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Hemmer Begins \$3.6 Million Renovation of Historic Building in Covington's Devou Park for Children's Home of Northern Kentucky

COVINGTON, Ky. (July 29, 2014) – Paul Hemmer Company has begun extensive renovation of one of the region's most notable structures – the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky's administration building, perched high atop a hillside in Covington's Devou Park. Built 90 years ago, the building was designed by Samuel Hannaford and Sons, the architect firm known for such regional landmarks as Music Hall, Cincinnati City Hall and Cincinnati Observatory. The \$3.6 million project includes complete renovation and construction of new interior facilities and capabilities within the historic building, while preserving the its valuable historic character.

"We are grateful and proud to have the opportunity to partner on the renovation and repurposing of this historic structure," said Paul W. Hemmer Jr., president of Paul Hemmer Company. "This will be a remarkable new building created inside an iconic shell and designed for 50 years of sustainable, carefree service in the 21st century. This will be one of the Top 10 Projects of my career."



The renovation involves many facets. The lower level and first floor will be renovated to accommodate a Therapeutic Day School, a new joint venture between Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) and Covington Independent Public Schools that will allow for traditional academic services to be married with behavioral/ mental health treatment for adolescents.

Hemmer will build state-of-the-art classrooms, a computer lab, and student learning kitchen for the day school. It will renovate the second floor to house CHNK's administrative offices. The third floor – which was originally used as a nursery and later, as a storage area – will be transformed into a training and events center. The building's systems will be replaced. The structure will be made ADA-compliant for the first time in its history. A fire suppression system is being added throughout the building, as well as an elevator servicing all four floors of the building, wheelchair-accessible ramps, and ADA-compliant restrooms. Paul Hemmer Company is managing all of the renovations.

"When the community needed an orphanage in the 1880s, CHNK was there," says Rick Wurth, CHNK Chief Executive Officer. "And 100 years later, when the community needed shelter for orphans of the living – children who were victims of abuse, neglect, and trauma – CHNK was there with residential and community-based treatment services. And now, with the drug epidemic overwhelming Northern Kentucky, the community needs extensive services catered towards adolescent behavioral health, specifically, substance use disorders treatment. And Team CHNK is ready to fill that need; we simply need to make sure our buildings serve our programming needs."

Renovation work relevant to the therapeutic day school should be completed in time for the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year, with upper floors being completed in later months. Throughout the process, CHNK's clinical and administrative employees are working from other buildings on the Home's two campuses.

“We know this renovation is necessary if our Home is to continue offering critically needed services to the wider community,” explains Mr. Wurth. “And we hope that we can once again count on the community’s support to help us launch this next chapter in CHNK’s history.”

Hemmer's team leaders for the renovation include project executive Paul W. Hemmer Jr., project manager Dave Middendorf, and superintendent Tim McNay. Adam Hemmer led development of the project. The architect is Barney McCulloch.

In addition, Hemmer subsidiary Building Management Partners maintains and manages all the buildings and grounds of CHNK.

About Children's Home of Northern Kentucky

Founded in 1882, Children’s Home of Northern Kentucky operates two campuses – one in Burlington, Ky. and the other in Covington, Ky. CHNK carries out its mission to be a community leader providing children and families opportunity and hope for better lives by offering residential and community-based treatment programs for abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Last year, the Home impacted over 400 children and families in 33 counties across the Commonwealth. CHNK is a member of the Children’s Alliance, Kentucky’s voice for at-risk children and families.

Visit www.chnk.org or contact Rick W. Wurth, Chief Executive Officer, at rwurth@chnk.org or 859.292.4177. Follow CHNK on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CHNK1882

About Paul Hemmer Company

Paul Hemmer Company is a construction management, building services and real estate development firm with a history in the Tri-state dating back to 1921, when it began operation as the John M. Hemmer Construction Company. Reorganized in 1982 as the Paul Hemmer Company, it has since developed for sale and investment more than six million square feet of industrial, commercial and retail property. Specializing in design/build industrial, commercial, and retail construction, Paul Hemmer Company also offers real estate services, including site selection, leasing, sales, and property and asset management. It also operates Building Management Partners, a joint Hemmer-Messer enterprise that provides building maintenance, management and analysis services to building owners.

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