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New Slate of Officers for CHNK's Board of Trustees

Covington, KY – The start of a new fiscal year at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky brought with it a new slate of executive officers for the Home's Board of Trustees. At the board's annual retreat in May, trustees elected a new president, vice president, and treasurer. New officers include:

President – Bob Hawksley, president and COO of Fischer Homes and board member since 2011

Vice President - Jeff Thomas, owner of Jeff Thomas Catering and board member since 2012

Treasurer – Kent Dailey, RE/MAX Affiliates broker and board member since 2008

Hawksley replaces long-time trustee Dan Mistler, who served as president for the past two years. Mistler will remain on the board as immediate past president.

While the new roles officially went into effect on July 1, the “unofficial” start for the officers came with the first Board of Trustees meeting of the new fiscal year, which took place Monday, July 14.

“We’re targeting several key initiatives to focus on for the next few years,” shared Hawksley, prior to his first meeting as president. “First and foremost, we want to make sure we’re serving what’s needed in our community right now. Since our specialty is serving at-risk adolescents, we want to grow the lines of business that help these adolescents in the service areas needed most.”

Each of the officers will serve a two-year term in his respective position.

Joining the board as a new trustee is Don Paparella, general manager of Mercedes-Benz of Fort Mitchell. Don has more than 20 years of business experience and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and Management from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. Don worked previously in Boston and in Cleveland before moving to Northern Kentucky in conjunction with the opening of the Mercedes-Benz dealership in October 2013.

“We’re blessed to have a strong board that provides hands-on governance, advocacy, and revenue support for the staff and residents of our Home,” said Rick Wurth, CHNK chief executive officer. “Our trustees are truly engaged in the work we do and the community we serve.”

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 more than 30 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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