

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE WISHES COME TRUE

Celebrating its 25th year, The Rainbow Connection makes dreams come true for Michigan children with life threatening illnesses. From something as simple as a computer or as unique as meeting the President of the United States at The White House or a glorious trip to Disney World, we have fulfilled the dreams of over 2000 Michigan children.

The Rainbow Connection also provides support services, information and referral, special holiday get-togethers and picnics and, perhaps most important of all, a listening ear to over 600 local families each year.

“These families are suffering and we are here to make the burden a little lighter by bringing a smile to the face of these brave children and giving them something to look forward to as they struggle through painful medical procedures,” explains Mary Grace McCarter, Executive Director at The Rainbow Connection.

“People ask how so few of us accomplish so much and I remind them there are actually hundreds of us when you include our volunteers,” says McCarter.

In fact, without the help of volunteers The Rainbow Connection would struggle to meet the time sensitive needs of the children and families it serves. This time of year volunteer opportunities include wrapping gifts for the children, office assistance answering phones and mailing letters, bulk mail preparation for newsletters and invitations, and volunteering at various fundraising events for the children. The Rainbow Connection

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PARK WEST GALLERY “ART WITH A HEART”

Park West Gallery houses more than one thousand pieces of beautiful artwork in its 63,000 square foot opulent Greco Roman designed building. But Park West, rated the number one art gallery in Metropolitan Detroit in a survey conducted by WDIV-TV Channel 4, offers much more than just the finest pieces of artwork anywhere in the world.

Owners Albert and Mitsie Scaglione have made it their mission in life to give back to the community which has afforded them the opportunity to be successful in business. Park West Cares, which the couple established last July, has donated \$1.5 million worth of clothing and works of art to literally thousands of charities and educational organizations worldwide.



The Park West Foundation, which the Scaglione’s founded in 2006, has provided assistance to hundreds of young men and women who, because of state law, have been forced to opt out of Michigan’s Foster Care system at the age of eighteen.



The Park West Foundation has taken these individuals under its protective wing and helped them find clothing, housing, jobs and even made it possible for some of them to continue their education at a college or university.

Albert and Mitsie also invite any 501(c) 3 charities to host fundraisers and parties at the gallery, free of charge.

The Scaglione’s practice the old stricture: “To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Expected.” At Park West Gallery, an apt motto might be “Art with A Heart.”

Park West Gallery is located at 29469 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. For more information about Park West Gallery go to www.parkwestgallery.com