

# WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT 2012 FUNDRAISING EVENT CALENDAR (Updated 1/16/12)

The next update is scheduled for: *February 9, 2012*  
To be included all changes must be in by: *February 10, 2012*

**Note to all:** Please send your changes, additions, deletions, and/or corrections to [widcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:widcalendar@gmail.com). This email is only for the WID Calendar. Please do not send other requests (i.e. roster updates) to this email address. The WID Calendar will be updated and e-mailed to WID members by Mary Hess Sumners at the Grand Rapids Ballet ([marysumners@yahoo.com](mailto:marysumners@yahoo.com)).

Is your event vying for the same audience/dollars as another organizations event? Do you anticipate 250 guests or more? Is it important to you that no other fundraisers are scheduled on the date of your event? If so, you should list your event in this calendar.

**\*\*\*Important note: Please do NOT send any information in an attachment- all information must be included in the body of the email. We will not open attachments. Thank you!\*\*\***

*Please make sure your event meets the following criteria:*

1. You should have a firm date.
2. A contact name and phone number.
3. This calendar is ONLY for listing fundraisers for your organization, not regular performances and/or exhibits or for FREE events.
4. Please refrain from submitting events of other organizations.
5. Please provide as much detail about the event as possible (ticket price, location, time, etc.).

*If you have submitted a date or event that does not appear on this calendar, it may not have fit the established criteria or we may not have received your e-mail by the deadline.*

Thank you,  
*Kristin Linscott*  
*Angie Stumpo*  
[widcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:widcalendar@gmail.com)

**January 2012**

- 23 Catholic Charities West Michigan: The 14th annual Soup's On for All!**, a fundraiser for God's Kitchen food and pantry programs will be celebrated at the B.O.B. in downtown Grand Rapids from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Monday, January 23, 2012. Tickets \$50. More info at [www.soupsonforall.org](http://www.soupsonforall.org)
- 26-28 Manasseh Project Conference: Educating Professionals to End Child Sexual Exploitation**  
Salvation Army Kroc Center  
For more information about how you can support/attend this event, visit [www.manassehproject.org](http://www.manassehproject.org)

## **February 2012**

- 20 Easter Seals 'Reds, Whites & Brews'**  
Easter Seals and the Grand Rapids Griffins will hold their first annual Reds, Whites, & Brews wine and craft beer tasting at the Goei Center in Grand Rapids from 6:30 - 9:30. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.essmichigan.org](http://www.essmichigan.org) or by calling 616.942.2081. Wine and beer will be served by the GR Griffins hockey players, food, music, silent and live auction and more!
- 23 WMCAT i-Ball**  
6-9:30 p.m., Goei Center, 818 Butterworth Street SW  
Grand Rapids i-Ball is the inaugural event to recognize WMCAT's impact in changing lives, providing a pathway out of poverty for our students and demonstrating creativity in all we do. This first year we will introduce the WMCAT WOW Award honoring Brian Cloyd. For more information on tickets and sponsorships please contact Amy Knape at [amy.knape@wmcats.org](mailto:amy.knape@wmcats.org) or Punky Edison at [louise.edison@wmcats.org](mailto:louise.edison@wmcats.org) or call (616)454-7004
- 23 Catholic Charities West Michigan: The 11th annual Soup's On Along the Lakeshore!** a fundraiser for God's Kitchen food and pantry programs will be celebrated at Above and Beyond in Norton Shores from 6 pm to 9 pm on Thursday 23, 2012. Tickets \$35. More info at [www.soupsonforall.org](http://www.soupsonforall.org)

## **March 2012**

- 8-18 Gilda's LaughFest**  
2012 Gilda's LaughFest is a 10-day festival celebrating laughter for the health of it. LaughFest features laughter in all its forms from comedy, performance, improv, film and a variety of seriously funny stuff. The 2012 Festival will take place from March 8 – 18 in the Greater West Michigan region, with the hub of the festival centered in a variety of venues in downtown Grand Rapids. All proceeds benefit the free cancer, grief and support programs offered through Gilda's Club Grand Rapids. For more information, to purchase tickets or inquire about sponsorship, visit [www.laughfestgr.org](http://www.laughfestgr.org) or contact Afton DeVos at 616-735-HAHA.

- 10 The Heart of the City Auction and Celebration.** This annual event brings together the community and alumni of Catholic Central celebrating over 100 years of excellence and tradition at our school. All proceeds benefit all departments within the school by providing much needed equipment and by providing funds for tuition assistance. \$35 per person. Catholic Central gymnasium. March 10, 2012.
- 14 Women’s Resource Center 23rd Annual Huntington Pillar Awards**  
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. @ JW Marriott Hotel, International Ballroom  
WRC presents the 2012 Huntington Pillar Awards to West Michigan-based employers who have demonstrated their commitment to empowering women at work through best practice strategies. All proceeds from the event benefit the comprehensive employment programs provided by WRC for disadvantaged women. The event’s title sponsor is Huntington Bank. This event is also partially funded by the U.S. Department of Labor Women’s Bureau. The event is open to the public. For more event information visit WRC’s website at [www.grwrc.org](http://www.grwrc.org), call (616) 458-5443 or email [development@grwrc.org](mailto:development@grwrc.org)
- 14 Aquinas College Contemporary Writers Series will celebrate its 15th anniversary on; we will welcome to our campus acclaimed author Scott Turow, noted for such books as The Burden of Proof, Presumed Innocent (a major motion picture starring Harrison Ford), and its sequel, Innocent.**  
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 PM followed by dinner and lecture from Scott Turow. Tickets are \$125 per person, sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds benefit the Aquinas College Contemporary Writers Series Endowment. For more information call Ellen Harburn at 616.632.2805 or e-mail [harbuell@aquinas.edu](mailto:harbuell@aquinas.edu).
- 17 “a Live From Grand Rapids... It’s Saturday Night”**  
6pm @ DeVos Place  
Join former Saturday Night Live regulars Martin Short and Kevin Nealon with special guest, and original SNL writer, Alan Zweibel for this special Gilda’s Club Grand Rapids fundraising event, as part of LaughFest – our 10 day celebration of laughter for the health of it! The evening will include dinner, a side-splitting program, and many surprises! For more information about table sponsorship, visit [www.laughfestgr.org](http://www.laughfestgr.org) or contact Rebecca Steketee at 616-453-8300 ext. 121.
- 22 Specialized Language Development Center, 6th Annual Award Reception and Fundraiser**  
Kathryn Timmer Literacy Award Reception - 2012 Recipient- Spartan Stores  
6:00pm-9:30pm, Goei Center, Strolling Dinner \* Entertainment \* Live Auction \* Presentation \* Award, Tickets \$75  
For more information, please contact Lynda Podein, 616-361-1182 or go to [www.sldread.org](http://www.sldread.org)
- 24 Bethany Christian Services Event**  
Frederik Meijer Gardens, 6pm

The evening will begin with appetizers, a cash bar, and the world renowned Butterfly Exhibit. Dinner will be served at 7 pm, immediately followed by our program.

**28 YWCA Annual Open Circle Celebration Luncheon**

Noon - 1:30 pm (doors open at 11:30 am). Amway Grand Plaza/ Ambassador Ballroom. For more information or for luncheon reservations, please contact Kelli Langan Pfister 616.459.7062, ext. 127; [klangan@ywcawcmi.org](mailto:klangan@ywcawcmi.org) or Gena Max 616.459.7062, ext. 218; [gmax@ywcawcmi.org](mailto:gmax@ywcawcmi.org).

## **April 2012**

**12 Hometown Heroes Celebration**

Please join us as we celebrate those individuals in our community who exemplify the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross. Through their acts of courage and commitment to service these Heroes show us what it truly means to value the humanity of our neighbors down the street, across the country and around the world. As the evening begins, guests will enjoy a strolling dinner accompanied by a silent auction. The program promises to inspire as we honor our Community Heroes for their extraordinary deeds. During the program, guests can bid on Live Auction items, enjoy a tasting plate and dessert.

For more information, contact Amanda Meldrum [ameldrum@ggr.redcross.org](mailto:ameldrum@ggr.redcross.org) or 616-456-8661 ext 3608.

**14 Saint Mary's Hospital Annual Gala**

The black-tie event will benefit the Saint Mary's Guest House, Sophia's House and will include a strolling gourmet cuisine, dancing, entertainment and surprises during the night. Ticket are \$200 per person. Contact - Keri Kujala at 616.685.1891 or [KujalaK@trinity-health.org](mailto:KujalaK@trinity-health.org).

**14 Annual "Beyond Black Tie" fundraising gala at Meijer-Royce Center for Dance.**

VIP Tickets are \$150, General Admission tickets are \$75. Sponsorships available. Contact: Stacey Walworth at [staceyw@grballet.com](mailto:staceyw@grballet.com), or 616-454-4771 Ext. 12.

**24 One Enchanted Evening featuring Aquinas College Alumna Sara Jakubiak, Soprano.**

In 2010-11 Sara Jakubiak made her New York City Opera debut as Dede in Bernstein's A Quiet Place. Jakubiak will be joined by Aquinas Alumnus and classmate Andy Fleaser and her mentor, Barbara Witham McCargar, Chair of the Aquinas College Music Department, for a one-night-only performance at the Aquinas College Performing Arts Center. Prior to the performance join us for a strolling dinner through Aquinas' historical buildings featuring period menus and drinks from the early 20th Century. Tickets are \$125 per person, sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds benefit the Aquinas Fund Student Scholarship programs. For more information call Ellen Harburn at 616.632.2805 or e-mail [harbuell@aquinas.edu](mailto:harbuell@aquinas.edu).

- 27 **Michigan Women's Foundation's 23rd Annual Women of Achievement and Courage Luncheon.** Tuesday April 27, 2012 at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park at 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Honoring Michigan women from West Michigan and SE MI who have shown exemplary leadership/business acumen, service and vision and who willshape future generations to come in Michigan because of their dedication and committment. For further information contact: Lisa Mower Gandelot, Director of Development, 313.962.1920 x204
- 28 **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan: Wish Ball 2012,** Saturday, April 28th 2012, 6:30pm, DeVos Place - Grand Rapids. For more information please visit our website [www.wishmich.org](http://www.wishmich.org) or call Ellie Andrus 616-363-4607 or email [eandrus@wishmich.org](mailto:eandrus@wishmich.org).

## May 2012

- 5 **Grand Rapids Art Museum Annual Gala**  
Exhibition on view: Rauschenberg at Gemini. Proceeds of the event support artistic and educational programming. Please contact Mary Panek at 616-831-2906 or email [mpanek@artmuseumgr.org](mailto:mpanek@artmuseumgr.org) for table sponsorship or ticket information.
- 5 **Arthritis Foundation 'Grand Rapids Arthritis Walk 5K'**  
John Ball Park Zoo  
Registration at 9:00 am; Walk begins at 10:00 am. Team captains and teams are encouraged to participate in this signature event; admission to zoo at no charge if you raise \$25 or more. Call Barbara Ross at 616-949-9938 for more information. Teams forming now! Register today at [arthritis.org/Arthritis Walk/Michigan/Grand Rapids](http://arthritis.org/ArthritisWalk/Michigan/GrandRapids).
- 9 **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park: Great Gardens Party** beginning at 6 p.m. This event features a live and silent auction including unique and spectacular items and experiences, delicious food stations, cocktails and entertainment. Proceeds from this event will support Meijer Gardens' exhibitions and programs. Contact: Margie Kindel at [mkindel@meijergardens.org](mailto:mkindel@meijergardens.org) or (616) 975-3168.
- 10 **Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan: Healthy Families Luncheon** fundraiser, 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m., Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. For more information contact Janet, Regional Development Director at [Jonesjc@ppwnm.org](mailto:Jonesjc@ppwnm.org) or 616-774-7005 x 3121.
- 11 **Davenport University's Excellence in Business Dinner Gala**  
DeVos Place – Grand Rapids, MI; Reception at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.  
Afterglow reception with desserts and music follows dinner -- Black tie preferred  
Please RSVP by April 23, 2012

Davenport University will present the 2012 Peter C. Cook Excellence in Business (EIB) Award to well-known community leaders and philanthropists David and Carol

Van Andel. This year's special guest speaker is Tom Izzo, head coach of Michigan State University's men's basketball. The Excellence in Business Dinner was established in 1998 in honor of alumnus Peter C. Cook. Proceeds from the event benefit Davenport University Foundation scholarships. To reserve your table today, please contact Heather Kalafut at 616-233-3417 or by email at [heather.kalafut@davenport.edu](mailto:heather.kalafut@davenport.edu), or visit our website at <http://giving.davenport.edu/node/104>

**17 A Night With the Opera**

The Betty Van Andel Opera Center

Join us for our annual spring event and help us build a solid future for opera in Grand Rapids! This relaxed after work event is always done in signature Opera Grand Rapids style with amazing food, innovative entertainment and a full bar.

Come, see behind the curtain of Michigan's longest running opera company ... and be seen! Please check back for more details about the our largest FUNdraiser of the year!

## June 2012

**4 Wedgwood 27th Annual Charity Golf Classic**

Monday, June 4th

Egypt Valley Country Club

For more information visit [www.wedgwood.org/golf](http://www.wedgwood.org/golf)

**6 Grand Valley State University Enrichment Dinner**

DeVos Place, 6:00 PM

For information contact Nora English at [nora.english@gvsu.edu](mailto:nora.english@gvsu.edu) or 616-331-6741

**11 Pine Rest Foundation is holding it's annual Golf Classic** at the unique and stunning Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, MI. Registration: 8:45 am, Shotgun Start: 10 am. Join us at this special course for a very special cause! Sponsorships available. For more information, please contact: Marcia Timmerman at 616-281-6390 or [marcia.timmerman@pinerest.org](mailto:marcia.timmerman@pinerest.org)

**20 Golf Marathon of Hope**

At Railside Golf Club, Byron Center, MI. "Swing" with us for our 16th annual Golf Marathon of Hope to raise money to support the women and children at Mel Trotter Ministries. Join us for 18 holes of golf and participate in our 36-hour golf marathon led by PGA professional, Jim Bultema. Questions, contact Rhonda Van Dyk at 616-454-8249, ext. 223.

## August 2010

**10 American Cancer Society Cattle Baron's Ball**

Steelcase Town Hall. 6:00 PM - Midnight

Mark your calendar and get ready to saddle up for the 10th annual Cattle Baron's Ball as we round up support to fight cancer here in West Michigan. Contact Kyle Amanda Dutkiewicz for further information on tickets and sponsors - 616.551.4034 or [kyle.dutkiewicz@cancer.org](mailto:kyle.dutkiewicz@cancer.org).  
[www.cbbgrandrapids.com](http://www.cbbgrandrapids.com)

## **September 2012**

### **8 Alpha Women's Center 'Hats in the Garden'**

Alpha will take our "Hats Off" to the City of Grand Rapids and thank partnering businesses, nonprofits, churches and governmental agencies that provide service to families facing unplanned pregnancy, poverty and/or homelessness. The Hats in the Garden event will also celebrate the opening of Community at Heart, Alpha's new community center which provides a daytime respite for homeless moms and children under the age of six. Hats are a must! The brunch and silent auction will raise funds for Community at Heart's operations in 2013, when we anticipate serving over 1,200 women and up to 3,000 children.

Contact: Caitlin Haller, General Manager at Alpha Phone: 616-742-0242 Location: Poortenga Gardens (former Gantos Estate) Time: 9:30am-12pm. Fundraising opportunities: Underwriting, in-kind donations for the auction, sponsoring a table, attendance at the event.

### **13 Saint Mary's Up on the Roof Event**

The event will benefit the complementary therapies at The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's Health Care. Tickets are \$75 per person with sponsorships available. Contact - Keri Kujala at 616.685.1891 or [KujalaK@trinity-health.org](mailto:KujalaK@trinity-health.org).

### **27 SENIOR NEIGHBORS: Twilight Shines 2012 at Van Andel Institute** will honor David and Carol Van Andel with the Twilight Shining Star Award. 6:00 pm. Cocktails, strolling dinner, auction, raffle, dancing. Contact Barbara Hohman at 616-233-0738 or [bhohman@seniorneighbors.org](mailto:bhohman@seniorneighbors.org) for sponsorship or ticket information.

## **October 2012**

### **6 Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan 'Walk for Wishes'**

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park

A family friendly non-competitive 5k through the beautiful gardens. Kids activities and food for all participants. All fund raised through this walk will go to grant the wishes of Michigan children facing life threatening Medical Conditions. Please visit [www.wishmich.org/walkforwishes](http://www.wishmich.org/walkforwishes) or contact Ellie Andrus at 616-363-4607 or [eandrus@wishmich.org](mailto:eandrus@wishmich.org).

### **6 Conductive Learning Center 'Evening of Celebration**

5:45 pm - 9:00 PM @ Thousand Oaks Banquet Center, Tickets: \$125/person

Contact: Terry Stelter, Executive Director, cell 616-485-4232, email: [tstelter@conductivelearningcenter.org](mailto:tstelter@conductivelearningcenter.org)

The annual fundraiser will feature an extensive silent auction, a live auction of chance of a lifetime items, cocktails and dinner. Corporate sponsorships are available. For more information call Terry Stelter or Angela Korte, at Conductive Learning Center, 616.575.0575. Information is also available on our facebook page or website.

**24 Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore 100th Anniversary Gala**  
DeVos Place and Grand Traverse Resort

**27 Camp Blodgett 'Guild the Night'**  
Camp Blodgett's Babies' Welfare Guild will be celebrating its' 100th Anniversary Gala "Guild the Night" at Thousand Oaks Golf Club with a dinner dance, silent auction and raffle of a 2012 Range Rover "Evoque". For more information please contact Barbara Yared at [barbara.yared@hotmail.com](mailto:barbara.yared@hotmail.com) for sponsorship or ticket information.

## **November 2012**

**1 Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation:** Gala – Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, event to honor and recognize excellence in education in Forest Hills Public Schools, cocktails at 6:30 p.m., for more information contact: Wendy Fisk at [fhpsf@fhps.us](mailto:fhpsf@fhps.us) or by calling 493-8500.

**1 Wedgwood 52nd Annual Celebration Dinner**  
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
For more information visit [www.wedgwood.org/anniversarydinner](http://www.wedgwood.org/anniversarydinner)

**6 YWCA Annual TRIBUTE! Awards Celebration Luncheon, Noon - 1:30 pm**  
(doors open at 11:30 am), DeVos Place -- Ballrooms A&B  
Luncheon Reservations: \$60/each, For more information or for luncheon reservations, please contact Gena Max at 616.459.7062, ext. 218; [gmax@ywcawcmi.org](mailto:gmax@ywcawcmi.org) or Kelli Langan Pfister at 616.459.7062, ext. 127; [klangan@ywcawcmi.org](mailto:klangan@ywcawcmi.org).

**17 & 18 Grand Rapids Marching Band Invitational** - November 17 & 18 2012 (annually the same weekend after that)

This event is a unique event in downtown GR and DeVos Place where non-public high schools (Catholic, Christian, home-schooled & charter) from MI, IL, IN, OH and WI will be participating the in the Santa Clause Day Parade in the morning, and then a marching competition at DeVos Place immediately following. In addition, the event will host several dozen colleges and universities from across the United States for a College & University Fair open to all attendees and the public. The event participants will also have another unique aspect to the event in that any participating high school Junior or Senior wishing to audition for entrance and scholarships to premier Colleges & Universities in attendance - will have the opportunity. There is not another event like this in the country, and this event is poised and supported to

grow nationally over the next 3-5 years from both community members, businesses, area non-profits, and the schools, colleges & universities involved. As information if made available, it will be shared on Facebook on the fan page. Any questions should be directed to [GRBandInvitational@gmail.com](mailto:GRBandInvitational@gmail.com).