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**Fundraiser Provides Prime Viewing for WEBN Fireworks**

*Covington, KY, August 23, 2012* – Taking advantage of its scenic perch high atop a hillside in Covington's Devou Park, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky is making final preparations for its annual Labor Day weekend fireworks party. The party, which serves as a major fundraiser for the Home, takes place Sunday, September 2. Gates open at 5 p.m.

"Our Home's front lawn is a fantastic place to experience this tri-state tradition without having to deal with the traffic and crowds of Riverfest," explains Anne Sturgis, Development Manager at CHNK. "Plus your ticket purchase doubles as a tax-deductible donation to our Home. So it really is a great opportunity to spend time with friends or family and do some good in the process."

All proceeds from the Fireworks Party go directly towards funding the Home's programs. CHNK, founded in 1882, serves as a 24/7 residential treatment facility for boys between the ages of 7 and 17 who are in state's custody due to severe abuse, neglect, or at-risk behavior. This fall, CHNK is also launching a pilot program called *Champions* to address the growing number of underage children who are being locked up for non-violent offenses such as truancy, underage drinking, and possession of drugs.

Event tickets are \$35.00 for adults and children over 12 years of age. Children 12 and under are free. Complimentary parking is available on the Home's property, as well as in the Behringer-Crawford Museum's parking lot located just a short walk from CHNK's front lawn. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, camping chairs, and blankets, but no coolers, picnic baskets, pets, or cigarettes will be permitted on campus.

McHale's Catering will be grilling picnic fare during the event, including hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwursts, and metts. Soda, water, and juice will also be available for purchase, along with beer and wine for guests 21 and older. (Credit cards can be used for purchases over \$10.00.) Children's activities include face painting, balloon animals, and jugglers. Beginning at 7 p.m., the Ohio Valley Big Band will perform a 90-minute concert as the pre-fireworks entertainment. When the fireworks start, the soundtrack will be simulcast across the lawn through a professional sound system.

"Fireworks bring out the child in all of us... regardless of our age, watching them gives us a sense of awe-inspiring joy and magic," says Rick Wurth, CHNK's Chief Executive Officer. "What

better place to enjoy the WEBN fireworks than at a Home that has done – and continues to do – awe-inspiring work for children in need?”

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.chnk.org/fireworks-party](http://www.chnk.org/fireworks-party) or over the phone by calling 859.261.8768. If space is still available on the day of the party, tickets will also be available at the front gate.

Founded in 1882, Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky operates two campuses – one in Burlington, KY and the other in Covington, KY’s Devou Park. CHNK carries out its mission to be a community leader providing children and families opportunity and hope for better lives by offering treatment programs for abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Last year, the Home impacted over 700 children and families in a total of 38 counties.

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For more information about Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky, please visit [www.chnk.org](http://www.chnk.org) or contact Rick W. Wurth, Chief Executive Officer, at 859.261.8768, x3074 or 859.468.5418.