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Children's Advocates To Be Honored Nov. 9

Eleventh Annual Event Celebrates Work on Behalf of Children

LANSING – Michigan's Children is proud to announce the lineup of distinguished leaders who will be honored for their exemplary community and legislative accomplishment on behalf of children at the Eleventh Annual **Much Ado About Something Wonderful**.

Each year, this special recognition benefit brings together the governmental affairs community and elected officials who help us achieve our vision of making Michigan the best state in America to be a child. The awards recognize those who have particularly distinguished themselves on behalf of children. The 2010 honorees are:

Legacy Heroes

U.S. Rep. Vern Ehlers (R)

U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak (D)

Sen. Ray Basham (D)

Sen. Patty Birkholz (R)

Sen. Liz Brater (D)

Sen. Tom George (R)

Seasoned Advocate

Rep. Joan Bauer (D)

Visionary Freshman

Rep. John Walsh (R)

Kevin A. Kelly Child Advocate Award

Nancy Moody

The awards ceremony will be held Tuesday, November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Country Club of Lansing, 2200 Moore River Drive.

This is the third year of the Kevin A. Kelly Child Advocate Award created in 2008 to recognize those in the nonprofit or business world who work on children's issues. Mr. Kelly was a long-serving member of the Michigan's Children Board of Directors and highly respected political operative known for bringing people together for important causes and donating great amounts of his own time and energy.

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We are proud to honor Nancy Moody, Director of State Government Affairs for DTE Energy, as this year's recipient of the Kevin A. Kelly Child Advocate Award. Ms. Moody worked with Mr. Kelly and has had a lifelong commitment to serving the needs of vulnerable children.

"As Michigan continues to struggle with this economic recession we can take some comfort in knowing that there are leaders out there who not only care about the well-being of children, but who take action to improve the lives of our most vulnerable to increase their odds of success," Michigan's Children President & CEO Jack Kresnak said. "Michigan should be as proud to have these leaders as we are to honor them."

Tickets are \$125 per person and can be purchased at www.michiganschildren.org or by calling (517) 485-3500.

Much Ado About Something Wonderful is one of only two annual fundraisers held to support the important work of Michigan's Children in communities, the Capitol and Congress. The statewide nonprofit and nonpartisan children's advocacy organization accepts no government funding, and thus relies solely on support from foundations, businesses and individuals.

Sponsors for the 2010 Much Ado event include DTE Energy, HealthPlus of Michigan, Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA), and Michigan State Medical Society.

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We work with lawmakers, business leaders and communities to make Michigan a place where all children have the
opportunity to thrive.*