

# Homefront

CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

**Newsletter**

*Early Spring 2011*





# A Word from our CEO

BILL BAGLEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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To Our Faithful Supporters:

I'm pleased to introduce myself to each of you as the new CEO of the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. Having spent most of my career focused on human capital issues and coaching and developing leaders in a business environment, I am pleased to now be in a culture dedicated to social service needs. As we all know, there is no greater satisfaction than helping those who are

challenged to help themselves...especially children.

All the young people in this world belong to each of us. It is not up to individual groups or individual institutions to carry the responsibility of making sure the path is clear for young people to see their way to some semblance of success. It is the ethical responsibility of **all** of us to make certain that this happens. In this light, I thank each of you for your dedication to this cause.

Please know that the Children's Home employs treatment and care specialists who are outstanding individuals. They are doing God's work every day – the kind of work many of us are unable to do...or unwilling to do. Our leadership team has committed to a vision that promises to make the jobs of these special folks less stressful, increasingly effective, and more appreciated. We also plan to open up innovation and creativity in our education and life skills programs to the level that they likely will be considered 'best practices' in this particular field.

As a team, we are energized toward achieving much in the next year. Thanks for being with us in this mission.

Sincerely,

Bill Bagley, CEO  
Children's Home of Northern Kentucky

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Save the date

Join us for the 3rd annual

## Elements CUT-A-THON

2617 Anderson Road • Crescent Springs, KY • 859.426.5222

**Sunday, May 22, 2011**

**12 noon – 6:00 p.m.**

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# Former Resident & Current Supporter

DR. GEORGE A. RENAKER, (M.D.)

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**Dr. George A. Renaker** has spent a lifetime tending to the sick and teaching new generations of doctors. As one who cares so much, Dr. Renaker has found ways to continue spreading that loving spirit and serving the Northern Kentucky community, even in retirement.

During his 44 years as a physician, Dr. Renaker performed over 40,000 surgical procedures and treated over 42,000 patients. In addition to running a very active medical practice, he was a surgical instructor for UC Medical School at St. Elizabeth

Hospital for more than 15 years. Upon retiring, Dr. Renaker continued his service to the people of Northern Kentucky by establishing the **George A. Renaker (M.D.) Charitable Foundation**. The

Foundation is funded by two trust funds that he also established.



When did Dr. Renaker's incredible devotion to giving back get started? Its roots can be traced to his upbringing and the difficulties he encountered as a young boy. When Dr. Renaker was just five years old, his father died in a car accident. Over the course of the next nine years, young George moved around often with his mom and grandparents until he was taken in at the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. He then worked his way through Covington Catholic High School, Villa Madonna College (now Thomas More College), and medical school at the University of Louisville.

The help and support Dr. Renaker received during those unstable years fueled his desire to give back to the community. This need to give is evident in the many contributions he and his foundation make to non-profit organizations in Northern Kentucky, including our own Home. Dr. Renaker sums up his service to the community in heart-felt, simple words:

**"A lot of people have been good to me. I'm just paying them back."**

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Save the date

Join us for the annual Labor Day Weekend  
**WEBN Fireworks**  
on our Home's front lawn overlooking the riverfront on  
**Sunday, September 4, 2011**

Food and drinks will be provided, and the  
**Cincinnati Brass Band** will perform  
prior to the fireworks beginning.

*More details to come!*



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# Development Notes

RICK W. WURTH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Friends of the Home:

I hope you enjoy the fresh look of the *Homefront*! It seems entirely appropriate in this wonderful season of spring to introduce something new to you. The *Homefront* is only the beginning of several new ways we will be communicating with you in the days to come. From a revamped website to facebook to email blasts, the goal is simple: *We want you to know what's going on here.*

At Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, children who have been hurt, abused, neglected, and ignored are crossing a bridge to a better future. This is happening because of people like **Kay**, Supervisor at our Burlington campus. "*When the kids leave the program, there are tears at times simply because they will be missing Kay,*" says Therapist **Ken Croxton**. This is happening because of people like **Dwight**, one of our Intensive In-Home Therapists who, after 35 years of family therapy, believes that most people are good folks who want their lives and circumstances to be better. This is happening because of people like **Cameron** and **Chia**, two of our Residential Treatment Specialists who work in our cottages in Devou Park. When asked about his job, Chia simply says, "*We are here to help.*"

What happens because of these bridge builders? Children thrive and have the potential to grow into outstanding adults like **George Renaker**, a former resident of the Home you'll meet in this issue. Successful outcome? Absolutely.

Spring is filled with new life. Come see for yourself the new lives emerging at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. Our doors are open to you. I'd love to give you a tour and introduce you to Kay, Dwight, Cameron, Chia, and the rest of the 80 team members building bridges for children here.

Best Regards,

Rick W. Wirth  
Vice President for Development

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Join us for the 75th Anniversary

## Charity Ball

Held at the **Drees Pavilion** in Devou Park

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

Sponsored by the Junior Board of CHNK

*More details to come!*



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# Gifts to the Home

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*"The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation is proud to partner with the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky. We have a long history of support of the Children's Home and continue to be inspired by their work to advocate for the safety, health and well-being of each child in a supportive and nurturing environment."*

- Chris Bochenek, Vice President and Senior Program Manager at  
The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation



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CHNK Quality Improvement Director Julie Raia, Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation Vice President & Senior Program Manager Chris Bochenek, CHNK Vice President for Development Rick Wurth, and CHNK Human Resources Director Jenny Wichmann celebrate the procurement of two new passenger vans.



Thanks to a generous financial gift from our friends at the **Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation** and substantial vehicle discounts from John Allen of Cincinnati's **Fuller Ford**, January saw the arrival of two new five-passenger vans at the Home. The vans will provide years of safe transportation for our boys as they travel between our Covington and Burlington campuses and go to doctor's visits or social outings.

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*Save the date:*

**May 9, 2011**

**Children's Home of Northern Kentucky**

**17th Annual Golf Outing**

Triple Crown Country Club

9:45 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Single Registration \$175

Foursome \$750

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