

Bridge Building

RICK W. WURTH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

.....



Greetings, friends of the Home!

As I approach my one-year anniversary as VP for Development at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, I find myself still in awe of the gorgeous view from my office window. Not only is our Covington campus perched atop a beautiful hill in the equally beautiful Devou Park, but our building literally overlooks the river where our founder made his fortune. Colonel Amos Shinkle knew what was needed to be successful – hard work, determination, and an adventurous spirit. And it was those three qualities that led Shinkle through a variety of successes, from selling coal, to constructing riverboats, to overseeing the building of a bridge that would change the way the entire tri-state does business. But it was his compassionate heart that, when combined with these other qualities, led him to found the Home in 1882.

Now, 129 years later, our Home is approaching its annual **Children's Success Fund** with the same qualities Amos used to establish it. We are determined to make our annual appeal the most successful fundraiser in the Home's history. In the upcoming weeks, you will be receiving an invitation in the mail – an invitation to be a bridge builder. Our founder was a bridge builder, and for over a century, we've been bridge builders too – for thousands of children in need. This hasn't happened by magic... you can't build a bridge with just good intentions and positive thoughts. It requires sacrifice. It requires strength. It requires, quite simply, money. The suspension bridge that has become an icon both locally and nationally almost wasn't built because no one – until Shinkle - was willing to step up and support it in a very real, very meaningful way. In much the same way, our Home has only survived because of generous support from folks just like you... folks who have compassionate hearts and who realize that a bridge can only be built one beam, one cable, one anchor at a time.

By making a donation to the **2011 Children's Success Fund**, you will help me and my colleagues continue to build bridges to better futures for the abused, neglected, and at-risk children in our care. Inside the Home, we're striving for 100% participation among our board members and employees. How many bridges could we build if 100% of our community supporters also participated? And how many more bridges could we build if you helped us widen our circle of supporters? **Every holiday season, we're contacted by generous folks who want to help our children.** This is a very real blessing for us. But our children can only use so many basketballs or board games. **What they need – more than toys, more than candy – is a residential treatment specialist on the cutting edge of training... an in-home care therapist who has the technology needed to minimize time spent entering case notes and maximize time spent with a family in need... a state-of-the-art facility that provides a safe, nurturing place to heal and grow.** And those gifts can only be secured through the financial support you give to our Home, especially via the **Children's Success Fund**. This year, we encourage you to tap into your own adventurous spirit! How can you mobilize people in your "network" – family, neighbors, co-workers, church groups, school organizations, etc. – to build a bridge for CHNK? What does that look like? Maybe it's a potluck dinner with a minimum donation per meal. Maybe it's a jeans pass sold for "Casual Fridays." Maybe it's a game of Penny Wars between classes. Maybe it's simply asking others to join you in your mission to be a bridge builder.

What if the first gift you give this holiday season is a bridge?

Gratefully,
Rick W. Wirth
Vice President for Development

CHNK is proud to partner with our 2011 Communications Sponsors:



These sponsors underwrite the cost of both our online and print communication efforts - including this edition of Homefront - so that our Home can easily and regularly stay in touch with you at **no cost** to the Home.

www.chnk.org





CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY
200 Home Road, Devou Park, Covington, KY 41011
859.261.8768

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage

PAID

Covington, KY

Permit No. 65

A photograph of a young child with dark skin, wearing a red shirt, holding a larger hand. The child's face is partially visible in the background, looking towards the camera. The background is filled with autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular area.

Children's Success Fund 2011

Be a bridge builder

Homefront

CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Newsletter

Fall 2011



*Great-great-granddaughter
Ann and husband Jim*



*Great-great-granddaughter Judy
with sons Tom and Stuart*



*Stuart, Judy, Mike, Ann, Jim,
Linda, Spence and Tom*

Homecoming: Our Founder's Family

Shinkle Society Festivities

CHNK FOUNDER'S FAMILY RETURNS HOME FOR LAUNCH OF NEW INITIATIVE

It's homecoming season for tri-state schools, but **Children's Home of Northern Kentucky** is also celebrating a very special homecoming of its own. Over the past several months, the CHNK family has been able to reconnect with the great-great granddaughter of Colonel Amos Shinkle, our Home's



founder. Ann Monroe and her husband Jim made our launch of the **Shinkle Society**, CHNK's new premier giving circle, all the more exciting by helping us reconnect with descendants of Amos in the weeks leading up to the Shinkle Society Gala.

Family members from Missouri, Rhode Island, Florida, and Alabama joined Ann and Jim in Cincinnati over the weekend of July 30. A family reunion dinner, which also included CHNK CEO Bill Bagley and VP for Development Rick Wurth, was hosted by Ann and Jim



that Saturday evening at Cincinnati Country Club. Kenton County Public Library Executive Director Dave Schroeder also attended and shared details with the family about their famous ancestor. The following morning, an intimate brunch and conversation about the Home took place between Shinkle's descendants and current CHNK employees. Family members also toured through the Home and learned firsthand about the children in our care.

Just a few hours later, the family, employees, and other esteemed guests from the community filled the Drees Pavilion to recognize and celebrate the inaugural members of the **Shinkle Society** and **Circle of Champions**, as well as the recipient of the **2011 Bridge Builder of the Year Award**. To show appreciation for her efforts to reconnect the Home with the Shinkle family, CHNK presented **Ann Monroe** with the award. As we head into this new fiscal year for CHNK, we thank **Ann, Jim, Spence, Mike, Linda, Judy, Stuart, and Tom** for making our gala a true homecoming, and we ask each of our past and present supporters to consider "coming Home" as well – by following us on facebook, subscribing to our e-newsletters, making a donation, or coming for a tour. Our doors are always open for family.



CHNK RECOGNIZES AND THANKS OUR INAUGURAL SHINKLE SOCIETY
AND CIRCLE OF CHAMPIONS MEMBERS

Shinkle Society, Class of 2011

Anonymous

Marla & Bill Bagley

Building Management Partners/ Mary & Paul Hemmer, Jr.

Beth & Michael Dempsey

Carrie Fieger

Mary Jo & Paul Hardcorn

Jan & Chuck McHale

Kelly Miller

Kay & Dan Mistler

John Mocker

Ann & James Monroe

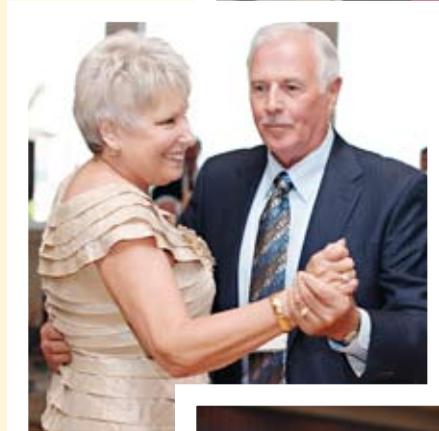
Joy & Danny Perkins

Cindy & Jim Rahe

George A. Renaker, M.D.

Stephanie Renaker-Jansen & Dick Jansen

Pam & David Shearer



2011 Circle of Champions

Mary Jean Giltner

Patti & Tim Lally

Becky & Jeff Melching

Shelley & Clay Shearer

Sue & Mark Wehrman

Intensive In-Home Services

DWIGHT MARVIN, SUPERVISOR, IIHS



For six years, our **Intensive In-Home Services (IIHS)** staff has served children at high risk for being removed from their homes and placed in more restrictive settings. Our mission remains as vital as ever: to help Northern Kentucky families remain intact, retain control of their lives, and find/use professional support available to them in the community. CHNK is perhaps best known for our Residential Treatment program, but the IIHS program actually reaches more people in the community – and in some instances, avoids a child’s need for the Residential Treatment program.

CHNK currently works with **65 families** as part of the IIHS program, all of which have at least one child between the ages of 5 and 17 who is at risk for removal by the State of Kentucky. This is typically due to behavioral problems, truancy, academic problems, mental health issues, drug and alcohol dependency, or neglect concerns. Rather than the family coming to one of our two campuses, though, we take our services “on the road” and work with them in their own homes.

Our program is voluntary, and in the four months that we work with a family, they receive therapy (individual and group), a functional needs assessment, and support services needed to help stabilize issues. We partner with family members to strengthen core living skills, fill missing needs, and link to appropriate services. We also routinely connect with schools, counselors, doctors, support programs, and other social service agencies to advocate for the families we serve and the support they need.

After the four months of services conclude, more than **90% of the families** participating in our IIHS program are able to stay together. This success rate also continues long after our time with the family ends. Historically, more than 90% of the families we have worked with are still intact a year after services ended... and a majority of them are no longer involved with the court or in need of state services.

We not only celebrate our success in building bridges to better futures for these families, but also the significant savings in tax dollars that our success represents for Kentucky residents. The program’s success, however, would not be possible without the dedication of the staff and volunteers who work with our families and who are gifted at finding creative solutions to complicated problems. Many of the families we serve are genuinely good people – strong, with positive values and realistic expectations for their children – but who have been overwhelmed by circumstances or issues that can be difficult to overcome. It is a privilege for us to be able to help these people when they need it the most...**it is a privilege to be a bridge builder.**

Save the date

Join us for the 75th Anniversary **Charity Ball**
Held at the Drees Pavilion in Devou Park
Saturday, November 12, 2011 • 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by the Junior Board of CHNK – *Individual tickets are \$100*

www.chnk.org

