



**Children's Home Alumni Association**  
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**THE CHILDREN'S HOME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
July 19, 2008

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Your Board of Directors is pleased to inform you of the centennial project approved at the Homecoming meeting on May 3, 2008, which will be in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Children's Home on September 13, 2009.

The alumni have approved the construction of a Memorial Plaza (hereinafter the "Plaza") to be located directly in front of the Edwards Building, just beyond the 3 new flag-poles. Enclosed is a rendering of the Plaza, which is intended to serve as a permanent memorial to the Home, and to all the children who have lived here, and to all children yet to come. A white granite cross will be imbedded in the center of the Plaza. The outer perimeters of the Plaza will be reserved for memorial/honor paver-style bricks, which may be inscribed with your name and other data you wish. On the north end of the Plaza, there will be erected an arched brick base which will hold a commemorative bronze plaque inscribed as follows:

The Children's Home, Inc.  
September 13, 1909 ... September 13, 2009  
In loving memory of all the children who lived  
here, and to the hope for all children yet to come.

By The Children's Home Alumni Association

An information/order form is attached which will provide additional information on the inscribed paver bricks. In order to cover the cost of the Plaza, a minimum tax-deductible donation of \$50.00 per brick is being asked. You may order one or more bricks and all bricks must be inscribed for either alumni or staff memorials. Many of us have brothers, sisters, or family members who have lived at the Home and have passed on, and this is a wonderful way to remember them, or you may honor any living alumni or staff member as well.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to allow sufficient time to begin and complete the Plaza for dedication at Homecoming in May, 2009, we ask that all order forms be received no later than **October 15, 2008**. Your committee on this project is anxious to get things started, so please complete the order form as soon as you can and return it in the enclosed return envelope. Let's all get going on this project, and make it a truly beautiful and permanent memorial to the Home which gave so much to all of us.

If you wish additional information on the Plaza, you can access updates on the progress of the Plaza on the TCHOME.Org website from time to time. If you have already reviewed the current rendering on the web site, please keep in mind that this was only a prelimi-

nary drawing by a member of the Board, and will be improved significantly with the assistance of our own alumnus and architect Aubrey Kirby.

The Board of Directors would also take this opportunity to notify you that a second function of the centennial celebration was announced at Homecoming, which is that the traditional covered dish luncheon following the Homecoming business meeting will be replaced with a catered buffet luncheon, so remember, there will be no need to bring your own dishes for the luncheon in May, 2009. The normal covered dish luncheon will resume in 2010.

Also, as announced at Homecoming, the Children's Home Museum will be formally dedicated at Homecoming in May, 2009. The Museum is the result of three years of planning and hard work on the part of the Museum Committee, and is close to being complete. Your donation of articles and photos are still being requested, so send them or bring them with you to homecoming next year. The Museum and the Memorial Plaza together will stand as a hallmark in the relationship between the Alumni Association and the Home, and hopefully will serve to remind future generations of children of the rich history of the Home.

As an added attraction to celebrate the centennial, there will be a "sock hop" dance in the gymnasium immediately following the dedication of the Museum and the Plaza, and you are urged to bring your appropriate attire for your era. You will learn more of this in the enclosed letter from Bonnie.

Simultaneously with the sock hop, there will be a cookout featuring hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings outside the gymnasium.

If you have not been able to attend Homecoming in recent years, then it is the hope of all alumni who attended in 2008 that every alumnus/alumna make every effort to come and celebrate Homecoming in our Centennial Year in May 2009. A form is also enclosed for your use in submitting nominations for Alumnus/Alumna of the year. You may return this form at any time prior to February 1, 2009.

Submitted by The Children's Home Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Robert F. McCarn, '52

Robert Lee Wade, '70

Tim Jewett, '85

Brenda Williams, '64

Shelley Plowman Johnston, '73

Bonnie Dowell Paschal, '58

Dale Speight, '55

Curtis Rothrock, '54

John Ammons, '65