Northern Kentucky
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky

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**Kids Helping Kids:**
**Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center**
**benefits from a young student committed to helping children in her community.**

**FLORENCE, KY. May 15, 2012.** In March, Katherine Taylor, age 8, decided she needed to organize a service project to help other children in her community. Katherine spoke with her parents as well as her classmates and teacher at Beechwood Elementary (Terri Kresser) about the idea. She contemplated many alternatives and decided to have a school-wide collection for The Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center, specifically asking for books, markers, play-dough, and toys for the children that are treated at the center. Katherine proposed the idea to her principal (Jamee Flaherty) and Assistant Principal (Nikki Benson). Her family, classmates, Mrs. Kresser, Mrs. Flaherty, and Mrs. Benson supported and encouraged her by allowing her to make announcements on the intercom, publish reminders in the weekly newsletter, and place flyers throughout the school. Katherine stationed collection boxes in the school and went classroom to classroom requesting participation by the students, grades K-6. On April 30, she ended the collection as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" concluded. With a heartfelt smile, Katherine brought several bags and boxes filled with Beechwood compassion to the Advocacy Center. She is already contemplating her next project…!

**About the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center**

The Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center is a nonprofit organization that provides services to children who have been sexually abused, severely physically abused and

children who have witnessed violent crimes. In addition, the NKCAC provides supportive services for non-offending parents, caregivers, siblings, family members and professionals. Our multidisciplinary team includes social workers, law enforcement, prosecutors, therapists, advocates and health care providers. Our child-focused, welcoming environment ensures that children are protected and that children and the non-offending adults who care for them can begin to heal. The Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky provides administrative and operational support to the NKCAC. For more information, visit our website at www.nkycac.org.

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**Katherine Taylor, Burlington**