

November 26, 2018, 5 to 8 p.m.
MGM Grand Detroit

Be a Hero for Kids! Invest in Michigan's Children.

HEROES NIGHT

Children don't have high paid lobbyists or super PACs looking out for their best interests in Lansing or in Washington, D.C. But they do have us.

Effective public policies can lead to outstanding results: Generations of highly educated, skilled, creative people who will attract jobs, raise healthy families, support strong communities, and make Michigan one of the BEST states to raise a family.

We influence public policy by working to garner support from policymakers, building public will on critical issues, and activating constituents to influence their elected officials.

Make a tax-deductible donation to Michigan's Children at michiganschildren.org or mail us a check. Your contribution will help us remain an independent, non-partisan voice working to ensure that public policies are made in the best interest of children—our future.



Heroes Night celebrates individuals, businesses and organizations whose community involvement and contributions have made a positive impact on the lives of children and families in Michigan.

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We are proud to celebrate Juliette Okotie-Eboh as our 2018 Heroes Night Honoree.

Juliette Okotie-Eboh, Senior Vice President at MGM Grand Detroit and former Michigan's Children's Board Member, has dedicated her career to supporting new leadership in many fields of public and private service.

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OUR STELLAR HOSTS



Khadija Walker Fobbs

Khadija is the Executive Director for The New Foster Care, and is a co-founder and board President of Mission 1:17, both organizations committed to improve the circumstances of children, youth and families involved in the foster care system. She has spent her career serving youth and families and advocating with policy makers to make that system work better.



Kayla Roney Smith

Kayla is the Executive Director of the Hazel Park Promise Zone and College Access Network, a nonprofit organization committed to improving community through increased postsecondary attainment. She is personally and professionally committed to expanding opportunity for children and youth.

RISING STAR INTERVIEWERS

Our 2018 honoree, Juliette Okotei-Eboh, will be interviewed by students who are part of two critical programs serving young people in Detroit:

The New Foster Care exists to increase awareness and make a measurable impact on the foster care system through collaboration and connection. It fills gaps, develops permanent relationships and creates positive changes in the foster care system, serving over 1,400 people in 2018.

The Hazel Park Promise Zone and College Access Network is revitalizing the Hazel Park community by increasing its educational attainment and making it an attractive destination for families through a tuition-free path to an associate's degree to resident graduates of Hazel Park Schools and by recruiting and providing college and career preparatory programs to support Hazel Park students.



Michigan's Children is the only statewide independent voice working to ensure that public policies are made in the best interest of children from cradle to career.

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

5:00 - 6:00

Strolling Reception

A light meal of hot & cold hors d'oeuvres will be served during networking & cocktails. (No dinner to follow.)

6:00 - 6:15

Welcome

Matt Gillard

President and CEO Michigan's Children

6:15 - 7:15

Honoree Introduction

Kayla Roney Smith

Khadija Walker-Fobbs

Young Leadership Hosts

Honored Hero

Juliette Okote-Eboh

Vice President MGM Grand Detroit

Youth Interviewers

Ms. Okote-Eboh will be interviewed by students from the New Foster Care and the Hazel Park Promise Zone and College Access Network

Award Presentation

Kayla Roney Smith

Khadija Walker-Fobbs

The award presented to this year's HEROES NIGHT honoree was created by youth artist, Brandon Foster

Appreciations for our HEROES NIGHT hosts were created by art students at Hazel Park High School

7:15 - 8:00

Afterglow and Dessert

Continue conversations and make plans to become heroes for kids!