# commitment to excellence

# What are your Legacy goals?

You've accomplished much in your life. What is your vision or hope for the future after you pass? These are some life-changing decisions to think about as you do your own philanthropic strategic planning. Most people have both world visions as well as their own community connections where they hope to make a difference.

"For in the end, we will conserve only what we love. We will love only what we understand. We will understand only what we are taught."

- Babba Dioum

Our child welfare, counseling, and shelter programs are accredited by CARF International, assuring the more than 2,500 businesses, individuals, and organizations who contributed to our work last year of our commitment to clinical, administrative, and fiscal excellence.



#### **Main Office**

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### Pete's Place Youth Shelter

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#### **Harbor Springs**

3434 M-119, Suite F Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231 347 4463 231 347 8823 (fax)

### Gaylord Old Town Psychological

128 N. Court Avenue Gaylord, MI 49735 989 448 8344



# Planned Giving

Make a lasting difference in your community with a legacy gift.



# Our Legacy and Mission

Child and Family Services (CFS) has been in our northwestern Michigan region for more than 8 decades. In 1937, Dr. Mark Osterlin, a local pediatrician, recognized the need to have safer home alternatives for children. He started a Michigan Children's Aid Society chapter here. It became CFS. CFS has always served children with the good doctor's mission, and continues today in supporting "the safety and well-being of those we serve in times of crisis, challenge, and life transition." Our programs have expanded to meet the needs of our community and provide a lasting impact on those we serve.

"In these tough times it is so important to help those in need. It is our honor to support the good work that Child and Family Services does in our community."

- Bob Cornwell
Donor, Trustee, and Legacy Society Member

# **Opportunities**

We all want to be helpful and contribute to society. We all have the potential to live a constructive life that pays it forward to the next generation. Consider making that impact gift that will serve others and renew human kindness.

### Legacy gifts come in many forms (and they don't need to be cash!).

- Become a Guardian Angel by naming CFS in your will. Sample bequest forms are on our website at www.cfsnwmi.org/ legacygifting.
- Stocks, QCD's, and other gifts can provide tax savings now while you make an impact for the future!
- Consider a major gift with naming opportunity for our comprehensive campaign.
   Join us for our big picture planning as we envision and plan for a better future.
- Establish a family endowment fund for CFS.



### cfs mission

To support the safety and well-being of those we serve in times of, crisis, challenge, and life transition.



### **Goals and Challenges**

Some of today's challenges have become more pronounced, as clients struggle with anxiety, depression, thoughts of suicide, substance abuse, violence, and mental illness. Thankfully, we are learning more about the connection of past childhood traumas and giving clients the tools and compassion to work through these traumas to build resilience and live a constructive life.

As we build our connection to mental wellness, we envision a healthier, more compassionate community. We hope you'll join us in our efforts to make this vision come true!

## Help regenerate our commitment to the next generation!

Contact our Development Director at cfs@cfs3L.org

