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Crossroads of Michigan will Celebrate 40 Years at the Heart of Crossroads Gala

Detroit, Mich- Crossroads of Michigan will celebrate 40 years of caring at its 2011 "Heart of Crossroads" Gala. The organizations biggest fundraiser of the year will be held September 15 from 6:30-9:00pm at the beautiful Detroit Institute of Arts. This elegant evening will include dinner, music, docent-guided tours and a silent auction for over 200 guests.

The Swing Shift Orchestra will play big band style music while guests enjoy a cocktail reception and the opportunity to bid on the silent auction in the Diego Rivera Court. Attendees will then move to the Great Hall for a four-course dinner and the "Heart of Crossroads" awards ceremony. Volunteer docents will also be providing tours of the impressionist and the American wing throughout the evening.

"The true heart of Crossroads are our volunteers," says Andrea Paul, public relations, "which is why, every year, we honor three individuals or organizations who help to make us who we are." This year's recipients will be volunteer Julie Edwards, Martha Bartlett, Crossroads' first paid employee and long-time Executive Director, and Comerica bank. "Comerica's history with Crossroads goes back many years, and we are so thankful to have them as friends," says Paul of Crossroads relationship with the company.

Tickets are \$150 advance purchase only. To Purchase your tickets or for sponsorship information call (313)831-2787. To find out more about Crossroads of Michigan please visit [www.crossroadsofmichigan.org](http://www.crossroadsofmichigan.org).

Crossroads is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit social service outreach agency with two locations in Detroit. Since 1971, it has served the poorest of the poor in the metropolitan area providing food, clothing, prescription medication, employment assistance, and help accessing transportation, identification, and many other things.



The Main Office on West Grand Boulevard also operates the Crossroads Soup Kitchen every Sunday, as well as the summer lunch program for school aged children every weekday during the summer months. Crossroads provides a vital service to the citizens of the Detroit community. In four decades, 103,000 individuals have found assistance in the two Social Service Units, and many, many tens of thousands more have enjoyed hot lunches in the Soup Kitchen.

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