

Homefront

CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Newsletter

Autumn 2012

A black and white portrait of a woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right of the camera. She is wearing a dark turtleneck top and small earrings. The background is dark.

A Legacy of Excellence

Peggy McAlpin
1947-1998

Champions Pilot Launch

A STATUS OFFENDER INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Friends:

It is officially "Back-to-School" season here, at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. But make no mistake; this year is far from business as usual at the Home.



While we have been very busy getting the boys on our two campuses ready to return to the classroom, we've also developed a new pilot program that will mean beautiful things for children in Northern Kentucky who don't even live with us. That's right. We don't just build bridges to better futures for the boys in our residential treatment program; we're building bridges for children who are still in their own homes and not in custody of the State.

This school year, we are unveiling the **Champions Program** at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. **Champions** is a response to a big need throughout the Commonwealth, but especially in the counties of Northern Kentucky. Our goal is to respond to the needs of non-violent juveniles who have been brought to the attention of school authorities or the court system for such offenses as chronic truancy from school, possession of tobacco products, or being beyond control of parent. Last year, Kentucky and its counties spent nearly 2 million dollars locking up these children known as "status offenders." Thanks to some generous private donors, our Home will now be an alternative to secured detention for judges in our family court system who desire a more therapeutic, clinical approach to the multi-faceted problem of status offenders. Our approach will not simply be punitive. Our Home's social workers will work with students for a 3-4 month engagement both at school and at home with families to assess the root causes of their school truancy and other status offenses, complete with a clinical assessment for each child before he or she has to fail his or her way up the system in order to receive proper care.

Are we excited? Absolutely. **Champions** is not only a game changer for CHNK, but for our school districts, our court system, and our neighborhoods. When kids are in school and not on the streets, when kids are home and not in secured detention ... we're all better off. This year will definitely not be another typical "back-to-school" season.

To all of you who support this Home and make these exciting bridges to better futures possible ... thank you.

Rick W. Wurth
Chief Executive Officer



Mariah Snapp,
Champions Supervisor

Champions by the Numbers

- Over **1,500 Kentucky children** were locked up in 2010 for non-violent offenses
- **Kentucky** ranked **#2 in the country** for states that lock up non-violent children
- **Kenton County** ranked **#1 in the state** of Kentucky
- For every day a child is not in school, his/her school loses money – approximately **\$35.00 per day, per child**
- The direct cost to lock up a juvenile is **\$94.00 per day, per child**

A Legacy of Excellence

THE PEGGY MCALPIN MEMORIAL FUND

In the early 1990s, our Home saw the addition of a new Development Director. Peggy McAlpin joined the team from the Metropolitan Club in Covington, KY. This background in hospitality gave her an edge in the development world – she knew everybody who was anybody in Northern Kentucky.



Peggy McAlpin

Around the Home, Peggy’s colleagues recognized her as a consummate professional who always strived for (and regularly attained!) excellence. A model for enthusiasm and creativity, Peggy was dedicated to serving the Northern Kentucky community and more specifically, the children in the care of CHNK.

“Peggy was an individual with a vision and drive to do the right thing rather than the easy thing. The day she passed away, the agency lost a valuable employee.”

Tom Miller, CHNK Residential Supervisor

The Peggy McAlpin Memorial Fund at Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky

began as a tribute to this valuable Home employee who courageously waged a battle with cancer and passed away in 1998. The Fund named in her honor recognizes staff members of the Home

who exemplify the attributes for which Peggy is still remembered – professionalism, enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication to children who are abused, neglected, or at-risk.

Donations submitting using this month’s remittance envelope will be put towards this Fund. Your support will ensure that our 70 men and women on staff are on the cutting edge of treatment training and professional development so that they may truly be bridge builders for children in the Home’s care ... children with unique needs and who require specialized attention. When you make a gift to the **Peggy McAlpin Memorial Fund**, a child receives the gift he needs most: *a human being who has the skills to extend a healing touch.*



Sara Warner

Sara Warner, Recreation Therapist

Celebrating her 5th anniversary with the Home this month, Sara Warner is a great example of how continuing education helps keep our team members on the cutting edge of treatment options for the children we serve. Sara holds a Bachelor’s degree in Science with a focus in Recreational Therapy, in addition to a Master’s degree from the University of Toledo. She has been a member of the Cincinnati-Dayton Area Recreation Therapy Association since 2007 and has served on its board for two consecutive years. When she’s not at the Home, Sara works part-time as a Recreation Therapist at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. As part of her Master’s work, Sara co-authored a book on recreation therapy. The book is scheduled for publication later this year.

Shinkle Society Members

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Mary Jean Giltner

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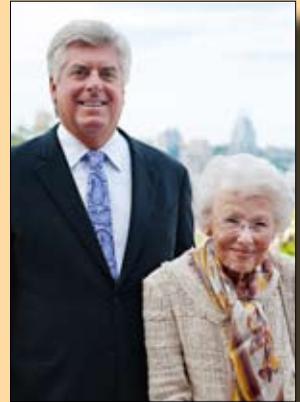
David and Pam Shearer

Jeff Thomas and Kent Shaw

Christopher and Cathleen Wilson



Senator John Schickel spent time with Julie Raia discussing the Champions program pilot. Julie, our Director of Quality Improvement, works with state and local legislators to identify programming that will improve child well-being in Kentucky.



We recognized John Mocker as our 2012 Bridge Builder of the Year. John, immediate past president of the Board of Trustees, visited with Ann Monroe, great-great granddaughter of the Home's founder and the 2011 recipient of the award.

Circle of Champions

CLASS OF 2012

Barnes Dennig

Charlene and Gebhard Erler

Dave and Michelle Middendorf

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Kentucky State Representative Addia Wuchner led the invocation before dinner.



Caylah and Carrissa Ruffin, along with mom Anita and babysitter Olivia Ehrnschwender, were applauded for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Home – including pie sales, car washes, and a lemonade stand.

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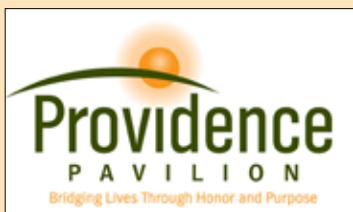
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Thanks to the **23 households** already participating in the program, we received a Quarter 1, 2012 check in the amount of **\$580.52**. Just think how much we could get if all 10,000 recipients of our newsletter designated us as their non-profit of choice!

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