



I want to be a  
**POLICE  
OFFICER**

**Because *Every Child* has a dream.**



Providence  
House

Every child is your child.™

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# HOUSE NEWS

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# Dreaming Big

Early childhood is a crucial period for developmental growth and lays the foundation for a child's capacity for future learning, creative thinking, problem solving, and motor skills.

Many of the nearly 400 children who will stay with us this year are inhibited by exposure to trauma due to family crises and in some cases, developmental delays. At Providence House, we focus on sensory-based activities to support healthy brain development, lower children's stress levels, and open access to the cognitive part of their brain.

Our Children's Educational Enrichment Program includes activities and field trips based on weekly themes to encourage school readiness and social-emotional skills. Weekly sessions in yoga, art, dance and music along with staff/volunteer training in trauma-informed care and educational reinforcement ensures continued focus on developmental achievement.

# When I Grow Up...

What do you want to be when you grow up?

**"A big girl."**

**"A police officer."**

**"A fixer."**

How old are you going to be when you're grown up?

**"13."**

**"34."**

**"21."**

What is being a grown-up going to be like?

**"I'm going to live in a mansion and have a Chihuahua."**

**"I'm going to drive a police jeep."**

**"I'm going to go to the store by myself."**



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# A Note from Natalie



As I sat down to write my 16th Note for our annual holiday newsletter, I was stumped. How can I educate you about the difference we, and you, make in the lives of our children? How can I inspire you to support Providence House

more than you already do?

And then, providence intervened. As I often do, I recently presented at a baby shower fundraiser for our children. This one was hosted by The Independence United Methodist Church. I spent the afternoon with their wonderful congregation, and had the pleasure of meeting a lovely couple, Gary and Linda, who planned the event.

Before I spoke to the congregation, I noticed a pink piece of paper at every place setting with the title "A Child's Early Walk With God." I picked it up and read the following:

*On June 19, 1988 Teandra (Tea) was born to this world.*

*She was a bit undersized but otherwise a healthy child. She had two brothers born before her.*

*When Tea was 11 months old she was taken to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital because of an injury on her leg that she received in her home. She was taken from there to Providence House where she spent the better part of two months.*

*Tea and her brothers were removed from their home and placed into foster care.*

*A young photographer was assigned the heartbreaking task of documenting Tea's leg*

*injury. He had done this many times for other children who had been harmed. He, however, was particularly struck by Tea's case and prayed for her to find peace in her young life.*

*Two years passed. The photographer and his wife decided to foster and adopt a child and complete their family. They were offered a brother and sister, often difficult to place when families only want one child. The photographer and his wife opened their home to the brother and sister and eventually adopted them.*

*While getting his new daughter ready for bed, the photographer saw the unusual scar she had on her leg... and he realized that his prayers were answered. This was the child whose leg injury he had photographed. Tea had found peace... with him and his family.*

As I was being introduced by Gary, he said that Providence House held a very special place in his heart, sharing that he was the photographer ...and Tea was his daughter. Gary and his wife had planned the baby shower because of the important role Providence House had played in their lives.

Nearly thirty years after Tea's injury, it was providence that I met Gary's family as I struggled to find another way to express to you how important the work we do is for children and families in our community.

It was providence that Gary met Tea. It was providence that she was kept safe at Providence House. It was providence that I met Gary, Linda, Tea and their family so many years later.

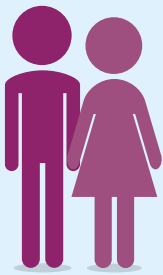
And it is providence that we have your love and support to allow us to care for more children like Tea. This holiday season, know how very thankful we are for you. I wish you providence and peace in the new year.

## LEGACY OF HOPE

Together with people like you, we've been able to serve more than **8,000 families and children over the past 36 years**. By making a gift to Providence House through your will, trust, or other financial plan you can help us continue to keep kids safe and families together.

**Join our Legacy of Hope by including a gift to Providence House as part of your legacy.** These charitable contributions not only benefit you, but also the future children and families of Providence House, making our community that much stronger. We would love to talk with you about the opportunities that we have to give. **Please contact Kayla Naticchioni, External Relations Manager at 216.651.5982 x225 or [kayla@prothouse.org](mailto:kayla@prothouse.org) to learn more.**

# Parent Support



Beyond caring for children, Providence House is committed to supporting parents. When a family comes to Providence House, Licensed Social Workers and parents discuss reasons for needing services, barriers to family stability, and goals during their child's stay. We use a two-generational approach focused on both the children and their parent(s) in order to prevent child abuse and neglect, reduce foster care placements, and strengthen families.

## Family Services include:

- **Case Management/Aftercare:** Parents work with staff to outline goals and required participation in our services.
- **Parent Support & Education:** Parents visit regularly throughout their child's stay and participate in individualized education sessions.
- **Family Trauma Services:** Each child and adult's trauma history is screened and interventions are provided as needed.
- **Family Medical Skills Training:** Staff provide medical skills training for ongoing medical needs following discharge.

# Celebrate the Upcoming Holidays

Our family holiday party is something that we all look forward to each year! It is a time where our families get together and celebrate the upcoming holiday! This year's party will be celebrated on December 13th. For more information on how you can support this event please contact [kayla@provhouse.org](mailto:kayla@provhouse.org).



# What A Year!



Last year we served **333 children** from **158 families**



We partnered with

**99**

distinct agencies



**5,728**

Days of Care



**58%**

3 years old or under



**43%**  
Female

**97%**

of the families we serve are at or below the Federal Poverty Line.



**57%**  
Male



**9,051**  
volunteer hours

translates to a dollar value of

**\$218,491**



# Providence House

## Partners in Prevention

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We are incredibly grateful for the generous support that we receive from the community. A huge thank you to our current Partners in Prevention!

Looking to join this list as a champion for babies and children in Northeast Ohio? Our Corporate Partner in Prevention Program offers the opportunity for your company to provide operating support for our children, sponsor each of our signature events, and receive exclusive promotional advertising throughout the year.

Contact Kayla Naticchioni at **216-651-5982 x 225** or **kayla@provhouse.org** for more information.

*For a full list of our Corporate Partners in Prevention, see back panel.*



## IT'S THE MOST Wonderful Time OF THE YEAR

We hope you can join us on December 5th!

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Visit [provhouse.org/DTH](http://provhouse.org/DTH) to register today.

## 'Tis The Season Of Giving!

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Let us help you with all of your holiday needs this year!

- **Giving Tree:** Host a Holiday Giving Tree at your company, school, or church with our most needed items!
- **Holiday Parties:** Host a holiday party and ask guests to bring an item off of our wish list!
- **Holiday Cards:** For a minimum donation of \$10 per person, we'll send everyone on your list a PH holiday card from you!
- **Shop With A Cause:** Use Amazon Smile and support Providence House as you shop on Amazon this holiday season!

Visit us at [provhouse.org/holiday](http://provhouse.org/holiday) to learn more about giving opportunities this holiday season!

## Wellness Nursery Rebrand



We've discovered that the term "Wellness" does not accurately depict the crises faced by families served by Elisabeth's House and have decided on a re-brand to include a new name, "**Elisabeth's House: The Prentiss Pediatric Crisis Nursery.**" We believe this name more accurately captures the pediatric care services that are being completed, and will help better communicate the urgency of our clients' needs.



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# VOLUNTEERS GET IT DONE...IN A DAY!

Volunteers are such an integral part of our daily operations here, and we would love to have your group or workplace consider Providence House for your next service project! We have projects that your group can get “Done in a Day”, so call us at 216-651-5982 x 226 for more information

**Thank you to the following groups for getting it done in a day at Providence House this year!**

- Bay Middle School
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cisco
- Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland State University
- DDR Corp.
- Equity Trust Company
- Fedeli Group
- Grant Thornton
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- John Carroll University
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- Komatsu Mining
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