

# HOMEFRONT

CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

SPRING 2015 Newsletter

A photograph of three women standing in front of a brick building with white columns. The woman on the left is wearing a white lab coat and has a stethoscope around her neck. The woman in the middle is wearing a white blazer over a yellow top and a blue and white striped skirt. The woman on the right is also wearing a white lab coat and has a stethoscope around her neck. They are all smiling.

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**Integrating Physical and Behavioral Healthcare**

Tammy Smith, LPN, Chole Mullen, MD and Angie Wood, RN

# Shinkle Society Has Major Impact on Home's Livelihood

**Society Generates Nearly \$500k in Four Years**

Launched in 2011 to establish a premier giving circle of donors, the Shinkle Society at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky has grown into a powerful funding vehicle for the most critical, urgent needs of the agency. Each year, individuals and businesses with the financial means to make a minimum gift of \$5,000 to CHNK are invited to join the society; their gift – unrestricted in nature – is then applied to the Home's most immediate need.

Since its launch, the society has welcomed 40 individuals and businesses who have collectively contributed close to \$500,000 to CHNK. Most recently, Shinkle Society members helped fund the \$5.2 million renovation project on CHNK's Devou Park campus, allowing the agency to expand its services to include a therapeutic day school and substance use treatment for adolescents.

While members can join the current year's society at any point during the year, the CHNK Office for Development holds a membership drive from May to July, culminating in the Shinkle Society Soiree to recognize and celebrate new members. This year's event takes place Sunday, August 9, just prior to the birthday of CHNK founder Amos Shinkle (born on August 11). Guests will mix and mingle on the third floor of the historic administration building; the space, originally a nursery when the Home operated as an orphanage, now serves as an events center capable of accommodating up to 125 guests.

Interested in learning more about the Class of 2015 Shinkle Society at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky? Contact the CHNK Office for Development at 859.292.4135 for additional information.



## Class of 2014 Shinkle Society

David and Darlene Barnes  
The Dr. George A. & Dolores E. Renaker Charitable Foundation  
Charlene and Gebhard Erler  
Mary Jean Giltner  
Paul and Mary Jo Hardcorn  
Bob and Karen Hawksley  
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Stephanie Renaker-Jansen and Dick Jansen  
Tony and Mary Jo Schmidt  
David and Pam Shearer  
Jeff Thomas and Kent Shaw  
Laura Tegstam

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# For What It's Worth

## Meeting Emerging Community Needs

Friends,

I hope this spring edition of Homefront find you and your loved ones filled with the hope and excitement this incredible season brings.

Hope is the conviction that tomorrow can be better than today, that our future is filled with opportunity. Hope and opportunity are key words in our mission statement at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. And they are not simply words on paper.

CHNK's trustees, leadership team members, and staff have been tremendously busy in developing new organizational structures that will empower CHNK to meet emerging community needs. Partnering with outside professional consultants, CHNK has been working for the past year on a new organizational chart that includes staffing positions that help us bridge physical health and behavioral health needs for the youth receiving services in our multiple treatment lines. In this issue you'll meet some of our 103 employees who are leading the way in Northern Kentucky and throughout the state when it comes to adolescent healthcare.

We are truly opening a new and exciting chapter here, at CHNK. For the first time since our orphanage days, we have females in our residential programs on our main campus. Our new adolescent substance use disorder residential program is up and running. Our new location at 5th and Philadelphia Streets which houses our community-based services has been officially launched as the Deaconess Health Check at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, with start-up expenses covered by our partners at Deaconess Foundation. Our newly renovated administration building at the main campus has recently been awarded a one million dollar grant courtesy of our partners at The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./US Bank Foundation to help fund an event and conference center on the top floor. What's clearly obvious in all of this? We truly have a reason to be hopeful at CHNK. Community partners and friends are coming to our side like never before so that the children and families in our care might cross bridges to better futures. Enjoy the rest of this incredible season of spring.



Rick W. Wurth,  
*Chief Executive Officer*



## SAVE THE DATE

**CHNK 2015 Home Run 5K Walk/Run**  
**Saturday, July 18 at 9 a.m.**  
**Devou Park**

More details coming soon! Make sure to check the CHNK Facebook page for the latest updates, or contact the CHNK Office for Development at 859.292.4135.

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**2015**  
**HomeRun**  
**5K Walk/Run**



# CHNK Launches In-House Medical Team

Integrating Physical and Behavioral Healthcare



In a strategic endeavor to provide both behavioral health services and physical healthcare to youth arriving at the doorstep of Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, and setting CHNK apart from other providers in both the region and the state, the Home's latest offering to the wider community is an in-house medical team comprised of medical professionals with decades of combined experience in the healthcare field.

CHNK's medical team works across all program lines, including our residential treatment program, our community/school-based Champions services, and the therapeutic day school housed on our Devou Park campus. Leading the team as Chief Medical Officer is **Dr. Chole Mullen**. Chole works directly with her team and the wider CHNK staff on implementing cutting edge interventions and strategies related to healthcare services, in addition to providing emergency on-call response to resident needs as they arise. She also writes prescriptions as needed, engages in telepsychiatry sessions, and manages the Home's engagement with third-party contractors, including psychiatrist **Dr. Mike McIntosh** and psychologist **Dr. Ed Connor**.

The establishment of the medical team has also allowed for an expansion of nursing coverage on both the Burlington and Devou Park campuses –

including evenings and weekends

– since the residential treatment program is a 24/7 operation. Manager of Nursing Services **Angie Wood, RN** and Medical Coordinator **Tammy Smith, LPN** work in partnership to ensure youth in both the residential treatment program and therapeutic day school have immediate access to treatment services, when needed.

**“By onboarding trustees and subject matter experts who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the medical field, in conjunction with assembling an in-house medical team, we're strategically positioning CHNK to become the premier provider of adolescent behavioral healthcare services in Northern Kentucky,”** shares CHNK Board President **Bob Hawksley**.

CHNK's focus on true integration of physical and behavioral health services doesn't stop with staff members, though. Over the past year, the Home has added multiple individuals with medical backgrounds to its Board of Trustees and group of Subject Matter Experts, including **Chuck**

79th  
ANNUAL  
Junior Board  
CHARITY  
BALL

## SAVE THE DATE

79th Annual Junior Board Charity Ball  
Saturday, November 14  
6:30 to 11:30 p.m.  
Cincinnati Airport Marriott

Individual tickets are \$100 each.  
Businesses and individuals interested in advertising and/or sponsorship opportunities can contact the CHNK Office for Development at 859.292.4135 or visit [www.chnk.org/charityball](http://www.chnk.org/charityball).

**Washburn**, Behavioral Health System Director; **Dr. Bob Wells**, a licensed private psychologist; **Dr. Dan Gripshover**, Clinical Neuropsychologist at the Neuroscience & Behavioral Health Center; and **Dr. John Brewer**, Behavioral Pediatrician. Most recently, **Nancy Barone**, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at University of Cincinnati Medical Center, joined the board as chairperson for the Program Committee.

**CHNK trustee Chuck Washburn, RN, explains, “Gone are the days when agencies like CHNK simply needed to provide food, clothing, shelter, and safety for orphaned children. Higher acuity youth are coming to our doors every day, and we now have the right people with the right skill sets – both on staff and on the Board – to address their extensive health needs.”**

**Dr. Kevin Reidy**, with Pediatrics Associates, joined the board this past year as a Subject Matter Expert on the Program Committee. In coming weeks, however, he will also join CHNK as a team member, providing pediatric health services onsite such as auditory and vision screenings and physical health assessments. CHNK is actively working to identify donors who can assist with the medical exam rooms – one each residential campus – and the accompanying equipment needed to accommodate Dr. Reidy’s services. (Could this be you? Consider using the enclosed remittance envelope to help fund this need!)

The establishment of a robust, in-house medical team represents an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars, but the benefits will be far-reaching. CHNK will not only be able to pivot more quickly when health needs arise, but team members will save both time and travel expense associated with taking clients to and from doctor’s appointments. Most importantly, the youth in CHNK’s care will receive the treatment they need at the right time, in the right place, and in the right manner.



## MEET Chole Mullen, M.D.

Position:  
Chief Medical Officer

27 years of experience in the  
medical field

Board-certified psychiatrist  
with licenses in both  
Kentucky and Ohio

Previous experience with  
institutions including Greater  
Cincinnati Behavioral Health  
Services, NorthKey, and  
Cumberland Hall Hospital

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*Save the Date*