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Dear Friend,

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## **RSVP Today for Take Me Out to the Ball Game**

Our family-friendly spring benefit is just around the corner! Join us next Thursday to meet our new President & CEO Matt Gillard and his family at the Lansing Lugnuts Stadium. Individual, family, and student ticket options are available; all include dinner and game tickets. [RSVP today!](#)

## **State Budget Update**

The Michigan Legislature is continuing to move the state budget bills forward as they are being taken up by the House and Senate this week (and maybe into next week) before heading to Conference Committees where differences will be ironed out.

Michigan's Children is continuing to follow its progression and working to ensure that our fiscal year 2015 priorities -- funding for early childhood programs and [after-school funding](#) --- are included in the budget.

In the meantime, check-out our latest [Budget Basics](#) publication that provides a side-by-side comparison chart of various components of the budget bills and how they will impact equitable outcomes for Michigan children, youth and families.

## **Check-Out Our New Website and Blog**

Last month, Michigan's Children launched its [new website!](#) Please take a couple of minutes to check it out and let us know how we can improve the website to assist in your advocacy needs. Your input is appreciated!

While you're there, be sure to visit our blog page and [subscribe to receive email alerts](#) whenever we post a new blog. We know many of you were signed up previously, but when we shifted our blog page to our new website, unfortunately we could not also shift those email addresses.

Latest blog posts:

- [Appreciating What Works \(5/8/2014\)](#) by Michele Corey
- [FY2015 Budget: An Opportunity to Address Equity \(4/28/2014\)](#) by Mina Hong
- [Doc-Fix Bill Add-Ons Good for Michigan Children \(4/11/2014\)](#) by Mina Hong



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