The University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Training Program presents the 5th Annual

Diane Baker Alumni Lecture

“Getting a CHARGE out of genetics: The co-evolution of a genetic counseling career and genetic support group”

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Ms. Hefner is an internationally recognized expert in CHARGE syndrome and has dedicated most of her professional life to helping patients and families affected by this diagnosis. She has worked in pediatric genetics since 2004, founded the first US CHARGE Syndrome clinic at the Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center in St. Louis and the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation in 1993. She has also co-authored CHARGE Syndrome, a book focused on the description of the sensory, physical, and behavioral findings of the condition, as well as numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts, and family-oriented educational materials.

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Lecture 3:30 p.m. 3813 & 3817 Medical Science II

The tradition of excellence that distinguishes our genetic counseling program alumni owes a great deal to our founder and first Program Director, Diane Baker, MS, CGC. This annual event, along with The Diane Baker Alumni Award, honors her vision and commitment to the profession.

Ms. Baker is a founding member of the genetic counseling program at the University of Michigan, serving as Director of the Graduate Program in Genetic Counseling, and was a premier member of the program’s faculty until her departure in 2001. She currently serves on the Board of Directors, Genetic Alliance in Washington D.C., and is a member of the American Society of Human Genetics, National Society of Genetic Counselors, and the American Board of Genetic Counseling, having served in numerous capacities.