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Home of the Innocents names Paul W. Robinson as Incoming President and CEO

Louisville, Ky. (April 6, 2016) – The Home of the Innocents has named native Louisvillian Paul W. Robinson as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. The Home’s Board of Directors began a comprehensive selection process in September 2015, which culminated in its Search Committee unanimously selecting Mr. Robinson for the position. Mr. Robinson will succeed Gordon Brown, who is retiring after 21 years as President and CEO. Working closely together for a transition period, they will continue to drive and develop the Home’s mission to serve as the region’s open arms to children in crisis.

The Home, a private, non-profit organization, has dedicated its resources to support the well-being of children and families in crisis in the State of Kentucky for 136 years. The Home currently provides 83 separate services, in large part due to Gordon Brown's efforts to expand its mission over the last two decades.

Commenting on the retirement of Mr. Brown and Mr. Robinson’s appointment, Board Chair Kathleen Pellegrino said: “Gordon has led the Home through a period of unprecedented growth that has resulted in development of more than 80 children’s services. It has been an honor to have him as President and CEO. When we made the decision to hire his successor, we knew we had some big shoes to fill. It was a pleasure to have found a suitable candidate, with extraordinary accomplishments both in business and philanthropy. The Board believes that Paul’s leadership and experience will help the Home meet the ever growing demands for services to children in need.”

Mr. Robinson has a background in business, entrepreneurship, and non-profit organizations. Prior to returning to his hometown of Louisville, he spent 21 years as an owner and operator of 19 successful Papa John’s Pizza franchises in Florida, which have since been sold. His return to Louisville coincides with his desire to pursue his passion for community service. Mr. Robinson served as a director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Florida for 12 years, including a term as board chair, where he cultivated a strong financial base as well as strategic direction for the charity’s expanding mission and facilities. Mr. Robinson also devoted his time to the community by serving various roles for Habitat for Humanity and the Sacred Heart Cathedral School. Mr. Robinson’s business experience and his passion for serving

families and children in need make him an excellent choice for maintaining and enhancing the Home's long tradition of community service.

Mr. Brown also voiced his endorsement: "Paul's entrepreneurship experience enabled him to appreciate how the Home has expanded from an agency that had two services into one that now manages 83 separate services. I believe that his business acumen and strong passion for service to children will carry the Home to even greater achievements that will enhance our service and better our community. I am excited to see him leading this organization that has become my home, my family. His passion for the Home's mission will nurture the culture of the organization. I have agreed to provide Paul with my guidance to ensure a successful, seamless transition, and I am eager to start working with him."

Speaking on his appointment, Mr. Robinson said: "I am honored by this announcement and the opportunity to lead the Home of the Innocents, which is the heart of my hometown. It will be a great pleasure to serve my community in this way. I thank the members of the Board of the Home for their support."

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About Home of the Innocents

Since 1880, Home of the Innocents has been our region's open arms to children in crisis throughout Kentucky and southern Indiana. The Home provides loving, therapeutic care to children who are victims of abuse, abandonment and neglect; medically fragile children; and children with autism and other behavioral health diagnoses. For information about Home of the Innocents, visit www.homeoftheinnocents.org.