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Local Business “Cuts the Ribbon” on a New Recreation Room for Youth in Foster Care

Hogan Lovells and Boys & Girls Haven will host a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony for a new and innovative recreation room for young people in foster care.

Louisville, KY – On Thursday, July 20th at 2 pm, Boys & Girls Haven and Hogan Lovells will celebrate the opening of a new recreation room in Kelly Cottage, the oldest building on the agency’s 67 year-old residential campus (2301 Goldsmith Lane).

Employees from the Hogan Lovells Louisville Global Business Center on Shelbyville Road fully sponsored the renovations. In addition to donating more than \$8000 in materials and labor to renovate the room, 30 Hogan Lovells employees dedicated 111 hours of volunteer service to make the project possible.

The number of young people in the Kentucky foster care system continues to rise. There are currently over 8,500 youths in foster care across the state, a number that is expected to surpass 10,000 within the next three years. Agencies like Boys & Girls Haven are preparing for increasing demand for quality foster care programs to meet that need.

Most residents have experienced an average of 12 – 16 placements before entering care at Boys & Girls Haven. The cottage-style housing on Boys & Girls Haven’s campus provides a safe, stabilizing environment for residents to heal from the trauma of their past. Young people in our care between the ages of 11 – 17 will benefit from the new recreation room.

Hogan Lovells selected Boys & Girls Haven as their “Touch” charity partner for 2017. In addition to the recreation room renovations, Hogan Lovells hosted a Mayor’s Give a Day event at Boys & Girls Haven in April, bringing in over 200 volunteers to complete renovation and repair projects.

Boys and Girls Haven is a private, 501c3 nonprofit organization that exists to “shelter, heal and teach struggling young people to become productive and healthy members of our community.”

Since 1950, Boys and Girls Haven has transformed the lives of more than 6,000 abandoned, abused and neglected children by providing stability, education, and life skills that will lead to success in adulthood. We employ a multifaceted, therapeutic approach including residential care, foster care, independent living programs, independence readiness training, preventative community-based services, and a variety of other programs and services.

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