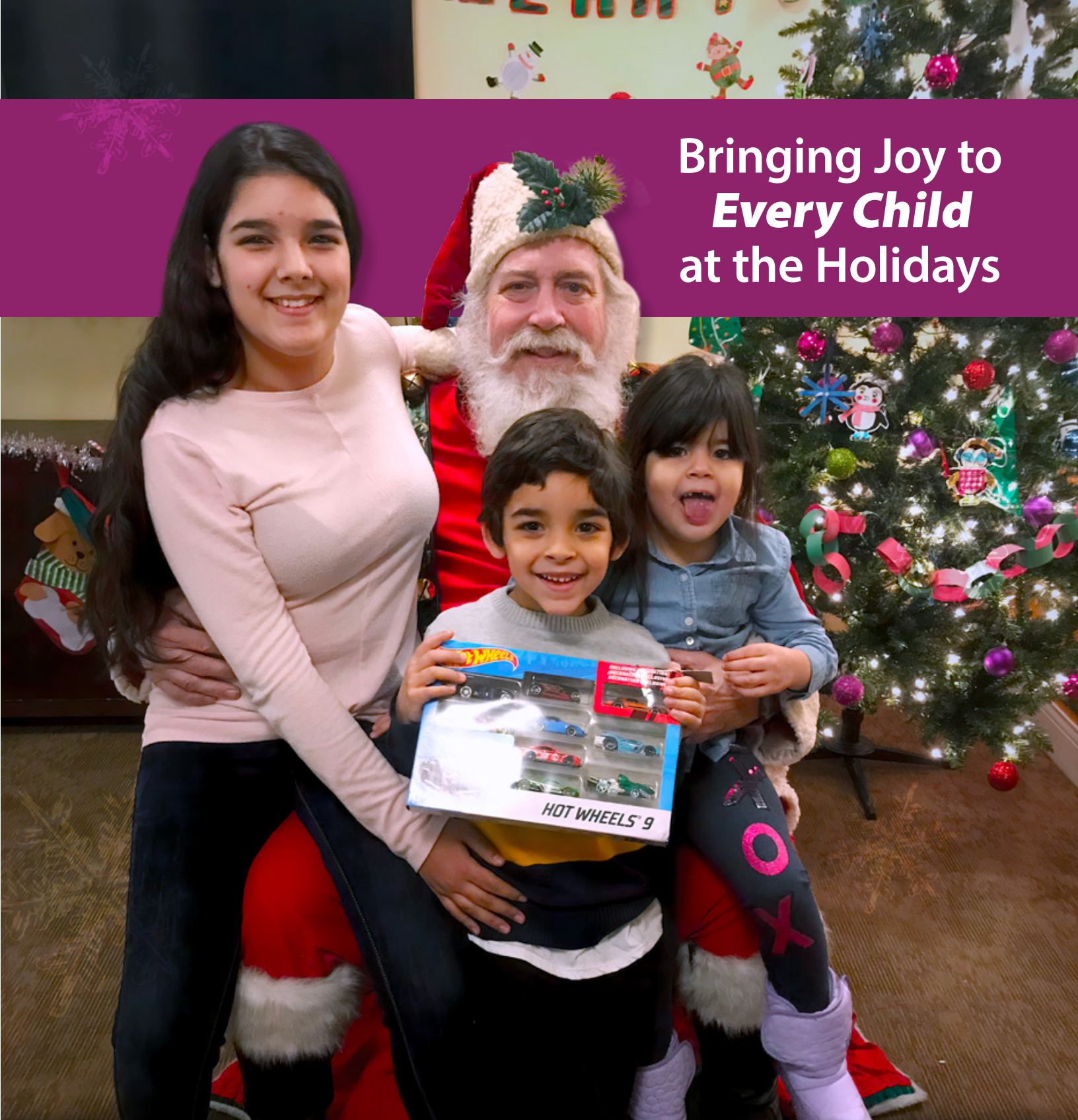


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Organize a donation drive using our wishlist

Your company, organization, or family can host a gift drive to benefit the babies and children of Providence House. Simply ask your group to purchase any item from our wishlist.

Send stress-free holiday cards

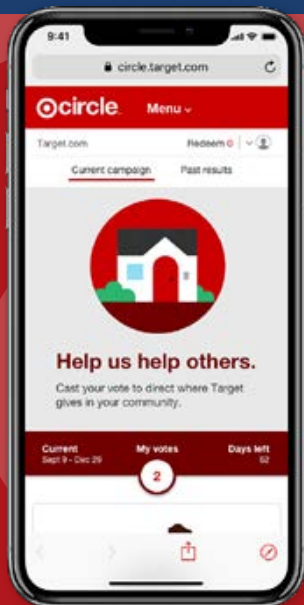
For a minimum donation of \$10 per individual, we will mail out holiday cards to your friends, clients, or family announcing your special contribution to the babies and children of Providence House.



Decorate with a giving tree

Have a tree at your home or business that needs decorating? Download our giving tree materials, print and decorate the ornament stencils, then label the ornaments with items from our holiday wishlist.

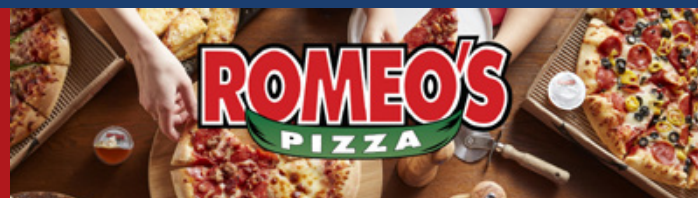
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► We are honored and excited to announce that we have been chosen to participate in a special charitable campaign, sponsored and funded by Target. Now through December 31st, vote for us through the Target Circle program.

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Natalie's Note

NATALIE LEEK,
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As the holiday season approaches, it's hard to believe that we are already halfway through our 40th Anniversary. We've been so fortunate to have touched the lives

of over 13,000 children and families with your support. Since 1981, we have weathered many storms as community needs have changed. Today, we stand stronger than ever as a beacon of hope and healing for our children and their families.

This December, I will celebrate my 20th Anniversary as our CEO. I am humbled and honored to have been given the gift of leading this amazing organization through the 2nd half of our history. But I didn't do it alone - from my dear friend and our visionary Founder, Sr. Hope Greener, CSJ, to the many Board and staff team members who have, and continue to, serve our mission, to our donors and organizations who have been our champions and partners - you have helped us, and me, be who we are today.

My journey with Providence House began many years ago as a high school student, then as young professional volunteer, and now 20 years as its servant leader and CEO. I often say that I have had at least six different CEO roles over the past 20 years. From building a strong organization and growing programs to expanding our facilities and becoming an advocate for children and families, to positioning our

program as a national model for child abuse prevention, family preservation, and alternative solution to foster care.

As I look back on where we've come from, where we are, and where we hope to go and grow, I am amazed by the bravery, resiliency, innovation, and tenacity of our organization, our team, our board, our partners, and our donors. And most of all, our families, who confront unimaginable challenges and entrust us to help to keep their children safe and their families together.

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There have been many days in the past 20 years that I wondered and worried about how we would move forward through funding challenges, pivot to meet new community needs, and stretch ourselves to reach the growing numbers of children and families who needed us. Then I walk into our crisis nursery and spend time with the children who have faced so much in their little lives - and walk out recharged with a passion for our mission of making their lives better and their futures brighter.

As we embark on our new Destination 50 Strategic Plan, I can't wait to see what we can and will accomplish together over the next 10 years as we make our way to our milestone 50th Anniversary! I hope you will remain with us, and support us, as we continue on this amazing journey to serve our incredible mission - together with you.

From the Providence House PHamily to you and yours, I share our deepest gratitude for your support, trust, and love for our children and wish you a joyful and safe holiday season!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:
Community Referral Program

Our Community Referral Program allows families who do not currently utilize our Crisis Nursery services to receive basic needs items through a referral from a community agency.

While we have provided these services for quite some time, in 2020 we experienced a dramatic increase of nearly 300 referrals from our community partners for basic needs items for their clients with children (formula, diapers, baby products, clothing, toys, etc.) from 25 partners, including University Hospitals, OhioGuidestone, May Dugan Center, and Frontline Services.



Over the past year:

- ▶ **312 families received 908 basic needs items.** The items we were most helpful in providing to families were diapers, wipes, baby wash, baby lotion, and children's clothing not available at most food pantries or distribution sites.
- ▶ Through support from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund, **Providence House supported 28 families with infant safety items** like cribs, toddler beds, car seats and booster seats, bed rails, baby gates, and childproofing supplies like outlet and doorknob covers, as well as parent education on early childhood safety and development. This program ran from July 2020 – December 2020.
- ▶ In October 2020, Providence House hosted a Community Giveaway event at our East Side Location. **We gave away books, blankets, stuffed animals, gloves, and food to 256 individuals and 77 families.**
- ▶ In March 2021, **Providence House hosted a Drive-thru Baby Shower event** and distributed items such as diapers, wipes, blankets, books, and stuffed animals to 133 families.
- ▶ To celebrate Mother's Day 2021, **Providence House provided 20 gift bags to mothers in the community and in our crisis nursery programs** which included self-care items as well as gift cards for basic needs items.
- ▶ In October 2021, we hosted our first **Winter Coat Drive-Thru Giveaway** and were able to provide **220 infant, toddler, and children's coats to 75 families.**
- ▶ Coming up! In December 2021, we will host our **Family Holiday Party** where families will have presents delivered to their homes to celebrate the holidays. To learn more, visit provhouse.org/holiday.



OUR BIG DREAMS

Have Gotten Even Bigger



We've shared quite a bit about our Giving Hope for the PHuture Campaign and our expansion to the East Side of Cleveland. We are excited to announce further development of the Providence House East Campus on Buckeye!

We have purchased the property next door to our existing site and will now redevelop Buckeye Road from East 118th to East 119th. This newly acquired property is planned for a 3-story mixed-use "Community Hub" to host tenant space for partner social service agencies, local businesses, and retail/workforce development storefronts.

Our project focuses on community development "from the inside" – focusing on the health, safety, and stability

of the community's children and families. The Providence House East Campus site is an anchor project centered in the heart of a larger 10-block, \$60 million neighborhood transformation zone on Buckeye Road.

By coming into the Buckeye-Shaker neighborhood of Cleveland, Providence House hopes to be a central anchor and partner in the future development of this and surrounding communities, as we were in the now vibrant Ohio City neighborhood.

For more information about our East Campus and how you can support our growth visit provhouse.org/givinghope.

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Help provide safety for generations of children by donating through your will, IRA distribution, or appreciated stock.

By making a gift to Providence House through your will, trust, retirement assets, or other legacy plan, you can help us to provide safety for future generations of children.

Many supporters are choosing to support families through crisis by making taxwise gifts from their IRA or appreciated stocks to Providence House. These gifts are great because they make an immediate impact for at-risk children, while also helping you to save on your finances. You can transfer appreciated assets and give a gift of stock today, or, if you're 70.5 or older, give from your IRA.

Want to learn more about how your legacy can live on through the children at Providence House? Visit provhouse.org/legacy or contact Kayla Webb at kayla@provhouse.org or 216-651-5982 x225.





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