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**Highfields Presents 2024 Citizenship and Partnership Award Recipients**

*Lansing, MI – April 22, 2024* – Highfields will present the 2024 **Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award** to longtime supporter, Patricia Brown. The Citizenship Award is awarded “to individuals who through commitment of time, deeds, and leadership, have brought together many citizens from all parts of our community and engaged their talents to create special opportunities for youth and families to grow stronger, thereby enriching the fabric of our community.”

Pat is a member of the Robert Drake Society, serves as Chair of the Golf Committee, and is an ambassador for the Strengthening Families Breakfast.

“I am excited to honor Patricia Brown for the Robert L. Drake Citizenship award, as her commitment to Highfields and the greater Lansing community has been exemplary,” said Brian Philson, Highfields’ President and CEO. “Her passion and partnership in support of our work has been truly amazing and I know that Judge Drake would be honored to have his name associated with Pat.”

The 2024 **Highfields Partnership Award** will be awarded to the Michigan Federation for Children and Families. This award is given annually to a company or organization that has contributed to the fulfillment of Highfields’ mission.

“The Michigan Federation for Children and Families is a leading advocate for children and families that are served in the child welfare, behavioral health and juvenile justice systems,” said Brian. “Their support of the undeserved and marginalized families in Michigan has been amazing. I am pleased to see them honored with the Highfields’ Partnership Award.”

The Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award and the Partnership Award will be presented at Highfields’ Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the University Club in Lansing.

*Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 11 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit [www.highfields.org](http://www.highfields.org).*

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