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About 826michigan

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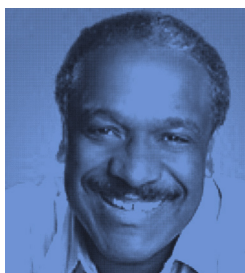
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We believe writing is a process of discovery and engagement, an action that connects us to the world, a means to further personal understanding, and a tool to access power and build a better world. Our small staff mobilizes hundreds of adult volunteers to support more than 3,200 school-aged students with free writing and tutoring programs that take place in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Detroit. We believe that one-on-one attention helps students succeed in school and in life. Last year, adult volunteers contributed more than 16,000 hours in 826michigan programs.

We're inviting you to dinner!

We're also inviting you to be part of the vast and diverse network of donors and supporters who make 826michigan's work possible. Alongside important visibility for your company, enjoy great food, extraordinary stories, and amazing company at our annual spring benefit, one of our favorite nights of the year.

Sponsors are invited to a pre-dinner reception which includes a special meet and greet with our guest of honor Christopher Paul Curtis.



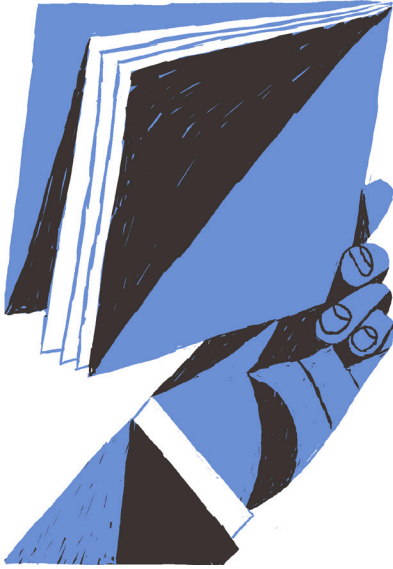
Christopher Paul Curtis was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. After high school, Christopher took a job on the assembly line of Flint's Fisher Body Plant No. 1 welding doors onto LeSabres and Rivas. Between cars, Christopher wrote sketches of stories set in Flint in decades past, from an orphaned ten-year-old in the midst of the Depression, to a family visiting Alabama during the struggle for civil rights. These sketches of Flint families grew into some of the most colorful and celebrated works in children's literature.

In 1996 his debut novel, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963* received a Newbery Honor, followed by *Bud, Not Buddy*, which received the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award. Later works include *Bucking the Sarge*, *The Mighty Miss Malone*, *Elijah of Buxton* (awarded, among other honors, the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction), and his most recent book, *The Madman of Piney Woods*.

To Become a Sponsor...

Please email 826michigan Development Director Nancy Sizer at nancy@826michigan.org

The deadline for sponsors to be included in the event invitation is March 30, 2018



Questions?

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\$10,000 “Best Seller”

8 tickets to dinner and VIP reception at the author’s table; brief remarks from the podium with executive director; your company information on guest tables; company logo on invitation and event materials; company logo on website; social media thank-you; mention in news release.

\$5,000 “Manuscript”

4 tickets to dinner and VIP reception; your company information on guest tables; special seating; company logo on invitation and event materials; company logo on website; social media thank-you; mention in news release.

\$3,000 “First Draft”

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\$1,500 “Inspiration”

2 tickets to dinner and VIP reception; special seating; company logo on invitation and event materials; mention in news release.

Sponsorships (excluding fair market value of benefits) are tax-deductible contributions which support 826michigan’s free writing and tutoring programs for more than 3,200 local students.

The above levels and benefits represent the available sponsorships. Prospective sponsors are encouraged to be in contact to arrange specific benefits packages that suit your company’s needs and goals.

About the Event

The 826michigan Storymakers Dinner is a celebration that honors important writers and their stories, from nationally-known novelists to emerging young authors in our community. Every spring, 826michigan partners with Zingerman’s Community of Businesses to bring together a noted person of letters, a student who takes part in our writing and tutoring programs, and more than a hundred friends committed to 826michigan’s--and our students’--success. We promise to provide outstanding food and drink along with extraordinary stories.

Storymakers Dinner by the Numbers

To learn more, visit 826michigan.org

2018 is the 9th annual event, with 150 guests and thousands receiving info through the 826michigan newsletter (7,000), social media (10,000) and direct invitation (2,000)

Funds support 826michigan’s work with 109 schools, 110 teachers, and 3,260 school-aged students with free-of-charge writing and tutoring programs