

*"We've tried countless types of therapy, both traditional and nontraditional. None have given my daughter the determination and motivation to make progress, as well as the joy, excitement, and pride that she feels, the way Euro-Peds does."*

*- Thankful parent #1 of a special needs child*



*"How many children do you know that actually get excited about going to physical therapy? My son counts down the days between visits!"*

*- Thankful parent #2 of a special needs child*



The Euro-Peds Foundation (EPF) was established in 2013 with a mission to enhance the quality of life for children who have gross motor disorders --such as Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Traumatic Brain Injuries -- by affording them the chance to receive life-altering intensive physical therapy. Too often, these children are uninsured or underinsured and are not even given the chance to "take their first steps".

The EPF also assists in providing education about therapeutic interventions for the children and their caregivers; and helps fund equipment for use at Euro-Peds® that will benefit the children so they can experience more independence, mobility and better health.

The EPF was formed as a 501(c)(3) with committed and passionate board members who work continuously to raise funds to establish treatment and travel grants for these beautiful children that deserve a chance. But these few board members cannot do it alone.

We are presenting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **First Step Gala**, to be held on November 10, 2017. It will be full of excitement and inspiration from our keynote speaker- Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Richard Bernstein. Guests will also enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dinner, silent auction, raffle and live entertainment! Proceeds from the gala will go towards treatment and travel grants and equipment to help children in need to take their first steps toward improved mobility at the Euro-Peds® National Center for Intensive Pediatric PT.

One of the biggest fundraising efforts will be by way of a silent auction and that is where we are seeking your support. We are looking for donated auction items, gift cards and monetary contributions. If you would like to participate, please fill out the Donor Information Form (attached) and submit to Jill Pinkston-Bonner at [jill.pinkston@gmail.com](mailto:jill.pinkston@gmail.com) or Michelle Haney at [michelle@euro-peds.org](mailto:michelle@euro-peds.org). We will happily make arrangements to pick up any items to be donated. And if you know of a business owner or individual that would like to increase awareness of their business or cause by donating items for our auction, please be sure to forward this information.

Thank you for your consideration,

The **First Step Gala** Planning Committee



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Michelle Haney at 248-857-7137 or [michelle@euro-peds.org](mailto:michelle@euro-peds.org)

Please retain a copy for your records and return the original along with your donation. The Euro-Peds Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and therefore your donation is tax deductible.

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