

Supporting *Every Child and Family* for  
**40 years**



Founder Sister Hope with child



President & CEO Natalie Leek with child



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## A Note from Natalie



Little did I know when I began working at Providence House during their 20th Anniversary in 2001 that I would be here 20 years later to celebrate our incredible milestone of 40!

We're not only celebrating thousands of babies and children that we have kept safe, we're also celebrating 40 years of endurance, growth, and innovation. And of course, we're celebrating you - the thousands of champions, partners, and supporters who have allowed us to be your hearts and hands in delivering loving care to children in our community for 40 years.

Providence House has been a part of my life since 1981, its founding year. Then, I was a freshman at Saint Joseph Academy and our Founder, Sr. Hope Greener, had just retired from teaching at the Academy to open Providence House. In those days, students like me volunteered to run errands and assist Sr. Hope.

In the early 1990s, after college, I volunteered on the Annual Luncheon committee and coordinated student Ambassadors from my alma mater to assist at Providence House events. And they are still doing it today!

Fast forward through my career to 2001 when I was contacted by Providence House to assist as a consultant during their 20th Anniversary. I was tasked with re-engaging the community, broadening donor

outreach, and looking toward the future through expanded services to support not only children in crisis, but their families. They asked me to stay on in the role of President and CEO... and here I remain, as excited and passionate about our work today as I was 20 years ago!

It was then, in 2001, 10 years after Sr. Hope had retired from Providence House, as I looked back on her amazing founding vision, that I reconnected with Sr. Hope to talk about where our future goals might take us. She has walked by my side ever since as we have grown tremendously while remaining true to her vision into our 40th year. And she continues to be there as a dear friend, a mentor, and a guiding light as we look even further into our future.

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As we look back over our past 40 years and look forward to our future, there are two elements that have, and will remain, critical and constant. Foremost, our care and compassion for the children who need us. And just as vital, the commitment and support from you, our donors and partners who allow us to bring health, hope, and healing to every child entrusted in our care.

40 years for any organization is an accomplishment to celebrate. We are excited to have planned many opportunities throughout our anniversary year to celebrate with you, so please join us! Thank you so very much for being a part of our remarkable past and our even brighter future!

Since 1981, Providence House has been committed to keeping kids safe and families together.

Since we opened our doors,  
we have served **over 10,000**  
children in crisis.





Providence  
House  
**40** YEARS  
| protecting *Every Child*



Join us as we kickoff our 40th Anniversary with a number of April events!

## Lunch & Learn: Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 14 | 12pm

Join us for a virtual Lunch & Learn about child abuse and neglect, how Providence House is dedicated to preventing and addressing the issues, and what you can do to help.

P.S. Don't forget to wear blue on this day to show your support for preventing child abuse and neglect!

## Chat with Nat

April 21 | 9am

Grab your coffee and sit down for a Chat with Nat! Whether you're interested in our services, our events, or what it takes to sustain a nonprofit for 40 years, our President & CEO, Natalie Leek, can answer your questions.

## Drive-Through Birthday Parties

April 24

We'll be hosting parties at both our East and West Side Campuses with balloons, gifts, and goody bags.

Drive through our campus and drop off a monetary or item donation, receive a party favor, and help us celebrate 40!

**Providence House West Campus (Ohio City)** - 10am-12pm

**Providence House East Campus (Buckeye-Shaker)** - 1pm-3pm

## 40th Anniversary Documentary Screening

April 27 | 6pm

On April 27, 1981, Sister Hope Greener founded Providence House in a little house in Ohio City. Since that day, Providence House has grown, changed, and served over 10,000 children. Tune in to our 40th Anniversary documentary to learn more about the history of Providence House.

## Providence House East Campus Virtual Tour

April 29 | 3pm

Interested in what we've been up to at our new Providence House campus? We're excited to take you with us on a virtual tour of the future Providence House East Campus in the Buckeye-Shaker neighborhood.

You can view a full list of events and information about our 40th Celebration at [provhouse.org/birthday](http://provhouse.org/birthday).

# Providence House History

## Looking Back

at the past 40 years...



**1981**

Sister Hope Greener, CSJ opens Providence House to protect at-risk children in the community.



**1987**

Our first expansion allows us to care for 15 children at a time.



**1990**

Our second location - Leo's House, opens in Ohio City. We're now able to serve 26 children at a time.



**2005**

Providence House launches our Family Preservation Services beginning with parent visitation and parenting education.



**2013**

Leo's House expansion complete. Providence House allowing us to serve 20 children at a time, newborn up to 12 years old.



**2015**

Elisabeth's House opens, hosting the Prentiss Pediatric Crisis Nursery to serve 10 children at a time with medical needs, and the Family Center in a separate wing.



**2019**

Our Giving Hope for the PHuture Campaign launches to open a 20-bed Crisis Nursery and Family Resiliency Center in the Buckeye-Shaker Neighborhood.



**2020**

Providence House expansion and innovation continues with community-based services and pandemic virtual and home-based response programs.

## Looking Forward

to celebrating 40 years and many more of keeping kids safe and families together!



**2021**

Providence House launches our new strategic plan. Stay tuned as we roll out the plan on social media in April.

**2022-2023**

Our East Campus is fully operational. We can serve up to 50 children at a time and double the number of kids and families we can support.

Learn more about our campaign at [provhouse.org/givinghope](https://provhouse.org/givinghope)





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Celebrity Softball Game  
*July 17*

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*October 8*

Deck the House  
*December 7*

Visit [provhouse.org/events](http://provhouse.org/events) for more information. All dates are subject to change.

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