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CINCINNATI – The first ever “drive-thru graduation” by the Children’s Home is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 6 p.m., at the circle drive located on the agency’s main campus in Madisonville where 17 graduating seniors will be recognized by the non-profit organization.

“We have some of the brightest and most passionate educators in Greater Cincinnati,” said Pam McKie, chief operating officer of The Children’s Home. “As the state slowly began its phased reopening, we assembled a task force to explore whether it was even possible to do something special and more personal for our students. The team came up with an innovative 'drive-thru graduation' concept.

“Our park like campus and circle drive will allow the graduates to travel seamlessly and safely in their car with their family and get the recognition they deserve,” McKie said.

The graduates and their families will park their vehicles at the campus’ Upper School and will proceed, in alphabetical order, through the circle drive in their cars at spaced intervals. At the top of the circle, their diploma and other gifts will be placed in the trunk or handed through the car window depending on the family’s preference.

Then the car will travel to the end of the circle drive where a photographer will offer the opportunity for the family to have a picture made to mark this milestone accomplishment for their graduating senior.

A limited amount of staff members will line the campus circle drive, maintaining social distancing, to cheer and wave to the graduates as they pass by in their cars.

“We wanted to do something special for our seniors; but, obviously keeping safety and adherence with state guidance as our top priorities,” said McKie. “We’ve coordinated with our partners at Cincinnati Police Department, have a plan to maintain appropriate social distancing, and are ensuring staff and students will not be in direct contact with each other.”

MEDIA: A media opportunity is available to cover this unique event. The Children’s Home leadership will be available for comment. Comment by graduating families will be at their discretion. Please contact Steven Wilson, communications director at The Children’s Home, for coordination and assistance.

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