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CHNK Fireworks Party a Private Event for 2013

Covington, KY, August 19, 2013 – What has been a public fundraiser in recent years for Children's Home of Northern Kentucky will be a private event in 2013. The Home's annual Fireworks Party, which takes place each year on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend and in conjunction with the WEBN Fireworks, will not be open to the general public this year. Rather, the young men who live at CHNK will get to watch the fireworks themselves from the best seats in the tri-state – the Home's own front lawn.

"Our Covington campus offers an amazing view of the Ohio River and downtown Cincinnati and Covington," shares Rick Wurth, CHNK's Chief Executive Officer. "So historically, the Home has tried to use the WEBN Fireworks display as a fundraiser for the children we serve. But inclement weather the past two years drastically impacted any potential net proceeds. This year, we're scaling back and making it a private party for our boys in residence and the CHNK team."

Boys living at the Home have been removed from their own homes by the state of Kentucky, due to abuse, neglect, or at-risk behavior. In order to protect their identities and location, as well as ensure their safety, the boys typically spend the Sunday evening of Labor Day weekend at the agency's second campus in Burlington or going to the movies. This year, they are excited to welcome to the CHNK campus their own family members who are close enough to visit. For residents without family members nearby, CHNK's Board of Trustees and Junior Board members, as well as many employees, will be on hand to make sure every boy has a fun time in good company.

Recreation Therapist Sara Warner is designing the party with her colleague, Amy Lindley, the Home's Residential Activities Coordinator.

"We'll be offering a variety of activities for the boys, including things they can do with their families," reveals Warner. "Activities like carnival games, cornhole tournaments, and craft stations where the boys can make customized items like tie-dye t-shirts." The boys will also be treated to a grillout and "fun" festival foods like popcorn and cotton candy.

For former Fireworks Party patrons who want to still support the Home over Labor Day weekend, Wurth asks that they consider sponsoring a resident with a donation of \$25.00. This amount will cover food, beverage, craft supplies, and game prizes for the resident.

“We have an average daily census of around 42 boys in our Residential Treatment program,” Wurth explains. “If we were to find sponsors for all 42 of them – sponsors willing to make a minimum \$25.00 donation to the Home – we would be able to cover all the expenses of this special event for our boys.”

Community supporters wanting to sponsor one or more boys can make a credit card donation online at www.chnk.org or by calling the Home’s Development Office at 859.292.4135. Or, checks can be mailed to: Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky, Attn: Office for Development, 200 Home Road, Covington, KY 41011.

“We know there will be some regular Fireworks Party patrons who are disappointed to learn this year’s event is just for our boys,” comments Wurth, “but we’re certain they will understand that we not only made the most fiscally responsible decision for our budget, we also are giving our boys the opportunity to participate in one of the most beloved traditions of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area.”

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 residential and community-based treatment programs for abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Last year, the Home impacted nearly 700 children and families in more than 30 counties across the Commonwealth. Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky is a member of the Children’s Alliance, Kentucky’s voice for at-risk children and families.

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