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## **Unique Open House to Benefit Children's Home of Northern Kentucky**

*Covington, KY, May 15, 2014* –Next month, Villa Hills residents David and Darlene Barnes will open the doors of their custom-designed home to the general public as a fundraiser for Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. The 16,000 square foot residence, located at 943 Squire Oaks Drive, features 45 different shades of paint and 25 miles of trim work. Known as "Squires End," it will be open to the community for two days only – June 14 and 15 – from 12 noon to 6 p.m. each day.

Guests are asked to make a minimum donation of \$20 at the door in exchange for the opportunity to explore three floors of rooms, each with its own theme and filled with furnishings from around the globe. All proceeds will be donated to Children's Home of Northern Kentucky.

"Dave and Darlene know the importance of our work here, at CHNK," says Rick Wurth, CHNK Chief Executive Officer. "Their hope is our hope; namely, that every child will be safe, healthy, and loved. By literally opening the doors to their home, they build bridges to better futures for the hundreds who will come to CHNK for care. Their new home is a beautiful addition to our Northern Kentucky community, but their devotion to our kids is even more beautiful."

A sneak peek of the home is available in the May/June 2014 issue of Housetrends magazine and on the Housetrends website, but photos only capture a small portion of what guests will be able to view during the open house. Rooms on the tour include an Old Hollywood-themed master bedroom, an art-deco game room complete with original 1920s furniture from London's Savoy Hotel, a conservatory where Mrs. Barnes tends to an array of orchids, and a gallery full of Theodore Roosevelt portraits and artifacts gathered by Mr. Barnes over the years.

The Barnes partnered with Toeppen Builders for the custom-designed architecture. Interior designer Henry Vittetoe provided guidance with the unique features inside the home. It was also Vittetoe who helped the fundraiser come about.

"Darlene overheard a phone call I made to Rick Wurth one day while I was shopping with her and Dave," shares Vittetoe, "She asked for more information about CHNK and the type of work it does... and from that conversation, John Toeppen and I came up with the idea for an open house."

On street parking is available both days of the open house. Additionally, parking at the Villa Madonna ball field on Amsterdam Road is available on Sunday. Even organizers will also have volunteers on hand to direct traffic and to drive multi-passenger golf carts for guests who would like assistance getting to and from their parking spots.

Founded in 1882, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky operates two campuses – one in Burlington, KY and the other in Covington, KY. 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 over 400 children and families in 33 counties across the Commonwealth. CHNK is a member of the Children's Alliance, Kentucky's voice for at-risk children and families.

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