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Celebrating the Holiday Season in our New East Campus Crisis Nursery

The most wonderful time of the year feels even more special at Providence House, as we celebrate our first holiday season at Hope's House, our new East Campus Crisis Nursery in Cleveland's Buckeye-Shaker Neighborhood!

Our children are decking the halls in our West Side and new East Side Crisis Nurseries with holiday art projects as Childcare Staff fill their days with fun, festive activities. To ensure our families can spend quality time with their children while they stay with us, our Social Work Team is coordinating opportunities for them to celebrate in the comfort of our Family Rooms.

We are truly grateful to all who helped make our new East Campus possible and bring this safe, beautiful, home-away-from-home to babies and children in a community where our Crisis Nursery and Family Preservation services are so greatly needed to keep families in crisis together.

Although we cared for 238 children at our West Campus last year, almost 700 children were on our waiting list or went completely unserved due to a lack of space and resources. Approximately 70% of children on our waiting list live on the East Side, so we are providing care in a community that desperately needed us.

Unfortunately, more and more families reaching out to us for support are homeless or have unsafe housing - that was the case for 28% of families we served last year.

We are opening beds for 10 children at a time at our East Campus to help address the increased need, and are working to close our funding gap so we can open the remaining 10 beds to operate at full capacity on our East Campus as soon as possible!

Please read on to see the many ways you can help us provide loving care and a home for the holidays to children in crisis this year and beyond!

Home for the Holidays

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A NOTE FROM *Natalie*



Home for the holidays.

I always get nostalgic when I hear someone say, "home for the holidays." I imagine loved ones returning home from military deployment, from college, or from living in a place that's far away from home. It evokes warm visions of hugs, laughter, and

love shared with the most important people in your life.

For families who will have children staying at Providence House this holiday season, "home for the holidays" means a safe place from homelessness, unsafe housing, violence, or family crisis. It means knowing their children are being cared for and loved while they build a brighter future for their family.

For Providence House, it means opening a new "home for the holidays" as we begin admitting children into our new Crisis Nursery on the east side. Together with our West Campus Crisis Nursery, 500 babies and children will find a "home for the holidays" and throughout the year at Providence House.

Last year, we served nearly 240 children in our west side Crisis Nursery. Sadly, another 691 were placed on our waiting list or were completely unserved due to lack of space. The opening of our new East Campus Crisis Nursery this holiday season is a gift for these children.

The gifts of safety, care, and love that we provide to children are gifts that we are only able to offer because of you. Your gifts and donations through the holidays, and throughout the year, are the reason that hundreds of babies and children in our community receive the safety and care that they need.

Please help us welcome these children "home for the holidays" this year by making a gift, hosting a holiday giving tree, or remembering someone special with a holiday card in their honor. Every gift helps every child who needs us every day.

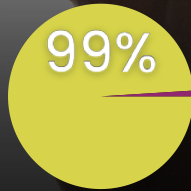
I hope that you have everyone you wish for "home for the holidays" and send you the warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season and joyous New Year!

Natalie A. Leek, President & CEO

OUR IMPACT IN 2023-2024

We Helped Families Stay Together

99% of families who brought a child to stay in our Crisis Nursery were reunited after successfully resolving the crisis situations that brought them to us!



We Served 876 Children & Families Across all of our programs



We Improved Family Stability

The support provided by our Social Work Team led to significant improvements in our families' quality of life



INCOME

25%



EMPLOYMENT

8%



EDUCATION

4%

We Cared for 238 Children

204 in our Crisis Nursery

18 in our Emergency Placement Program

16 in our Pediatric Crisis Nursery



691 children were on our waiting list or completely unserved due to lack of space at our West Campus

We Provided Essential Items 193 families received 671 items



Through our Community Referral Program, we helped families in our community make ends meet by providing items such as diapers, wipes, children's clothing and hygiene products

SUCCESS STORY *Pamela, Cameron & Carter*

Pamela and her sons, Cameron, age 5, and Carter, age 3, were homeless and living in a hotel when she reached out to Providence House for support.

Cameron and Carter came to stay in our Crisis Nursery while our Social Work Team helped Pamela address her trauma symptoms, secure stable housing for her family, and receive SNAP Benefits to assist with groceries.

During their stay at Providence House, Cameron and Carter enjoyed music, theatre, and art therapy and lots of love and snuggles from our Childcare Staff. Carter made great progress with his language and cognitive development thanks to interventions provided by our Social Workers and Child Development Specialist, who also helped enroll him in school!

The boys soon reunited with their mom, Pamela, in their new home and Providence House provided bedding and household supplies to help them get settled. Their family will continue receiving support through our year-long Aftercare Program including gifts for the boys to enjoy for the holidays!



How to Help Providence House This *Holiday Season*

There are so many fun ways you can make an important difference for the children and families of Providence House this holiday season!

We have a Holiday Wish List and resources available at provhouse.org/holiday.

Here are some ideas to get you started!



Organize a Giving Tree or Gift Drive

Your family, company, or organization can host a holiday giving tree or gift drive to benefit the babies and children of Providence House.



Host a Holiday Party

Ask your guests to bring a gift for Providence House instead of a host gift.



Give a Gift in Honor of Family, Friends, or Colleagues

We'll send them a special holiday card to let them know you are supporting children and families by making a gift in their honor.



Make a Stock or an IRA Gift

Make a significant impact on our mission while maximizing your potential tax benefits with a stock or IRA charitable rollover donation! You can find all of the details and instructions at provhouse.org/stock or provhouse.org/IRA

Remember to make your gifts by December 31 for year-end tax deductibility.

Visit provhouse.org/donate to make a gift online!

If you have any questions about how you can help this holiday season, please contact us at info@provhouse.org or 216.651.5982.

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Deck THE House

Providence House Benefit Auction

Join Us for the Best Holiday Party in Town!

Tuesday
December 10

Cleveland Browns Stadium
City View Lounge

From 5:30
to 9:30 PM

Featuring Celebrity Host Bloomdaddy

of iHeartMedia's Newsradio WTAM 1100 AM & 106.9 FM

& Celebrity Emcee Andrea Vecchio

Author, Speaker & Emmy Award-Nominated Journalist

Help Providence House give the gift of care to children and families in crisis this upcoming year during an evening filled with holiday cheer!

EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT

Of the 25th Anniversary of the Ed Block Courage Award Ceremony honoring a Cleveland Browns Player

BROWSE & BID

On our specially curated selection of unique live and silent auction packages

CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Surrounded by gorgeous, professionally decorated trees while enjoying delicious food & cocktails

Purchase Tickets at
provhouse.org/deckthehouse

Tickets include dinner, 2 drink tickets, valet parking, a guest gift & donation to Providence House!

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