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Dear Friends,

It has been an amazing two decades for The Michael Bolton Charities. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together and extraordinarily grateful for the generosity and dedication of those who have come forward through the years to offer their support in so many ways. It has been encouraging and inspiring to be joined in this effort by people who believe, as I do, that the fortunate among us should give something back. It is the right thing to do, and it is at the heart of our work.

Our mission has not changed and our commitment has not wavered from day one. We must end the cycle of domestic violence, and the enduring damage it inflicts, and provide effective education and programs that offer real, life-changing opportunities. The Michael Bolton Charities (MBC) serves as an instrument of compassion to respond to those less fortunate — especially children and women who deserve a chance for a better life.

We support innovative solutions, programs, and projects — as reflected on these pages — that provide critically needed services to children and women at risk. From Harlem to Oakland, from the neighborhoods of New Haven to our nation’s capitol, a vast array of worthy organizations and institutions have benefited from our support. And they, in turn, have made a difference in individual lives, and the life of our communities. In some cases, without our support, such services would not exist; in others, their reach would be severely limited.
Over $10 million has been raised by The MBC thus far from contributions and net income from special events, to benefit these (over 100) worthy organizations and charities. The result of our hard work is tangible. Just think of it… very young children rescued by our efforts two decades ago are today young adults. Their lives bear witness to the impact that caring individuals can have.

While much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. Not a day goes by when one cannot see the pain, the hardship and the hopelessness many face. For the next 20 years and hopefully beyond, The MBC will move forward with a reinvigorated commitment to the thousands of children and women whose lives are, and will be, positively affected by our advocacy. We will continue to be a catalyst for change, to bring passion and determination to this effort, to influence and impact the delivery of services with the power to create opportunity where there was only despair, to replace harm with hope.

Each year I am more encouraged, more motivated, and always deeply touched by how many of you dedicate your time to The MBC. Our work has never been more meaningful, or more necessary. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we remain steadfastly dedicated — with your help — to go the distance.

Sincerely,
OUR MISSION

Founded in 1993, the mission of The Michael Bolton Charities, Inc. is dedicated to two basic areas:

1. The assistance of children and women at risk.
2. Through education and effective programs, create social awareness to broaden horizons and expand opportunities for youth across socioeconomic and multicultural lines.

OUR GOALS

Assisting Children and Women At Risk: Child development and the prevention and intervention of abuse. To attempt to lessen children’s and women’s vulnerability to the damaging effects of poverty and emotional, physical and sexual abuse.

Goals:
- Execution of vehicles for increasing awareness and public education of the issues to families and children.
- Identification of methods for detection, prevention and mediation of their effects.
- Development of innovative, therapeutic “safe” centers for protection and healing of victims.

Through education and effective programs, create social awareness to broaden horizons and expand opportunities for youth across socioeconomic and multicultural lines. To improve the availability and access to resources which foster personal development. Programs should promote values and creativity by focusing on self-esteem, empowerment, leadership skills, education, environmental awareness, drugs, crime, abuse, AIDS, health and global issues.

Goals:
- To deepen and empower children’s engagement in their own education and future at all levels.
  - To develop educational support through scholarships, workshops, incentives, internships and other appropriate avenues.
  - To collaborate with the corporate/business community, state and local government, social service agencies, schools and private/public associations in developing outreach programs and employment opportunities, which will have a long term effect on the goals of The MBC.
Celebrating 20 Years

If began in 1993...

...with a handful of volunteers. They constructed an enclosed, safe playground in one of New Haven’s most dangerous and drug-infested neighborhoods — against all odds, through sheer determination and the protection of guys in the ‘hood. It was an exhilarating and memorable day when the young children of the day care center, previously limited to playing inside in the confining church basement, were let out into the sunshine to see their new playground. Incredibly, the smiles on their faces were matched by applause of the drug-lords alongside the fence. Even they seemed to recognize the accomplishment and the impact on the promise of these young lives.

Building that safe space for New Haven’s youth two decades ago changed the lives of hundreds of soon-to-be-teens and was followed through the years by tangible, meaningful initiatives supported by The Michael Bolton Charities that similarly sought to make a difference in the lives of children and women at risk.

As two decades of diligence, determination and progress are celebrated, new efforts are being undertaken to respond to today’s challenges and opportunities. From serving as a catalyst for a much-needed new playground at the outset, The Michael Bolton Charities now looks to advance nationwide through significant collaborations and partnerships and by seeking out models of effective and efficient service delivery — advancing our support for initiatives throughout the country that provide children and women at risk the chance to build safe and secure futures.
All your life no one there beside you.
Close your eyes and let this moment find you...

Michael Bolton, *In the Arms of Love*
Celebrating 20 Years

TWO DECADES OF SUPPORT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CENTER (DVCC) Norwalk/Stamford, CT

“Family Advocate Program” — DVCC operates two shelters that provide safe haven for women and children escaping life-threatening situations or are in impending danger. Upon admission, a safe house resident is assigned a family advocate who helps develop a plan of action to address her immediate and long-term needs. The advocate assesses the risks these families face and assists them in developing and implementing an effective plan for safety. The agency’s specialist works closely with children in the shelters to ensure their needs are met and to empower them with the necessary coping and decision-making skills to deal with family stress and ensure their own personal safety. Most recent support has been for The Medical Advocacy Project — a curriculum to train emergency room staff in Stamford Hospital on how to respond to domestic violence victims 24/7, 365 days per year.

KIDS IN CRISIS Greenwich, CT

Kids in Crisis is the only agency in Connecticut providing a full complement of crisis care services at no charge for children of all ages. Most referrals come through state agencies that have determined that a child is at risk of abuse and neglect. However, at one time, if a child was deemed at risk and could not access state services, there was no safe haven available for that child. The Michael Bolton Charities recognized this disparity, and provides funding to make beds available for these children at Kids in Crisis, regardless of the source of the referral. Children may stay at the shelter for as long as necessary until the home situation is resolved and it is safe for them to return. Kids in Crisis has been designated as a model program by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families. Kids in Crisis offers several programs to meet the needs of the children it serves, including a 24-hour helpline, crisis intervention and outreach, Emergency Residential Shelter at the Crisis Nursery and Teen House, TLC Health Center, an accelerated education program, and after care, in which a counselor is assigned to each child.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE Harlem, NY

Support is provided for the Food Pantry and Family Advocate office. In addition to providing nutritious food to sustain poor women and children, the advocacy office offers services to educate multiply-challenged, impoverished families about the services to which they are entitled and about how to meet the challenges they will face in seeking access to these services. Efforts are also undertaken to bring the needs of these people to the attention of the public officials whose decisions affect entitlements, social service network regulations and procedures.

Life Changing Inspiration

“I was impressed with how passionate Michael Bolton was about giving back to his community and providing a safe space for young people. He inspired me. Every young person that came through those doors made an impact on my life, on each others’ lives and now the world. We have alumni that are teachers, lawyers, counselors, social workers, therapists, artists, etc.

We could not have done this without The Michael Bolton Charities. Michael didn’t just put his money where his mouth is, he personally made his presence known.”

Terryl Daluz became program director of Safe Space of New Haven in 1996. Today, he is a writer and producer in Los Angeles, CA.
Empowering Youth

I will never forget the moment that Michael Bolton performed with CityKids, the organization I founded in 1985. The CityKids Foundation is a multi-cultural youth organization dedicated to ensuring that the voice of youth is heard.

When Michael and CityKids got on stage at Madison Square Garden, the arena lit up with unstoppable energy. The next day Michael and I met and he said to me, “You are building an army of positivity; come build one with me with the kids of New Haven, Connecticut.”

Instantly, we built together, and for the next eight years CityKids of New Haven had a safe space to share, to learn and to grow. Funded by The Michael Bolton Charities, this chapter impacted thousands of young lives — lives that went to college, lives that went on to become teachers and doctors, lives that became supportive nurturing parents, all because Michael Bolton got who they were and was committed to empowering them to dream of who they could be.”

Laurie Meadoff, Founder
The CityKids Foundation

NATIONAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP
Alexandria, VA

During the past 20 years, MENTOR has succeeded in changing policies, practices and attitudes about mentoring as a social intervention. MENTOR has been an indispensable part of building the capacity of the mentoring field and expanding the number of children who receive badly needed mentoring services. Their mission is to be the nation’s recruiter of mentors while ensuring that high quality standards are maintained by local providers throughout the country.

TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE New Haven, CT

The Michael Bolton Charities has purchased toys for needy children in Connecticut as part of the organization’s annual holiday season toy drive.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA “HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA” INITIATIVE
Chicago, IL

The goal of Healthy Families America (HFA) is to ensure that all new parents, particularly those facing the greatest challenges, have the opportunity to receive the education and support they need, both before and after the birth of their baby. To enhance HFA, the In Home Cognitive Behavioral Therapy model is utilized to deal with maternal depression and the effects of Intimate Partner Violence.

COLUMBUS HOUSE/SOJOURNER’S HOUSE
New Haven, CT

Sojourner’s House is a residential home for 16 women who suffer from abuse, violence, AIDS and cognitive limitations and offers a structured program in which residents can re-establish their independence, including relapse prevention and AA/NA meetings, and psychiatric counseling. The residents build a community within Sojourner’s with the help of empathetic well-trained staff, thereby giving them the tools to become reunited in their own families and communities.
MIDDLESEX BEYOND SHELTER PROJECT  Middletown, CT

The Michael Bolton Charities supports the Beyond Shelter Program (BSP), which is part of The Middlesex Family Shelter Project that Columbus House has taken over from the American Red Cross. Approximately 30 percent of clients in the Beyond Shelter Program are victims of domestic violence. The program provides case management to families and individuals who ‘graduate’ from area shelter programs and attain their own housing. The goal of BSP is to reduce recidivism by serving as a liaison between formerly homeless clients and area landlords to help clients avoid situations that have tended to cause them to become homeless in the past. The staff begins working with families when they are ready to transition back into the community and are actively helping clients find affordable and sustainable housing.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE  Austin, TX

Since beginning in 1996, the Hotline has answered more than 2.3 million calls from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Hotline receives more than 21,000 calls each month, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and connects people in crisis to more than 5,000 sources of help in local communities. The Hotline is accessible to people with special needs, and is capable of providing support in 170 different languages, including services for the deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing.

JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL  Hollywood, FL

The MBC has supported the general fund of the hospital foundation, which provides free healthcare to indigent pediatric patients.

NEW YORK CENTER FOR CHILDREN (NYCC)  New York City, NY

New York Center For Children provides comprehensive assessment and therapy services to victims of child abuse. Many of their clients have experienced multiple traumas, and many of the children have experienced domestic violence in their homes. NYCC’s evaluation and treatment services help create a safer future for the children and families.

Reclaiming a Secure Future

“I not only had a roof over my head but more than adequate meals, clothing donations and one-on-one counseling. It offered me a structured program while re-establishing my independent lifestyle, relapse prevention meetings, opportunities to bond with other women with similar experiences, and most importantly a well trained, unselfish and often empathetic staff.

I was in a safe, beautiful environment where all of my needs could be addressed. Everything I gained from the classes, meetings, and even doing the chores helped me to reclaim control over my life.”

Sojourner’s House client who has been drug free for 12 years. Today, she is an administrative assistant in a middle school and an advocate for victims of domestic violence. She owns a condominium and a car, and has become a grandmother.
YALE CHILD STUDY CENTER “PROJECT HOMeward BOUND,”
MICHAEL BOLTON PARENTING PROGRAM  New Haven, CT

In 1994, The Michael Bolton Charities collaborated with the Yale Child Study Center in the establishment of “Project Homeward Bound.” This project was designed to provide intensive, individualized services to families who have recurring episodes of homelessness. These services, provided by a team composed of a family support worker and a clinician, are put in place while the family is in a shelter and continue during the period of transition between the shelter and return to the community. The primary aim of the program has been to break the cycle of homelessness and support the mother as she builds a more stable environment for her family. This program has evolved into The Michael Bolton Parenting Program, which provided services to 118 women with 159 children in 2011. A significant percentage of these women suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment and domestic as well as community violence. Plans are for the program to expand to include men living in the adjacent shelter who have children and histories of partner violence.

The Strength to Rise Above Their Many Challenges
Amethyst House, New Haven, CT

An important need shared by most parenting women is to be seen by others as competent in the parental role. Women who are drug-users frequently struggle with their self-image and sense of adequacy as parents. They often feel that they are being judged severely and considered societal failures.

Support of the Yale Child Study Center by The Michael Bolton Charities (MBC) since 1994 has given the mothers in residence at Amethyst House a place to talk about these feelings, review their past relationships with their children, and plan for a more satisfying future for themselves and their offspring.

The weekly Parenting Groups, initially led for mothers by Kiersten Robinson, LMFT, have now been expanded to include fathers as well, thanks to The MBC. These groups provide time for sharing, engage residents in activities they can do with their children, provide basic parenting guidance and help change negative self-images that are so common. The MBC has helped mothers and fathers gain confidence and given them the strength to rise above their many challenges and meet the needs of their children more effectively.

Each group session begins with the reading of a children’s story by a mother who is given the book to share with her children. Recently, a mother read a story entitled “The Rainbow Fish” to the group, about sharing and finding acceptance. While reading, this woman was moved to take the first step on her own journey to self-acceptance. She identified with the success of the main character and expressed the desire to gain the respect of her children and live a drug-free life with them. The Michael Bolton Charities has made it possible for exercises as simple as this to spark powerful and profound changes in the lives of substance using parents and their children.

Jean Adnopoz
Director, In-Home Clinical Services
Yale Child Study Center
Celebrating 20 Years

UNCF: Changing Lives

For a decade, from 1996 through 2005, the Michael Bolton Scholarship Program was developed through UNCF (United Negro College Fund), which provided a full four-year college scholarship for a Connecticut student in need to attend a UNCF institution of his/her choice.

To participate in the UNCF/Michael Bolton Scholarship Program, students met the following criteria:
- permanent resident in New Haven, CT
- full-time enrollment at a UNCF member institution
- minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and
- demonstrated unmet financial need, as verified by the college.

One of the students selected, Corey Cotton, eloquently expressed his gratitude for the opportunity: “This award has not only been beneficial to me, but also to my mother being that she is the only one I have. After my schooling is complete, I plan to begin working as a Case Social Worker. I intend to better the well being of every client that I encounter. As a result, they would change their view of life resulting in them believing in themselves as well as being knowledgeable that life doesn’t have to be the way that their past was. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.”

Safe Space New Haven

For the better part of a decade, The Michael Bolton Charities was the prime mover in the establishment, sustenance and vibrancy of a much-needed “safe space” for New Haven’s youth. Having grown up in New Haven, Michael Bolton was acutely aware of the obstacles, hopelessness and lack of opportunities that often sent the young people of the city on a dangerous or self-destructive path. His goal for the new initiative was to provide a location for young people of all backgrounds to meet, create, learn and grow — a welcoming environment that encouraged and fostered self-esteem, leadership skills, job training and awareness of social issues.

Safe Space of New Haven, Inc. began in 1996 as a joint project of The Michael Bolton Charities, The CityKids Foundation and the State of Connecticut, and with considerable community involvement quickly became a hub where all participants came together constructively, respecting differences and honoring similarities — a place where youth could feel safe physically, mentally and spiritually, looking to a better and brighter future filled with doors opening rather than closing. Through CityKids at Safe Space New Haven Repertory Company, CityKids In Action, a weekly discussion group called Coalition, and numerous Outreach initiatives, the reverberations of Safe Space could be felt in individual lives and throughout the community.

A focal point for productive collaboration, Safe Space of New Haven reflected, then and now, a commitment to children and a determination to improve their lives that has always been at the heart of The Michael Bolton Charities. The spirit and power of The CityKids Foundation’s mission continues to impact thousands of young people in New York City and across the United States.
When I'm back on my feet again
I'll walk proud down that street again...

Michael Bolton, *When I'm Back on My Feet Again*
ONE DECADE OF SUPPORT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF GREATER NEW HAVEN New Haven, CT
Initial support from The MBC was for the outpatient counselor and the temporary restraining order advocate in the Milford, CT court. Current support provides advocacy and support services to children, adolescents and teens living at the Safe House, as a critical enhancement to current services focusing on the mothers.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT Torrington, CT
This project offers support to help clients with emergency needs and legal fees and support for rebuilding lives, shelter, transitional living program offering domestic violence counseling, safety planning, advocacy, sexual assault services, support groups and job readiness services which are provided by 17 accredited crisis counselors working with emergency and transitional populations.

NY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER Brooklyn, NY
This is a one-stop center of support services for domestic violence victims and their families. See page 38.

MT. SINAI SEXUAL ASSAULT & VICTIMS INTERVENTION PROGRAM New York City, NY
The program works to assist young people who have been commercially sexually exploited or trafficked — runaway, missing and sexually exploited youth who have been lured, coerced, or trapped in prostitution, pornography, or other sexually exploitative activities. Services include intensive case management, therapy, groups, court advocacy, referrals and engagement with medical, educational and vocational services, and an internship/stipend program.

FOODSHARE Bloomfield, CT
This program provides urgently needed food for more than 128,000 people in Hartford and Tolland counties, including 50,000 children. Foodshare distributes 16 tons of food every day to 300 local agencies and programs, food pantries, community kitchens, shelters, day care centers, senior centers and other social service organizations. For every $30 donated to Foodshare, they can provide enough food for one person for an entire month by partnering with the food industry to reclaim good food that is not saleable.

CT FOOD BANK East Haven, CT
The CT Food Bank provides food and other resources to more than 600 food assisted programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries, and low income adult and child day care centers in six of Connecticut’s eight counties. They distribute more than 33 tons of food every business day. The Food Bank’s Mobile Food Pantry travels to 15 different locations each month, bringing fresh produce, dairy items and other healthy perishable food items directly to people in need. “The Kids’ Back-Pack Program” serves 2,100 children who attend 82 schools in 16 local communities. Children at risk of hunger receive packets of food at the end of each school week to ensure they have healthy food available to them during the weekend.

“For 17 years I was told you won’t get out. You can’t get out. There is no hope. This is your life. The final deciding factor was my son, who at the time was 9 years old, saying to me, ‘Mom, when can I divorce dad? When can we get out?’ And all along, I thought I was staying for him.”

Sherri
A Client at Susan B. Anthony Project
RECENT SUPPORT

NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT New Britain, CT
VIA THE INNOCENT JUSTICE FOUNDATION Encinitas, CA

The MBC provides support to purchase technology which will allow the police to acquire data from Motorola, Samsung, Nokia, and LG phones and allows them to find and acquire deleted evidence. This technology will speed up forensic exams in the investigation and conviction of child sexual abuse offenders and provide a faster turnaround time in rescuing children from predators as well as help in high priority, local kidnapping/homicide cases.

THE CENTER FOR WOMEN & FAMILIES Bridgeport, CT

Integrated Family Violence Services provides intensive clinical/case management services to families in home and at the Center, and provides support to increase hours for a family advocate. The family advocate coordinates the Bridgeport Multidisciplinary Investigative TEAM (MDT) and works with severely traumatized children under the “Bridging Program.” The Bridging Program is in partnership with the Yale Child Study Center and provides services for children who display acute trauma for longer-term intensive therapy.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF NEW HAVEN (NHS) New Haven, CT

The MBC supports loss-mitigation efforts of clients by providing foreclosure intervention counseling services. Of the 100 active cases being handled by counselors, an increasing amount of clients are dealing with domestic violence issues. All cases of domestic violence are referred to social service agencies when clients are willing to seek this assistance. For the past five years, NHS has managed a rescue fund to make zero interest, deferred repayment rescue loans available to homeowners who do not have extra income to bring their mortgages current and who could conceivably become homeless.

Responding to 9/11, Katrina

The Michael Bolton Charities cancelled its annual fundraising event in 2001 due to the 9/11 attack. Sponsors and ticket buyers permitted The MBC to use their event contributions to benefit the Uniformed Firefighters Association — Widows and Children’s Fund ($135,000 donation), The Police Benevolent Association — Widows and Children’s Fund ($50,000 donation) and The Twin Towers Fund ($20,000 donation). Michael Bolton visited the fire station that serves as quarters for Engine Co. 40 and Ladder Co. 35 in New York City.

In 2005, in response to the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, The Michael Bolton Charities reached out to an organization working directly with women and children who were already escaping from their own unimaginable tragedy of domestic violence. The MBC’s donation of $100,000 to The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence — Hurricane Katrina Fund supported local domestic violence programs that were decimated by the aftermath of the hurricanes and provided grants and personal planning support to at risk individuals, making it possible for these families to rebuild their lives — to live, hope and dream again of a decent life for themselves and their families.
THE BEN E. KING STAND BY ME FOUNDATION  Fairfax, VA

The Ben E. King Stand By Me Foundation™ provides funds for deserving youths working to further their education and to assist civic organizations and associations in their efforts to improve the quality of life of their constituents. The major thrust of the foundation is to assist organizations that provide services in the areas of poverty, substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, teen pregnancy and domestic violence. The foundation assists young people who have accepted responsibility for their emotional, social and educational growth and development.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MISSION

Waterbury, CT

Originally housed in a Hispanic neighborhood in Waterbury, CT, the Soup Kitchen allows the area’s poor to receive, at no cost to them, over 600 nutritionally balanced hot, noon-time meals, served six days a week. Total meals served are 350 per day. The Soup Kitchen Manager also provides a referral service to individuals who express a need. In 1997, the Soup Kitchen moved and reopened as the Merriman Culinary School/Kitchen. In this building, they provide an education and training program to teach the homeless adults living in the shelter a work ethic, and at the same time, restaurant job skills.

WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS

Mystic, CT

Work Vessels for Veterans mission is to assist as many returning service men and women in starting or re-starting their careers after their military duties have been fulfilled. To date, over 500 veterans have been helped in their transition from military to civilian life. WVFV also donates cars, vans, trucks, tractors, farm equipment, tools, boats and laptops to veterans across the country as well as providing farmland to grow crops and earn a living.

YOGA BLUE, INC.  Ojai, CA

Yoga Blue assists women suffering from substance abuse and domestic violence. The organization is dedicated to teaching Yoga and alternative healing practices to those recovering from substance abuse and other self destructive behaviors.

Standing Up and Speaking Out

Michael Bolton has harnessed the power of his celebrity to advance action in the nation’s Capitol, as recently as June 2012, testifying before Congress and speaking out at events designed to heighten public support and public policies that respond effectively to children and women at risk.

His words, in support of the Violence Against Women Act, still resonate. “This bill will directly and explicitly assist with the desperate needs of shelter, counseling and empowerment that ALL victims deserve. Don’t these victims deserve to be free of beatings and rape and death? I am talking about men who hit and rape because they can, because they tell their victims that no one will believe them if they tell, men who call women demeaning words to tear them down. If you’re the father and grandfather of girls, violence against women hits close to home. The thought of violence being directed toward them is unacceptable.

I also want to talk about the boys and men who stand up to bullies, stalkers, beaters and rapists, who want to heal both the body and souls of the survivors, men who are working to stop the sexual, domestic and dating violence that continues. I’m here because through The Michael Bolton Charities I have worked for over 20 years to assist women and children at risk. I want to encourage other men to stand up, speak out, and demand an end to violence against women.”
Saving Innocents

A caseload is measured in more than statistics; it is seen in young lives. For the New Britain, CT Police Department’s Digital Forensics Unit (DFU), and their work combating child sexual exploitation, the numbers were daunting. The Michael Bolton Charities stepped up to help.

As Heather Steele, President & CEO of The Innocent Justice Foundation, described it, by the generous donations for equipment and in support of their work, The Michael Bolton Charities “saved children from events that would and could ruin their lives, and so you are angels to many, many innocents in Connecticut and beyond.” The New Britain PD “simply would not have been able to handle this type of caseload without the help you have provided.”

The numbers? In 2011, digital evidence specifically related to child exploitation investigations included 108 cell phones analyzed, 150 computer digital storage drives analyzed, and a total volume of data analyzed approaching 11 terabytes. The analysis supported casework directly.

In one case, New Britain’s DFU assisted the Berlin police in a child enticement/child sexual assault investigation, which led to an arrest and the seizure of computers and cell phones. The analysis enabled identification of several additional children with whom the perpetrator was communicating. Because of the digital analysis, these children were identified and potential abuse was prevented.

In another case, New Britain’s DFU assisted West Hartford police in a voyeurism investigation. The perpetrator in this incident placed a hidden camera in a public bathroom in an effort to videotape adult males and children. The perpetrator’s computers, iPad, and cellular telephones were analyzed. Evidence in the form of videos were found on all of the digital devices. Because of the DFU’s analysis, these videos were prevented from being distributed on the Internet.

The New Britain DFU also assisted local police detectives in numerous investigations in which adult males were communicating with children in an effort to arrange an illicit sexual encounter. In late 2011, the DFU analyzed a phone that belonged to a 35-year-old male who had recently sexually assaulted a 14-year-old female. Due to the quick response and capabilities of the DFU, the offender was identified and the investigation progressed towards an arrest.
The Women’s Advisory Council, which thrived for five years beginning in 2004, sponsored noteworthy events in support of The Michael Bolton Charities. Under the leadership of Lois Beekman Oliveira, the mission of the Council was to advise, support and enhance The MBC’s ongoing efforts to prevent violence against women, in all its forms, while empowering victims, survivors and their advocates.

Noteworthy events, which all benefited The Michael Bolton Charities, included a screening in March 2005 of “Terror At Home: Domestic Violence in America,” which was produced by Michael Bolton; an event at the Havana Club in 2006 in partnership with The Retreat, a Long Island-based domestic violence agency; and an event with The Retreat at the Central Park Boathouse in New York City in 2007, “A Night Under the Stars.”

Friends Close to Home

In association with The Travelers and the Travelers Championship PGA tournament event, a very special Michael Bolton & Friends concert was held at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford in 2011 and 2012 during tournament week.

Our appreciation to The Travelers for supporting The MBC’s efforts to raise awareness of the work being done to help children and women at risk, especially in the home state of both The Travelers and Michael Bolton.
The statistics are stark and unsettling. Behind the numbers are shattered lives — people seeking desperately to restore stability, exhibiting remarkable resilience and courage. The Michael Bolton Charities understands that by working together, offering strength and support, we can help to achieve a safe and secure future for children and women at risk. As is plainly evident, the need has never been more urgent.

> More than 1 in 3 women in the United States have experienced domestic violence — rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner — in their lifetime.1

> More than half of female victims of rape (51.1%) reported being raped by an intimate partner and 40.8% by an acquaintance. Two-thirds of female victims of stalking were stalked by a current or former intimate partner.2

> 1 in 6 women in the United States have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime, in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.3

> Three in four women who reported they had been raped and/or physically assaulted since age 18 said that an intimate partner committed the assault.4

> On average, only 70% of non-fatal partner violence is reported to law enforcement. On average, 21% of female victims contact an outside agency for assistance.6

> Researchers estimate as many as 10 million children witness assaults by one parent against another each year.7 Although many parents believe they can hide the domestic violence from their children, more than 80% are aware of the violence.8

> Approximately 300,000 U.S. children are considered at-risk to be a trafficking victim.9 Research shows minors are sold an average of 10-15 times a day, six days a week, and the average age initially is between 11 and 14.10

> It is estimated that there are 60 million survivors of child sexual abuse in the U.S. today. Up to 90% of cases are perpetrated by someone the child knows and trusts.9

> Statistics for 2011 indicate that 1 out of every 5 children is living below the poverty line, and the poverty rate is highest for children, lowest for the elderly. Poverty rates for African-Americans and Latinos are double that of whites.12

> About 50,000 youth in the U.S. sleep on the street for six months or more. Homeless youth face unique developmental challenges and vulnerability.14

> In 2011, there were 5.8 million children under age 6 living in poor families. Of them, 2.8 million children live in what’s considered deep poverty — in households living under 50 percent of the federal poverty level.13
Soon these tears will all be dryin' 
Soon these eyes will see the sun...

Michael Bolton, *When I'm Back On My Feet Again*
For two decades, The Michael Bolton Charities has been fortunate to have the wonderful friendship of devoted individuals and corporations who have come together to support our work on behalf of children and women at risk. Through the years, we have celebrated our collective dedication to invest in providing a path to a better future, and we have recognized those whose compassion and commitment continues to make a difference.
“We not only have to have an outstretched hand, we have to let people understand that as a nation, as communities, we can’t consider this acceptable, just because nobody wants to talk about it.

This has been a subject for years and years that didn’t get talked about because it was behind someone else’s doors and it wasn’t our business. But it is our business when someone is being hurt, when a child is being hurt. If someone is being emotionally, verbally, physically, or sexually abused, it has got to be our business.”

Joan Lunden, Broadcaster, former host of “Good Morning America”
"to live longer. for my mother to live longer. for my father to live a better way"

Boy, 10
“The Michael Bolton Charities has been critical in our ability to help victims of domestic violence and their children. Since the first time we met with Michael, he clearly understood the vision of the Family Justice Center. He understood that locating multiple services under one roof would make it easier for victims of violence to get the help they need and that, ultimately, could stop the cycle of violence.”

Yolanda B. Jimenez, Commissioner
Office to Combat Domestic Violence
Office of the Mayor, City of New York
THE MICHAEL BOLTON CHARITIES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1995
C. Everett Koop, M.D., Former Surgeon General of the United States
James Koplik, President, Clear Channel Entertainment, CT
Michael Gunn, Sr. V.P. of Marketing, American Airlines

1997
James P. Comer, M.D., Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at Yale Child Study Center

1998
Ivy Duneier, Co-Founder & Former Chairman of the Board of Directors for Mothers’ Voices
Eileen Mitzman, AIDS Activist; Member, Board of Directors, Concerned Parents for AIDS Research

1999
Martin Richards, Founder & President, The Producer Circle Co.
David and Jillian Gilmour, Founders of Fiji Natural Artesian Water

2000
Phil Ramone, Music Producer

2002
Governor and Mrs. John G. Rowland, State of Connecticut
Stephen J. Dannhauser, Executive Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
H.S.H. Prince Albert of Monaco

2003
Frances Williams Preston, President & CEO, BMI
Bobby Valentine, Major League baseball player and manager

2004
Mayor Dannel Malloy, City of Stamford, CT

Cathy Malloy, Executive Director, The Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Stamford, CT
Tribute to Rick Rentz, Volunteer Extraordinaire, Presented to Susan Rentz

2005
Chuck Norris, Actor, Founder of Kickstart

2006
U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, State of Utah
James P. Sandler, Esquire, Humanitarian

2007
Phoebe Snow, Singer/Songwriter
Pari Kreutter Hirsch, Volunteer activist

2008
Doris Buffett, Founder of The Sunshine Lady Foundation

2009
Tani and Bill Austin, Founders - Starkey Hearing Foundation - “So The World May Hear”

2010
Lisa Niemi Swayze, Activist-Pancreatic Cancer Research, Dancer/Writer/Producer

2011
Del R. Bryant, President & CEO, BMI

2012
William J. McNamee, Managing Director, Citi; MBC Board Member
Warren Trepp, Humanitarian, Co-Founder, Past Chairman, Chair Emeritus - The Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation
Jâlé Trepp, Humanitarian, Co-Chair - The Parasol Tahoe Community Foundation Annual Celebrity Golf Event

“These individuals have exemplified our eternal responsibility as a nation: to honor and respect human rights, human dignity and the divine gift of our own true humanity.”

Michael Bolton
“The Michael Bolton Charities has been working tirelessly for the underdog, the overlooked, the forgotten for decades. We all love and respect you, we know you are diligent in everything you do, and it has always been BMI’s pleasure to support you in this important work.”

Del R. Bryant, President & CEO, BMI
"that my sister would stop lying. that I could be a baby again. that I could have a flying carpet take me to the agency and to school."

Boy, 10
“One is never quite certain why friendships come into your life. All friendships are a blessing, but some run even deeper. Especially those that grow through the years. Through thick and thin. For better or for worse. In good times and in bad. Like a friendship of marriage. It strengthens throughout the years, and becomes more enduring.

The friendship we have with Michael is reflected in more than just good times, laughter and dinners. It is all about making our collective voice louder, to ensure that it is heard across the mountains and valleys and throughout the states — a voice that resonates as it is shared with new and old friends as we go along our journey.

It is a bond of togetherness that makes each of us responsible to take action and create a force that allows no child, woman or man to be hurt or in danger. It is our responsibility to be the voice of those who have not yet been able to find their voice. It is our responsibility to help create a shelter of warmth and love. This is our friend’s dream, and we are proud to stand with him and nurture a bond that not only helps this magnificent dream be realized, but fortify and grow with belief and love.

Michael, happy 20th anniversary, and here’s to another 100 years. May the seed you planted be fruitful for eternity. May all those who were and are afraid take each and every step necessary to become stronger and build a more secure future.”

Warren, Jâlé and Warren Edward Trepp
WISHES

"to live with my dad forever, that my mom would come back. I would be back with my family so I could go to the park with my mom and the office with my dad."

Girl, 9
“To the army of angels who work so hard every year… to the wonderfully generous sponsors who support the events… and to the guests who reach for their wallets to help make a difference…”

Mariana and Paul Williams

“Our sincerest gratitude ‘Fore’ all you do. Your immeasurable gifts of talent, love, and generosity have ‘Tee’d’ up a fortress of calm for so many. You and the fine folks of The MBC are an inspiration far better than ‘Par.’ Twenty years is a ‘Hole in One!’ Congratulations, Fine Sir! Well done!”

R.A., Cindy, Kyle, and Colleen Raymond
“Congratulations on 20 years of caring. Your constancy of purpose is truly inspiring. Keep Reflecting the Light...We need you! P.S. We’re in it for another 20 years if you are!”

Bill and Tani Austin

WISHES

“to have my dreams come true.
to have a party with my family”

Girl, age 7
“We never truly know the full effect our giving has in empowering another. When we help, the effects can spread, and resonate beyond what we can ever imagine. The Michael Bolton Charities knows this power. I’m impressed with their steadfast and heartfelt commitment to helping women and children in need. Bravo to The Michael Bolton Charities. In changing the world for one – you change the world for many. Keep up the great work!”

Lisa Niemi Swayze
"to have my own home to live in by myself. to play in the snow. to have a red riding hood costume for Halloween."

Girl, age 7
“I have been a fan of Michael Bolton for years, and although I am not as good looking nor as talented as Michael, we do have the same kind of charitable heart. The MBC work for children and abused women happens to be the charities that my Jamie Farr LPGA Toledo Classic golf tournament benefits.

I commend Michael on his caring and generosity. No matter how high we may rise in our lifetime we must always look to those who have been less fortunate and help. That is exactly what The MBC does. As I said, I may not be as good looking or as talented as Michael... but I am sure trying to be a better golfer than he.”

Jamie Farr
“I am honored and humbled to be receiving The Michael Bolton Charities 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. This organization works tirelessly to build a better life for those less fortunate. I am proud to have been able to help them through the years to make a difference in the lives of so many women and children.”

William J. McNamee, Managing Director, Citi
“Working with The Michael Bolton Charities has been a great experience since I first performed five years ago. The commitment of the people that surround these events is first class, and the friendships developed are life lasting. I am proud to be a part of these events and also want to thank Michael for bringing Work Vessels For Vets on board.”

Dave Mason
Even as we celebrate 20 years of The Michael Bolton Charities, and the extraordinary work of the exceptional organizations dedicated to children and women at risk that have earned our support through the years, we recognize that many needs remain unmet.

There are far too many instances of domestic violence and abuse, of children whose lives are disrupted and diminished, of families struggling desperately to overcome challenges that threaten their well-being. This must stop. Until it does, our efforts will continue, and we are unceasingly grateful to all who respond on the frontlines and those who stand with them.

Michael Bolton has consistently been at the forefront, with compelling compassion and unheralded determination — reflected not only in his words, but his deeds. There could not be a more exemplary example of giving back in a meaningful and consequential way.

The Michael Bolton Charities will continue to be a source of support for organizations nationwide that offer children and women a real chance to turn their lives around and thrive. We will look to models across the country that provide much-needed services effectively and efficiently to build a safe and secure future for children and women at risk.

We know it can be done, because we have seen it done. We know we can make a difference, because with your help, we have made a difference. There is nothing more rewarding to one’s heart and mind than the knowledge that you have helped another human being. That is the core of what we do, and our commitment endures.

The Board of Directors salutes those who have survived heartache and emerged stronger. Their remarkable resilience is admirable and inspiring. We also congratulate those who have helped every step of the journey, with encouraging words, professional expertise, and financial support. Each and every contribution is indispensable and deeply appreciated. Now we embark on our next decade, unyielding in our resolve. And we move forward together.

Sincerely,

Dr. David G. Carter, President
The Michael Bolton Charities
And in the arms of love I'll lift you above all the madness. All of the pain. And you'll be safe and warm here in the arms of love...

Michael Bolton
In the Arms of Love
The Michael Bolton Charities has been a financial supporter and strong advocate for the New York City Family Justice Center in Brooklyn (BKFJC) because it works. By providing one-stop facilities for victims of domestic violence and their children to obtain advocacy, criminal and civil legal assistance, and other vital support services, the BKFJC not only provides immediate safety, it offers an opportunity for individuals often facing life-threatening hazards and incalculable heartache to begin building a better future.

Under the guidance of a Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, the BKFJC provides financial and economic empowerment services, works closely with advocates from onsite and offsite partner agencies and with representatives of city agencies, to those assailed by domestic violence to achieve economic independence. It all starts under one roof, so that women at risk — and their children — do not need to instantly navigate agency after agency across the entire borough or city.

Since opening in July 2005, the BKFJC has served over 49,422 domestic violence victims. Nearly half of the women using their services have children; their median age is 37. Overall, there have been a total of 107,360 new and repeat client visits to the Center.

Women are empowered to take critical steps toward job readiness, strengthen their language skills and education, learn to write a resume, apply for jobs, and obtain vocational skills. Addressing daily life issues is also critical on the path to self-sufficiency. There is support in obtaining childcare, accessing public benefits, and achieving financial literacy.

The BKFJC has been integral in helping victims of domestic violence obtain the skills they need to rebuild their lives and continues to experience remarkable success with its multi-service approach. “I’m delighted that organizations that funded this program are committed to seeing progress in us [as] individuals during this time of crisis,” said one of the clients; reflected another: “When I first came here, I was crying and crying. Now I feel free.”

“On behalf of the mayor’s office to combat domestic violence, the family justice center staff and the numerous clients helped, the mayor’s fund thanks The Michael Bolton Charities for its support and looks forward to a continuing partnership.”

Yolanda B. Jimenez, Commissioner
Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Office of the Mayor, City of New York
DEVELOPING A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

A Family Justice Center is a one-stop full service support center providing an extraordinary range of essential professional and advocacy services to children and women at risk due to domestic violence. It is an approach that is working effectively across the country, with solid reviews from professionals and life-changing results. Already, The Michael Bolton Charities has provided support for a Family Justice Center in Brooklyn, NY. Now, we look to collaborate with community and corporate leaders and state and federal officials in other jurisdictions to extend this effective approach.

The Family Justice Center model saves lives and saves money. It has been identified as a best practice by the U.S. Department of Justice in domestic violence intervention and prevention services. Experience has shown that with the full force of the criminal justice system and agencies providing services together under one roof to address criminal, civil, legal, health, housing, education and other serious concerns, victims of domestic violence and their families can break the cycle of terror and violence and move on to productive and rewarding lives.

As The Michael Bolton Charities looks to the future, it is an objective that is central to the agenda of investing in a safe future for children and women at risk.

NEARLY 50% OF WOMEN SERVED HAVE CHILDREN
IN MEMORIUM

We honor the memory of wonderful people whose devotion to the work of The Michael Bolton Charities has made a difference through the years.

*They are missed, and remembered.*

June Allyson  
Gene Autry  
Clete Boyer  
Charles Bronson  
Red Buttons  
Ray Charles  
Joe DiMaggio  
Frank Flanaga  
Mary Flanagan  
Vitas Gerulaitis  
Sherman Hemsley  
Whitney Houston  
Dan Hunter  
Davy Jones  
Kathy Kincaid  
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Phoebe Snow  
Patrick Swayze  
Pete Toschi  
Ruth Warwick  
Mario Zazzaro

REMEMBERING  
FRANCES WILLIAMS PRESTON

Frances Williams Preston, the long-time CEO and President of the performance-rights company BMI, was a friend and supporter of The Michael Bolton Charities from the very first year.

Michael Bolton described what she meant to him, and to The Michael Bolton Charities: “A dear friend and one of my greatest heroes and champions. A brilliant light and powerhouse in the music industry. BMI’s long time leader and fierce advocate for songwriters. A woman who was not only an example and inspiration to all women, but someone who left a profound impact on every man and woman who worked for her and BMI. I loved her and so treasured my long friendship with her.

My heart, my love, and my support go out to her wonderful family. Vince Gill spoke at her service and said, ‘Frances was a powerful woman. And power doesn’t look good on most people, but Frances was kind.’ And immediately everyone was in tears.”

When the First Annual Frances Williams Preston Lifetime Music Industry Award was presented at a gala in Nashville, it went to Michael Bolton. At the 11th Annual Michael Bolton Charities event, in September 2003, Frances Williams Preston was deservedly honored.
REMEMBERING PATRICK SWAYZE

The MBC 2005 annual event was one of the most memorable and exciting, thanks to two very special guests — Patrick Swayze and his beautiful wife, Lisa Niemi Swayze.

What struck us most was the warmth, sincerity and humbleness of Patrick. This man with an enormous heart, thrilled our audience with his amazing voice and his graceful, remarkable and heart-throbbing dancing. Patrick’s generosity helped The MBC raise thousands of dollars at our live auction — providing a private dancing lesson to one of The MBC’s long-time supporter’s mother. What a night to remember.

We watched his journey of strength and courage with the love of his life, Lisa, caring for him every step of the way. His inspiration to countless others during his battle with cancer will never be forgotten. His legacy and kindness live on in our hearts forever.

REMEMBERING PHOEBE SNOW

Phoebe Snow was more than a fabulously talented entertainer, she was a magnificent person. Her life’s work extended well beyond music — where she truly excelled — to causes that made a meaningful difference in people’s lives. The Michael Bolton Charities was one such effort, and her unwavering support was a source of pride, for which Michael Bolton and The Michael Bolton Charities continue to be extraordinarily grateful.

Phoebe’s unheralded and extraordinary dedication and commitment to her daughter, Valerie, remains an enduring aspect of her legacy. There can be no question but that her passionate and compassionate care contributed to Valerie’s resilience as she mystified doctors time and again, defying the medical odds for decades.

In a video highlighting the work of The Michael Bolton Charities just a few years ago, Phoebe Snow earnestly reaffirmed her support of The MBC: “It’s every man and woman’s responsibility to get out there and help,” she said. “Michael Bolton is such a pioneer in these efforts. I am proud of the work he’s doing and proud to be associated with his work in any way I can. Let’s keep fighting the good fight.”

While Phoebe Snow left us much too soon, her artistry and her legacy remain a source of strength and encouragement. We will remember her words and music, and how she lived her life, helping in every way possible to “make things all right.”
REMEMBERING JOE DIMAGGIO

America has always had a deep connection with Joe DiMaggio; Joltin’ Joe, Gentleman Joe, the Yankee Clipper… he was all of these, and a man capable of enduring friendships and humility. He brought greatness to humanity, and illustrated his own humanity through generous gestures and giving back, especially to children. Joe reminded us that humanity is capable of great things, that talent combined with hard work and fair play can take us as far as our imaginations can soar.

We first met Joe, long a hero of Michael’s, through the Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital. Joe and Michael became fast friends, and before long, Joe was also a friend to The Michael Bolton Charities. On one occasion, at The Field of Dreams MBC fundraiser which pitted the Bolton Bombers against an All Star pro team led by Barry Bonds, the ever humble DiMaggio walked toward the dugout, Michael meeting him half way across the field. The crowd began to recognize the tall, elegant figure and went crazy with a thunderous, standing ovation. DiMaggio waved back to the roaring spectators and then turned to Bolton with a deadpan expression and said, “Gee, Mike, they really like you here.”

Joe symbolized the potential for greatness that lives inside all of us. He represented the American Dream: that a young man from a poor fisherman’s family can become one of the most accomplished, admired, and respected ballplayers of all time. We still love this great American icon, representing hope and illustrating that perseverance, humility, charity and grace, combined with hard work and talent, can accomplish anything.

We thank Gentleman Joe DiMaggio for gracing our charities with his support and friendship. Joe, you are dearly missed, and fondly recalled, and we loved you.

REMEMBERING RICK RENTZ

From the minute you met him, you knew that Rick Rentz was a special human being. His professional demeanor often obscured the soft and kind-hearted person beneath. Rick, the Founder and President of Concert Services, was a distinguished and decorated veteran who served three tours of duty in Vietnam and one year in the Republic of South Korea.

He took on the work of The Michael Bolton Charities as his personal mission, and his friendship, knowledge and skills in ensuring that events ran smoothly and safely were unparalleled. Rick was there for The Michael Bolton Charities from the very beginning — he was the person who held it all together and became an integral part of The MBC family. He was trusted completely and loved dearly.

Tragically, Rick passed away in May, 2004. He was deservedly recognized with a moving Special Tribute at the next annual event of The MBC. In the years since, not a day or event goes by without fond memories of Rick and how blessed we are to have had him in our lives.
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The Michael Bolton Charities’ connection with CASSIS® Jewels, throughout the past 13 years, has reaffirmed that we are not alone in our effort to aid children and women at risk.

CASSIS® Jewels, respected and internationally recognized for their highly regarded brand of fine jewelry, stepped up to join forces with The MBC to help those whose lives are darkened by poverty and abuse.

CASSIS® designed the “Balloon of DreamsTM” pin to help make a difference in the lives of women and children. Specifically designed to illustrate the human spirit’s potential to soar and overcome the obstacle of abuse and poverty, the “Balloon of DreamsTM” pin became a new symbol of hope reflected in sapphires, rubies and diamonds.

The Michael Bolton Charities is grateful for the continuing commitment of CASSIS® Jewels. A portion of the sale of each “Balloon of DreamsTM” pin is donated to The Michael Bolton Charities.
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