

# Honoring a Hero: A Toast to Dr. Laurie Marker and the Race to Save the Cheetah.

**May 2, 2026**  
**Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills**  
**1500 Opdyke Rd**  
**Auburn Hills, MI 48326**



## Event Begins at 4:30 PM



**An Evening with Dr. Laurie Marker, Executive Founder and Director  
Cheetah Conservation Fund  
~ A Time Magazine "Hero for the Planet!"**

Join us at The Crowne Plaza for a special evening honoring Dr. Laurie Marker, Executive Founder and Director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, in celebration of her Honorary Doctorate from Oakland University.

From Namibia to Asia, Dr. Marker has spent 35+ years leading the "gold standard" of wildlife conservation. Don't miss this rare chance to hear her keynote updates from the field and engage in an intimate Q&A. Help us celebrate her 2026 honors and support the mission to save the cheetah in the wild!

Catered buffet dinner with open bar, including one complimentary drink per guest.  
Space is limited — RSVP today!

General Admission: \$125  
Student/Child: \$75

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