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2018 Boys & Girls Haven Oaks Breakfast Features Unique Art Showcase

The 6th Annual Oaks Breakfast fundraiser, benefiting Boys & Girls Haven, will feature works of art crafted by local tweens and teens in foster care.

Louisville, KY – On Friday, May 4th, Boys & Girls Haven will host their 6th Annual Oaks Breakfast. Guests will enjoy a southern-style breakfast, derby themed cocktails, a “Winner’s Circle” silent auction, and an art showcase featuring works by local teenagers who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Ticketing information available at www.OaksBreakfast.com.

Boys & Girls Haven places a strong emphasis on healing through the arts, even opening the James D. Nesbitt Pottery Studio on their residential campus in 2011. Thanks to funding through the Kentucky Foundation for Women and Fund for the Arts, the nonprofit agency is currently hosting three artists-in-residence who hold art classes with residents on a weekly basis. These artists include:

- **Amber Burns:** Choreo-poet and self-described artist, activist, and healer
- **Trina Fischer:** Theatre Arts instructor at Louisville’s Sacred Heart Academy
- **Lisa Simon:** Mixed media artist, teacher, and creative group facilitator

“In previous years, the Oaks Breakfast has highlighted special guests like Miss America and Linkin’ Bridge,” says Chief Development Officer, Steve Lockett. “This year, the event committee felt it was time to highlight the true celebrities we work with on a daily basis: the young people in our programs.”

All Oaks Breakfast proceeds benefit young people in foster care at Boys & Girls Haven. In January 2018, the agency lost the use of their on-campus commercial kitchen and main dining hall due to water and electrical damage resulting from busted pipes.

“We are tasked with soliciting over \$1 million from our community each year in order to continue service to these vulnerable children,” says Lockett. “Any unexpected damage to our facilities significantly impacts our immediate budget and fundraising efforts.”

Lockett also spoke to the likelihood of a capital campaign to completely renovate the 68-year-old Boys & Girls Haven campus on Goldsmith Lane. The campaign is expected to launch later in 2018.

[Boys & Girls Haven](http://www.boyshaven.org) is a full-service foster care program located in Louisville, Kentucky. Since 1948, the 501c3 nonprofit has transformed the lives of more than 8,000 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 and in-home foster care, independent living programs, career and life skills training, preventative community-based services, and a variety of other programs and services.

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