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Annual Heroes for the Home Breakfast event raises \$241,145

Creator of Toyland Christmas and Local Veterinarian

Honored as 2018 Heroes for the Home

Louisville, Ky. (June 7, 2018) – Mr. Louis and Mrs. Donna Kinnaird and Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Jonda Wiggins were named the 2018 Heroes for the Home during the Home’s annual fundraiser on Thursday, June 7 at Omni Hotel. The event raised a record-setting \$241,145 for the organization.

The Kinnairds and Wiggins were honored for their decades-long dedication to supporting Home of the Innocents, contributing financially and non-monetarily to impact the lives of children and families served by the organization.

For nearly three decades, the Wiggins have hosted an annual Christmas party and various events throughout the year for residents. “We want to ensure that these children have experiences that any other child would have,” shared Jonda.

The Kinnairds have decorated their home in Okolona to host Toyland Christmas for 13 years. Their light display has turned into a fundraiser for the Home, raising more than \$167,000 to date. “The kids at the Home don’t deserve anything that’s been done to them, so I want to do what I can to help. That’s why we give to Home of the Innocents,” explained Louis.

The Hero for the Home Award is presented to members of our community who has given long-lasting support to the Home’s children. The awards were presented to the Wiggins and Kinnairds in front of a crowd of more than 1,000 guests who enjoyed breakfast while hearing how Home of the Innocents enriches the lives of children and families with hope, health, and happiness.

For more information about this event or Home of the Innocents, visit www.homeoftheinnocents.org or contact Meredith Pack at 502.596.1023 or mpack@homeoftheinnocents.org.

About Home of the Innocents

Home of the Innocents is where Louisville and the surrounding region’s vulnerable children and youth find emotional, physical, and intellectual support that can transform their lives. The Home provides a range of important residential, treatment and community-based programs.

Serving more than 11,700 children and their families last year, Home of the Innocents offers a variety of programs. Those include offering a safe haven for at-risk children; pediatric medical care; shelter and education for pregnant and parenting teens; crisis and intervention services; clinical treatment services and therapeutic loving foster and adoption services. The Home also operates a pediatric convalescent center for children who are dependent on technology to sustain life, as well as children who are terminally ill.

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PHOTO CUTLINES:

Kinnaird.jpg: Louis and Jonda Kinnaird were honored for donating more than \$167,000 from their holiday light show, Toyland Christmas, to date.

Wiggins.jpg: Dr. Thomas and Jonda Wiggins were honored for their dedication to the children served by Home of the Innocents.