

## A Note from Natalie...



**Over the last three years,** Providence House has seen a dramatic increase in the number of children and families in crisis who need our help. This isn't surprising given the number of calls to Cuyahoga County's 696-KIDS hotline to report child abuse and neglect reached nearly 50,000 last year. We have

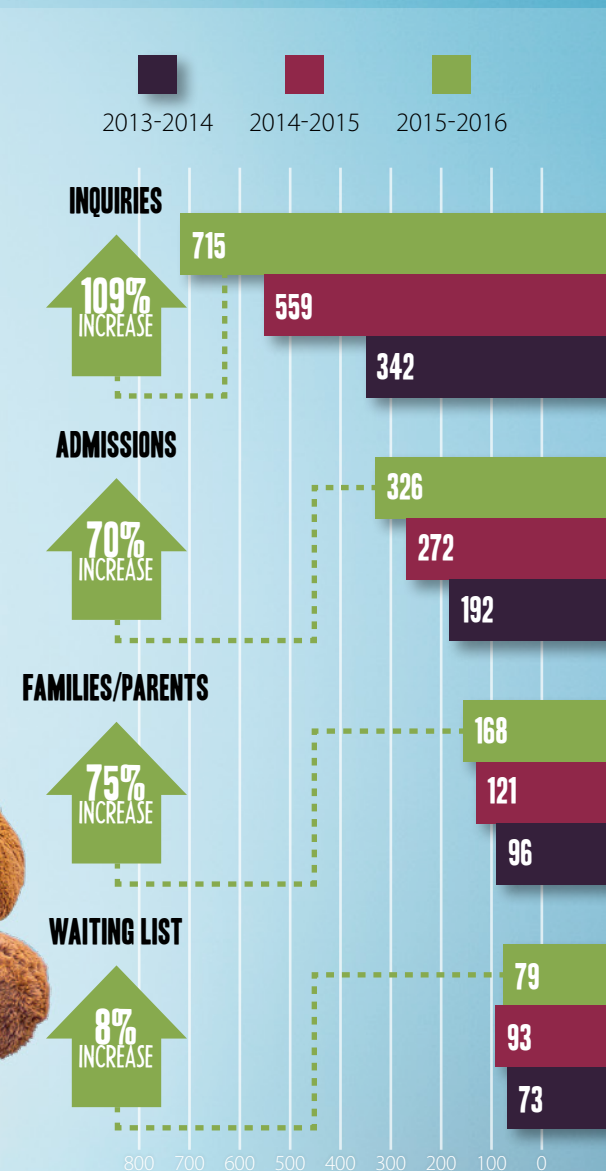
a long way to go to serve every child in crisis, but are so very grateful that more and more families are choosing Providence House to keep their children safe.

As we serve more children and families, we're challenged as an organization to meet the demand. We've worked hard to keep every bed full in our crisis nurseries. We've had to add more childcare staff for our children. We've had to increase the number of social workers serving our high-risk families. And we've had to purchase more food, clothing, and supplies for our children than ever before. We've gladly accepted these challenges knowing that we were serving as many children as we possibly could.

In order to keep meeting this growing demand, we need your help. As we've shared before, the number of children we can protect is directly related to the gifts we receive to care for them. And this year, the gifts are not keeping pace with all of the children who need them.

While the number of children we serve has increased 70% over the last three years, our waiting list continues and the number of inquiries for admission has skyrocketed by nearly 110%. In addition, 75% more parents are engaging in our family services to create a safe, stable home for their children. Clearly, more children and families than ever before need Providence House.

We are doing everything possible to meet the challenges that this growth in demand presents. But we need you to join us in accepting the challenge to help more children than ever before at Providence House. Please take a moment to make a gift to help today. And consider a recurring monthly, quarterly or semi-annual gift to ensure that we have the ongoing support we need to serve as many children as possible. We are YOUR arms and hands in caring for these vulnerable children. Please lend a hand so that we can help every child who needs us.



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# Focus on the PHuture: **VISION 40**

This year we celebrated 35 years of protecting at-risk children, empowering families in crisis, and building safer communities. While we are happy to celebrate this milestone, we have our eyes set on the future. Our Vision 40 plan will serve as a **roadmap for the next five years**, taking us to our 40th anniversary in 2021. This plan will ultimately lay the foundation for generations to come.

## Our Vision 40 plan is simple in structure, but ambitious in its impact:

PROTECT AND EMPOWER  
**5,000**  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES } BY **40**

**\$5M**  
FOR THE FUTURE } BY **40**



So, where did these goals come from? Nationwide, 12.5% of children will experience a confirmed case of child maltreatment by their 18th birthday. In Cuyahoga County, over 49,000 calls were made to report suspected child abuse and neglect resulting in nearly 16,000 new investigations last year. The numbers are clear: we are seeing an increase in demand locally and nationally. Simply put, we are serving the largest number of children and families in our history and still have a steady waiting list.

The goals of our Vision 40 plan are focused on meeting this demand, proving that our model works, and securing the future of the agency. We have already begun to make progress toward our goals:

### 5,000 BY 40

- Launched New Wellness Nursery Program
- Served More Children By Focusing on Bed Utilization
- Expanded Group Parent Education
- Committee Evaluating Feasibility for Physical Expansion

### PROVE THE IMPACT

- Received Three Year CARF Accreditation
- Published Outcomes Evaluation in Peer-Reviewed Journal
- Involved in Two Research Pilots
- Awarded GuideStar Platinum and Charity Navigator 4 Star Ranking

### EVERY CHILD OHIO/US

- Developed Consulting Services Proposal
- Responded to Inquiries from 1 Local (Ohio) and 2 National Agencies
- Discussed Strategies with State Legislators

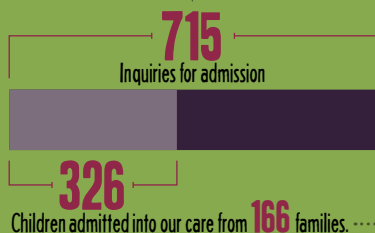
### \$5 MILLION BY 40

- PHuture PHund Committee Working to Create "Nest Egg" for Endowment/Reserve Fund
- Investigating Fee for Service Opportunities

Our vision is that children everywhere are raised in safe, loving families, free from abuse and neglect. It is a bold vision which requires us to be bold in our plan for the future. Our friends and supporters will be an integral part of our Vision 40 plan, and we will update you as often as possible.

For more information and how to get involved, please visit: [provhouse.org/about-us/vision-40](http://provhouse.org/about-us/vision-40).

### LAST YEAR WE RECEIVED:



Throughout the year **79 CHILDREN WERE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST** for admission.

- 100% were at risk of abuse or neglect.
- 36% were homeless or had unsafe housing.
- 21% had a caregiver with a medical crisis.
- 13% were victims of or witness to violence.
- 9% had a caregiver with a mental health crisis.
- 6% had a caregiver in treatment for substance abuse.

**98% OF CHILDREN** were reunified with their parent/guardian

**90% OF FAMILIES** complied with services provided by Providence House

# HELP OUR LITTLE PUMPKINS

by joining us at our  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clambake to  
support Providence House!



*Where:*  
**Lakewood Country Club**  
2613 Bradley Road, Westlake, OH 44145

*When:*  
Monday, September 19, 5:30 pm

*Ticket Cost:*  
\$80 per person

*Ticket Includes:*  
Dinner and two drink tickets

*Dinner Includes:*  
1 dozen clams, 1/2 chicken,  
roasted redskin potatoes,  
corn on the cob, and  
clam chowder.

*Clambake guests will be joined by  
golf outing guests at dinner.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Deck the House Benefit Auction  
will be held on **December 6th** at FirstEnergy Stadium.  
Visit [provhouse.org/events](http://provhouse.org/events) for more information.

To register, visit [provhouse.org/events](http://provhouse.org/events) or contact  
Kayla Naticchioni at [Kayla@provhouse.org](mailto:Kayla@provhouse.org) or 216-651-5982 x225.

## PROVIDENCE HOUSE AND THE CITY OF CHAMPIONS!

Over the years, we have received incredible support from our major sports teams in Cleveland!



In 2013, the **Cleveland Cavaliers** donated the funds to provide  
an outdoor basketball court for the children of Providence House!



In 2014, the **Cleveland Browns** front office redesigned  
and renovated our "Library!"



In 2016, **Cody and Mallory Allen, Bryan and Kristen Shaw**, and the **Cleveland Indians**  
installed a wiffle ball turf field for the house  
and even spent a day playing ball with the kids!



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**Cleveland Coffee Company** is introducing their new coffee blend, **Viva Brasil**, a specialty-grade Brazilian coffee inspired by Yan Gomes. Yan and his wife Jenna are great supporters of Providence House and will donate **15% of the proceeds to us from all Viva Brasil sold**. We are very grateful to Cleveland Coffee Company, Yan and Jenna for including Providence House in this exciting venture.

As we enjoy Viva Brasil, we invite you to take a break and enjoy a cup of Viva Brasil coffee for the babies and children at Providence House. Please share photos of your coffee break with us on Twitter ([@provhouseCLE](https://twitter.com/provhouseCLE)), Facebook ([facebook.com/providencehouseCLE](https://facebook.com/providencehouseCLE)) and Instagram ([provhouseCLE](https://instagram.com/provhouseCLE)) using the hashtags **#PHCoffeeBreak** and **#VivaBrasilCLE**.

Viva Brasil is on shelves now through October 31 at more than 40 retail outlets including Heinen's, Zagara's Marketplace, Dave's Supermarkets, and Giant Eagle Market District. **The coffee is also available online at [clevelandcoffeecompany.com](http://clevelandcoffeecompany.com)** as well as at A.J. Rocco's located on Huron Road, around the corner from Progressive Field.

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