

# Homefront

CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Newsletter

Spring 2012

## *Donors Making a Difference*



*Paul and Mary Jo Hardcorn,  
Inaugural Shinkle Society Members*

# Generosity Fuels Progress

DEVELOPMENT NOTES FROM THE HOME

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Greetings, friends and benefactors of the Home!

The last few months have been extremely busy and exciting on our two campuses. Major repairs and improvements to our buildings and grounds are underway, thanks to our ever-expanding circle of supporters in the private and business sectors. Shinkle Society and Circle of Champions members ... contributors to our annual Children's Success Fund ... attendees and sponsors for the Junior Board's Annual Charity Ball ... donors simply giving a gift because they want to ... all have one thing in common – they make a difference in the daily life of Children's Home of Northern Kentucky and the abused, neglected, and at-risk children we serve.

Over the last few weeks, critical repairs have started on our historic administration building in Devou Park – thanks to one generous couple who wishes to remain anonymous. Simply here for a tour (we've given over 400 in the last 18 months!), the couple saw a need and decided to pick up the tab for the \$75,000 that will result in no more leaks to our main building during rainstorms! Another generous couple who also wishes to remain anonymous recently gave the Home a gift of \$100,000 to provide funding for other building improvements, including covering the expenses incurred from daily work orders and the remodeling of our foyer. And there have been more ... in fact, during this fiscal year, **nine major gifts (each over \$10,000)** have empowered the Home to take the next steps in providing excellence in programming, facilities, and staffing. **The children in our care are the real winners.**

**Please never doubt for a moment that your help is noticed, needed, and appreciated at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky!** No gift is too small and certainly no gift is too large! Build bridges to better futures with us. It could begin simply right now by utilizing the special envelope included in this edition of Homefront.

With appreciation,

Rick W. Wurth  
Vice President for Development



Save the date



World  
Choir  
Games

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FRIENDSHIP  
CONCERT VENUE

**Saturday, July 7, 2012 • 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

The World Choir Games are coming to Cincinnati in July, and CHNK has been chosen to host a friendship concert showcasing four of the participating choirs! Join us on the front lawn of our historic Home in Covington for this free concert – with an international flair! – while overlooking the scenic Ohio River and downtown Cincinnati.

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# Shinkle Society Class of 2012

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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*John A. Mocker, 2012 recipient of the Bridge Builder of the Year Award*

Last year, we made bold advances in establishing a premier giving circle for our Home. **The Shinkle Society at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky**, named for founder Amos Shinkle, exceeded every expectation our team had for its inaugural year, bringing in **gross receipts of \$100,000** and welcoming **15 Shinkle Society members** and **5 Circle of Champions members**. Funds raised through the Shinkle Society are unrestricted, meaning they are applied to the most immediate, critical needs of the Home. These funds ensure our children, staff, and campuses receive the attention and resources they need to thrive. Motivated by the success of the society's first year, we want to push ourselves – and our community of supporters – even further in 2012 ... to the \$125,000 mark.

As part of our 2012 Shinkle Society festivities, our Home is excited and proud to recognize **John A. Mocker** as **Bridge Builder of the Year**. John, a long-time supporter of the Home and one of the inaugural members of the Shinkle Society, just completed his term as President of CHNK's Board of Trustees. His connections in the Northern Kentucky community have brought invaluable new bridge building partners to the Home. "I came to Children's Home of Northern Kentucky because a friend invited me to take a closer look at the wonderful work happening at the Home," explains John. **"Once I saw the work for myself, it was easy to get involved."**

We know there are others just like John – men and women with a heart for service and the financial stability to make a dramatic positive impact on the children served by our Home.

**Membership in the Class of 2012 Shinkle Society and Circle of Champions is now open.**

Joining at the Shinkle Society level requires a minimum tax-deductible gift of **\$5,000** and includes VIP attendance at CHNK events, special recognition throughout the year, and the sense of purpose that comes with knowing the investment has a healing effect on children who are hurting. For community members unable to make a \$5,000 gift, the Circle of Champions provides a "step up" option. At this level, members make a gift of **\$2,500** this year and a matching gift the following

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Save the date

Annual Labor Day Weekend

## Fireworks Party

on the front lawn of our Devou Park campus

**Sunday, September 2, 2012**

beginning at **5:30 p.m.**

*More details to be announced soon!*



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year – with membership in the Shinkle Society coming with that second year's gift.

Recognition and celebration of the 2012 Class of Shinkle Society and Circle of Champions members takes place at the **Shinkle Society Gala** on the evening of **Sunday, August 12**. Held in Devou Park's Drees Pavilion, the event includes a plated dinner, live music, and special presentations. Memberships or individual dinner tickets can be purchased online at [www.chnk.org](http://www.chnk.org) – simply select "Shinkle Society Gala" from the *Support Us* menu. Be a part of this extraordinary event and be a part of this landmark time in our Home's history.

*"We became members of the Shinkle Society because we know that child abuse is not something you can just forget about, as some suggest. The effects of abuse can stay with you all your life and cloud all your thoughts and actions. It is important to work with these young people and show them that someone cares and there is a better way. The Children's Home of Northern Kentucky does that."*  
*Paul and Mary Jo Hardcorn*



Mary Jo Hardcorn accepts a token of appreciation from one of the young residents of the Home. Mary Jo and her husband Paul are one of fifteen couples who made up the 2011 Class of Shinkle Society members.

## Class of 2011 Shinkle Society:

Anonymous  
Marla & Bill Bagley  
Building Management Partners/  
Mary & Paul Hemmer, Jr.  
Carrie Fieger & Kelly Miller  
Mary Jo & Paul Hardcorn  
Jan & Chuck McHale  
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

## Circle of Champions:

Mary Jean Giltner  
Patti & Tim Lally  
Becky & Jeff Melching  
Shelley & Clay Shearer  
Sue & Mark Wehrman

Thank you for building bridges  
to better futures!

Save the date

## 76th Anniversary Charity Ball Saturday, November 10, 2012

beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

Airport Marriott's International Ballroom

Tickets **\$100** each

This long-running community event hosted by the CHNK Junior Board includes dinner, gaming, auctions, and live music. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities available online at [www.chnk.org](http://www.chnk.org).



# Mission: 1882!

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT....

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Are you a secret agent looking for a less dangerous line of work? How about becoming a bridge builder? No weapons, disguises, or danger needed – just a computer, your address book, and a few minutes of time.



**Founded in 1882 by Colonel Amos Shinkle**, Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky is in the business of building bridges to better futures for abused, neglected, and at-risk children and their families. **Mission: 1882!** is our Home’s effort to widen the circle of supporters who stand with us in the fight against child abuse. **We’re on a mission to find a minimum of 1,882 fellow bridge builders to each pledge a minimum of \$18.82 before our founder’s birthday on August 11, 2012.**

Getting started is easy – we’ve put links on our website (look for the “Support Us” link!) and facebook page, or you can go directly to the **Mission: 1882** website by typing **www.mission1882.kintera.org** in your web browser of choice. Once you get to the site, you have three options:

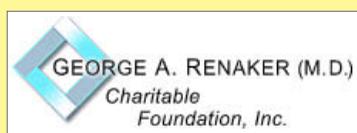
1. Start your own bridge building team
2. Join or support a team that’s already in progress
3. Make a general donation to the mission

Regardless of the option you choose, the most important, crucial next step is to PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE. **This mission will only be successful if you reach out and recruit others in your network** – family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues, fellow church goers, classmates, teammates – and they, in turn, recruit others in their networks!

Become a part of a legacy that’s over 130 years old. Have a direct, immediate impact on a hurting child. **Be one of our 1,882 bridge builders.**

(And yes, the **Mission: 1882** website *will* self-destruct on August 12.)

## CHNK is proud to partner with our 2012 Communications Sponsors:



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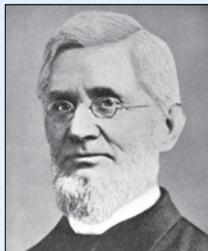
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**SAVE THE DATE: August 12, 2012**

*The Shinkle Society*  
at CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY



**Amos Shinkle**

BRIDGE BUILDER AND FOUNDER OF  
CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY  
ESTABLISHED 1882

**SHINKLE SOCIETY GALA**  
**Sunday, August 12, 2012**  
**Drees Pavilion, Devou Park**  
**Event begins at 5:00 p.m.**

*Class of 2012 memberships and individual event tickets can be purchased online at [www.chnk.org](http://www.chnk.org).*