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Children's Home of Northern Kentucky gets largest donation ever

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The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation awarded \$1 million to Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) to help finance the transformation of the home's historic administration building into a behavioral health treatment space.

The four-story facility was constructed in 1925 as an orphanage and Samuel Hannaford & Sons served as the architect. It eventually became office space, but very little of the 33,500-square-foot building was fully utilized, with the entire fourth floor serving as storage.

The \$5.2 million renovation repurposes all four floors. New elements include a training center and event space as well as spaces to provide telehealth and telepsychiatry (which improve access to health services for people in underserved areas). McCulloch Associates Architects designed the interior renovations, and Paul Hemmer Co. served as the general contractor.

CHNK, in partnership with Covington Independent Public Schools, converted the first floor into a Therapeutic Day School, which offers both academic and behavioral health services to high-risk students. The space includes a computer lab and a student learning kitchen. The school now serves as a model for alternative education in Kentucky.

Carol Ann and Ralph Haile were involved with CHNK even before they started their foundation. Ralph was on CHNK's board of trustees in the 1980s and served on the organization's Ambassadors Council.

"Education was so important to Carol Ann and Ralph, and specifically, outreach opportunities for underserved students," said CHNK CEO [Rick Wurth](#). "We're honored – and I think they would be, too – that their legacy of giving back will help us to build more bridges to hope and opportunity for at-risk youth."

The gift from the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation is the largest CHNK has ever received. CHNK

serves abused, neglected and at-risk youth through holistic behavioral health and substance abuse treatment. The home worked with more than 700 youth and families in 36 Kentucky counties in 2014.

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