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Hundreds of children, families to plant pinwheels at Tuesday event

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day Rally scheduled for State Capitol

WHAT: The Children's Trust Fund within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is sponsoring its 14th annual Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day Rally. The rally encourages Michigan residents to do what they can to protect children from abuse and neglect. It will culminate in the planting of pinwheels near the State Capitol. The pinwheel is the national symbol of child abuse and neglect prevention. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has proclaimed April Child Abuse Prevention Month.

WHO: Rally speakers include Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II; MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel; Suzanne Greenberg, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund; Amy Tattrie Loepf, Children's Trust Fund board chair; state Rep. Brenda Carter, D-Pontiac; state Rep. Bryan Posthumus, R-Kent County; Jason Cross, state manager for Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance and Race Equity; and Bishop Reginald Bluestein, assistant executive director of Concerned About Reaching Everyone (CARE) in Detroit. Sharon Barry of Barry County will receive the Inspire Award for her work to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Entertainment will be provided by the Lansing Dwight Rich 4th Grade Ensemble. There will be Native American drumming and singing led by Elder Don Lyons of the Ojibwa Tribe.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 26, at 11 a.m.

WHERE: State Capitol Building, East Steps, Lansing

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