



Celebrating 100 Years of JUVENILE COURT

A Century of Service 1910-2010

Juvenile Court, our Victorian Village neighbor and partner, is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary September 30 - October 2, 2010. You can help recognize the many contributions the Court has made to the children and families of Shelby County by becoming a sponsor.

Contributions of \$1,000 or more will be acknowledged with a permanent plaque to be placed at the Court. Other major naming sponsorships include the *public television documentary*, the *Right Road 5K Run*, and the *community homecoming picnic* at giving levels of \$10,000 and up.

Call Scott Blake, Executive Director of Victorian Village Inc., to discuss these naming opportunities. (901) 523-0235

The Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County is considered to be the third oldest juvenile court in the nation. Memphis Juvenile Court was formally established January 1, 1910.

The early court was housed in a number of downtown locations. A separate residential structure served as a detention center for African-American children and was overseen by Charles and Julia Hooks, the grandparents of the distinguished Memphian, Benjamin L Hooks. In 1917 Charles Hooks was shot and killed by a 15 year old youth under his custody. Despite this personal loss, Julia Hooks remained committed to juvenile justice throughout her life.



In 1920, Judge Camille Kelley was appointed the first woman juvenile judge in the South and only the second in the nation. She became nationally known for progressive methods in curbing delinquency.

In 1920 the court moved to the former H. M. Neely home, a Victorian mansion owned by the city at 616 Adams Avenue. In 1934 the Neely home was condemned due to fire hazards and its deteriorating condition.



The structure was razed and construction of a new juvenile court building on the same site was completed in 1935. When an addition was completed in 1957, the new building was considered one of the most modern juvenile court facilities in the nation.

Judge Elizabeth McCain was appointed in 1950. She believed in a court of rehabilitation, not punishment. She was also deeply motivated by dependency cases, and often attempted to find employment for a father so he could support his child.



Judge Kenneth Turner took office in 1964. Judge Turner reformed virtually every aspect of the Court. In a singularly courageous act in 1964, he desegregated the Court, the first public institution in Shelby County to do so.

Judge Curtis Person won election in 2006. While serving as a Tennessee State Senator for 38 years, Judge Person sponsored most of the current state laws relative to juvenile justice, dependency, foster care and adoption.



Judge Kelley acquired the two wrought iron Bernese Mountain Dogs that had decorated the entrance to the old Neely home. She placed them at the entrance to the Court building and later saved them from a World War II scrap iron drive, insisting they were needed to "guard the Court." Many years later, the historic dogs, by then discovered to be made of bronze, were again saved by Judge Turner when an ownership dispute arose.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, September 30

Invitation Only Centennial Celebration Events

4 p.m. Formal observance by dignitaries and guests of Juvenile Court's 100 years of service, followed by tours of the court featuring historic artifacts and displays.



5-7 p.m. Reception under the tent on the grounds of Victorian Village Park and debut of 30-minute documentary on the Court followed by tours of the historic Woodruff-Fontaine House Museum at 680 Adams Avenue.

Friday, October 1

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminar* at The Urban Child Institute, 600 Jefferson Avenue (across Adams from the Juvenile Court Building). Catered lunch on the green at Victorian Village Park.

Saturday, October 2

Inaugural Right Road 5K Run
Registration 7 a.m. Start time 9 a.m.

Homecoming in the Village

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Picnic in Victorian Village Park*, free and open to the public.

Noon to 3 p.m. *Tours of Juvenile Court and historic houses.*



BENCH & GAVEL - \$5,000

DVD + coin + plaque + medallion + VIP table + media recognition

SEAL & PIN - \$3,500

DVD + coin + plaque + medallion + table

COUNSELOR - \$2,000

DVD + coin + plaque + table

GUARDIAN - \$1,000

DVD + coin + plaque

DEFENDER - \$500

DVD + coin

FRIEND - \$250



DVD

ALL SPONSOR LEVELS INCLUDE

admission to Thursday's *Invitation only event*
one year *membership to Friends of Victorian Village*
an entry to *Right Road 5K Run*

ASCENDING SPONSOR LEVELS RECEIVE THESE ADDED BENEFITS

A copy of the public Television *Juvenile Court Documentary*
A commemorative *Centennial Coin* minted for the celebration
Recognition on a permanent *Bronze Plaque* unveiled at the Ceremony
Table for ten people at the opening reception
Commemorative bronze centennial *medallion*
V.I.P. table for ten at the opening reception
Print and film *media recognition*

 PLEASE DETACH THIS PORTION AND RETURN WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTION 

Please indicate your level of sponsorship below.

Make your tax deductible contribution to

Victorian Village Inc
671 Jefferson Ave., Memphis, TN 38105

Or visit www.victorianvillageinc.org to contribute online.

- Bench & Gavel - \$5,000
 Seal & Pin - \$3,500
 Counselor - \$2,000
 Guardian - \$1,000
 Defender - \$500
 Friend - \$250 Memorial/Honorarium

VVI is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

[Contact Name]

[Company]

[Indicate the name/company to be credited for contribution]

[Address]

[Phone]

[Email]

your contribution includes a year's membership in Victorian Village Inc.
this contact information will not be shared with any third party