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Our Community Impact

Data shows transformations in the lives of vulnerable children

At The Children's Home, we do more than simply touch the lives of the more than 6,000 individuals that we serve each year. We provide services that make deep and lasting transformations in their lives. Consider these examples of our impact:

- 96% of children in our Preschool program are better prepared for kindergarten success.
- 89% of at-risk babies in our Every Child Succeeds program are on target for social/emotional development.
- 91% of district school personnel have noted an improvement in the behavior of their students enrolled in our school-based counseling programs.
- 87% of school age children are better able to manage their behavior while learning.
- 81% of children with mental health diagnoses are better able to manage their problems and emotions.
- Across programs, 98% of parents, guardians, and referral sources would recommend The Children's Home to others in need.

The impact of our services and expertise reaches beyond the individual to strengthen entire families and communities. For more information about our community impact, visit our website at www.thechildrenshomecinti.org and click on "About Us/Outcomes."



Annual Spring Play Delights Audiences

Lower School students presented "Alice in Wonderland"

Over 35 students worked as a team to present an entertaining production of "Alice in Wonderland" for the annual spring play. Students had roles in all aspects of the production, including set-building, narration, lighting, and acting. The Lower School (grades K-8) is the only therapeutic school in Hamilton County with a theater arts program, which helps to boost students' self-esteem and provide them with a creative outlet.

We truly appreciate the families, board members, donors, volunteers and others who took the time to attend the production and provide an appreciative audience for the children.



New Board Members Appointed

We proudly announce the appointment of three new members to our Board of Trustees.

Dr. Bill de Buys, a pediatrician employed by Pediatric associates, PSC.

William Fee, the retired Vice President and General Manager of WCPO Channel 9.

Lawrence Glassmann of the Glassman Law Firm.

We also welcome **Kelly Gadd, Mindy Kirsch, Kim Popa, and Angelica Robinson** to our Young Professionals Board. Thank you for your commitment and service!

Honor a Loved One and Help a Child!

A unique opportunity to honor the special people in your life

The best gifts continue to make an impact long after they are given. Father's Day, graduations, anniversaries, and weddings are perfect opportunities to honor a special person in your life with a gift from your heart. Why not make a difference in the life of a child by giving a gift in honor or in memory of someone special in your life? Your gift will touch the hearts of those you love the most... and the lives of children who need you most!

Through your honorary gifts, vulnerable children can overcome the challenges brought by poverty, abuse, neglect, and unstable home environments. Children with seemingly insurmountable social, behavioral, and learning challenges will learn to succeed in their homes, schools, and communities. All in the name of those who mean the most to you.

When you send a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, an acknowledgement card, created by a child, will be sent to your honoree or his/her family. Making your special gift is easy. Simply return the enclosed remit envelope, or visit our website at www.thechildrenshomecinti.org and click on Honor a Loved One, Help a Child. You can even design your own web page to pass the idea on to family and friends!

Young Professionals Host Ladies Night

Ladies Cocktail Party nets auction items

The Montgomery Inn Boathouse was the place to be on May 18 for a fun-filled Ladies' Cocktail Party! Hosted by our Young Professionals Board, the event was held to help gather auction items for the Rockin' Lobster Party in August. Each guest donated a fabulous item or package for the auction, and stayed for an evening of amazing food, drinks, and a fashion show by Donna Salyers' Fabulous-Furs. One lucky guest won a pair of tickets to the Rockin' Lobster Party on August 27, while another was the winner of a fabulous fur throw from Donna Salyers!

Thanks to the generosity of our guests, we've already gathered some fantastic items to help make the party and auction our best yet!



Got Lobster?

Register now for the hottest party of the summer!

Register now for Saturday, August 27 and plan to join us for the 8th Annual Rockin' Lobster Party, presented by Ft. Washington Investment Advisors, Inc. and Turnbull-Wahlert Construction, Inc.

What makes it the hottest party in town? Our guests enjoy a mouth-watering buffet dinner featuring whole Maine lobster and filet mignon, a tent-rockin' live auction and silent auction, open bar, and fantastic live music so you can dance the night away!

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are still available, but don't wait too long, because they're going fast! For more information, visit www.thechildrenshomecinti.org and click on Rockin' Lobster Party, or contact Adam Behm at abehm@thechildrenshomecinti.org. We hope to see you on August 27th!





New High School Debuts

Program will serve students diagnosed along the Autism spectrum.

This August, The Children's Home will debut a new high school for students in grades 9-12 with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related diagnoses. The school was begun in response to a need voiced by the community, specifically by parents looking for a high quality, alternative school placement for their children diagnosed with challenges along the Autism Spectrum. This can include children with Attention Deficit Disorder, learning disabilities, and communication disorders. The High School will integrate academics, social and life skills, and specialized therapies to help prepare high school students to be independent and productive young adults. We have hired two staff members with over 60 years of combined experience in educating students

on the Autism Spectrum. All students will receive high school credits towards graduation.

The program is a partnership between The Children's Home of Cincinnati and the Linden Grove School. Linden Grove currently operates an elementary school specifically for students in grades K-8 with diagnoses along the Autism Spectrum. Interested students and their families are invited to schedule a time to tour the new school, observe a Linden Grove classroom and speak with our expert staff. For more information, contact Jill Smith (The Children's Home) at 272-2800 or jsmith@thechildrenshomecinti.org, or Linda Hart (Linden Grove School) at 984-2215 or adminprincipal@lindengroveschool.org.



Welcome Dr. Phil Lichtenstein and Mike McKinley!

New staff add valuable experience & expertise to programs

We are truly excited to announce the hiring of two staff members: **Dr. Phil Lichtenstein** and **Mike McKinley**. Dr. Lichtenstein has been appointed as our first-ever Medical Director and Mike will be the new Principal of our Lower School (grades K-8).

On July 11, **Dr. Phil Lichtenstein** will begin as The Children's Home's first Medical Director. One of his key responsibilities will be to identify children who require mental health assessment and intervention at younger ages so appropriate treatment can be started before they encounter significant educational and social problems. His goal will be to stabilize children by having them evaluated sooner and more frequently which will lead to greater success and overall health.

Dr. Lichtenstein comes to The Children's Home from Healthpoint Family Care, where he was a pediatrician for thirty years, and from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he was Medical Director for the Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Collaborative. Dr. Lichtenstein has been a member of the Board of Trustees at The Children's Home since 2006, and will step down from this role to begin his new position. We welcome his expertise and extensive experience helping children, especially those with special needs, to thrive and succeed.

Mike McKinley is a passionate advocate for students with disabilities, particularly those with emotional challenges. He brings a wealth of experience from 30+ years in the educational field, including positions as a teacher, special education manager, and principal. His expertise and work with students in the area of special education is well-known throughout the community. Most recently, Mike was the District Representative/Special Education Consultant for the Hamilton County Educational Service Center with Cincinnati Public Schools. We are certain that Mike will quickly bring an even greater amount of success to our Lower School program and its students.

The Children's Home has been named number 16 in the mid-sized company category in Enquirer Media's Top Workplaces of 2011. We are honored to be recognized as an organization that fosters a positive environment for its staff and clients. Congratulations to the more than 250 employees who make The Children's Home of Cincinnati a Top Workplace!

Small Business Excellence Awards

Finalist for Nonprofit of the Year

The USA Regional Chamber named The Children's Home as a Finalist in the Small Business Excellence Awards, in the category of Nonprofit of the Year. Finalists were celebrated at a luncheon in May. The awards recognize small businesses who demonstrate excellence in areas such as customer service, community leadership, and fiscal responsibility.



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Graduation

A true success story

Most high school students view graduation as an expected rite of passage. For others, graduating from high school seems like an unattainable goal. For six hard-working seniors in our Upper School, graduation is now an accomplishment.

A graduation ceremony was held in May to celebrate these six students, each of whom overcame significant challenges to complete his or her education. Volunteers from Cricket Communications provided refreshments and desserts for the graduates and their guests. For some in the audience, it was a first opportunity to see a family member graduate from high school.

The students in our Upper School come to us with various barriers to completing their education. Many have moved from school to school and are several grades behind in their work. Others have been removed from their district classrooms due to emotional turmoil and/or behavioral difficulties. With the help of our dedicated staff, and support from people like you, these students can – and do – overcome their challenges and succeed!



Two of our proud graduates celebrate with Upper School Principal, Tom Eigel.