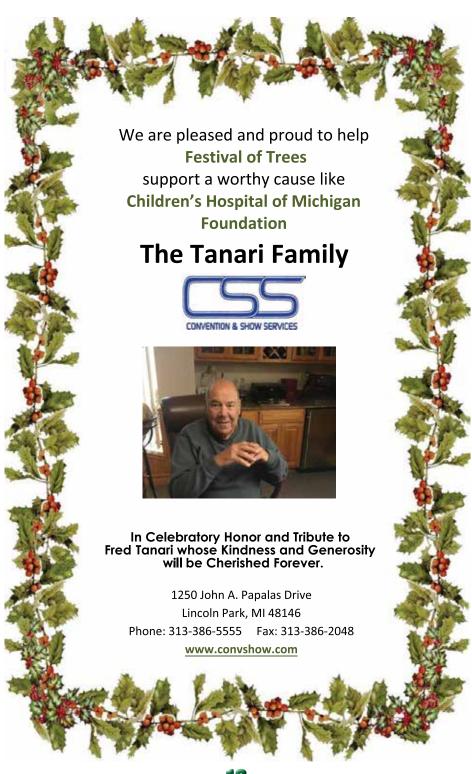
The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is often refused by parents and caregivers, leaving adolescents exposed to the risks of HPV. Prevention of HPV directly reduces the incidence of several types of cancer. For this project, investigators will develop a brief educational video to be shown to the parents of children who are eligible for HPV vaccination. If misconceptions can be addressed by this educational intervention, improvements in immunizations rates should result.

Effects of Cannabidiol on Anxiety and Behavioral Problems Among Children With Epilepsy

Cannabidiol (CBD) is currently used as a medication for treating seizures in children with epilepsy. Anxiety affects up to 50% of these children and may precipitate seizures. This study, initiated in 2021, will break new ground in understanding CBD as a potential treatment for reducing the burden of childhood anxiety in children with epilepsy.

Children's Clinical Research Institute

Support for medical research is a vitally important part of providing the best medical care to children. The Children's Clinical Research Institute (CRI) provides mentoring and assistance to physician investigators for the development and conduct of pediatric research projects. The CRI advances child health through research innovation, education, and mentorship, thereby improving outcomes and the quality of life for children in our community.





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An undertaking of this size takes a tremendous amount of work and support to make this happen. Our Executive Committee and Board of Directors work all year long planning the event. Our incredibly talented designers plan early on their creations that will become the magical wonderland our guests have come to expect.

Our generous sponsors continue our goal of raising funds for pediatric research, and are critical to our mission.

And last but not least, all the wonderful volunteers, who help set up, run the event, and assist with tear down and tree delivery, we absolutely could not do this without you.

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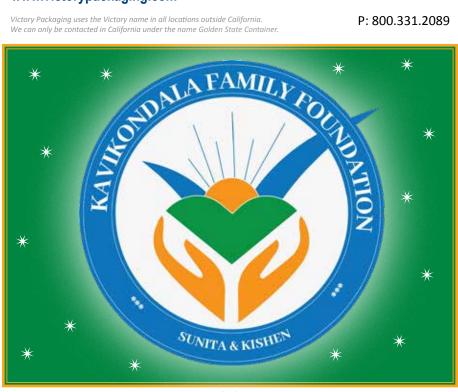
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