Providence House

House News

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Santa's *Annual Visit* to Providence House

A nearly 20-year tradition brings holiday magic to the babies and children staying in our Crisis Nurseries, creating special childhood memories they'll cherish once they're home.

The children at Providence House might not spend Christmas at home, but Santa always knows where to find them! Since 2007, a wonderful partnership with the Second District of Cleveland Police has ensured Old Saint Nick stops at our Crisis Nurseries, bringing holiday cheer and lots of smiles - and songs! - to our babies and children.



This treasured tradition began when our dear friend, Keith Sulzer, became Commander of the Second District and met our beloved founder, Sister Hope Greener, who shared with him our important mission of keeping kids safe and families together.

Since then, Keith brings Santa (his older brother Rich), Cleveland Police Officers, and community relations groups to visit our children each year - spreading joy, singing carols, listening to their holiday wishes, and helping them feel the love of our community.



"For Rich and I, visiting Providence House connects us to our family values, and our father, and his teaching us to give back to the community and maintain our commitment to always help those in need," said Keith. And their visits help remind our children that they're special, just like all of the children on Santa's list.









How to Help Providence House *This Holiday Season*

There are so many fun ways you can make the holidays special for our children and families!

We have a **Holiday Wish List** full of toys and essential items needed in our Crisis Nurseries, and helpful holiday fundraising resources available at **provhouse.org/holiday**

Here are a few ideas to get you started, and a spotlight of one of our dedicated supporters!



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 featuring our children's artwork to let them know gave a gfit to the children and families of Providence House in their honor.



Make a Stock or an IRA Gift

Maximize your potential tax benefits while making a significant impact on our mission with a stock or IRA charitable rollover donation! You can find all of the details online at **provhouse.org/stock** or **provhouse.org/IRA**

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Their wonderful Support Center here in Cleveland has been a dedicated Providence House supporter for many years - always keeping the babies and children in our Crisis Nurseries top of mind, especially during the holiday season.

Each year, they incorporate an incredible Gift Drive into their employee holiday party, with all employees taking part in collecting new children's clothing and toys from our Wish List to ensure those in our care can enjoy a special holiday.

Proforma's Vice President of Human Resources Kathy Mayo shares what this tradition means to their team: "Our annual gift drives are a meaningful way for the Proforma family to help make the holidays a little brighter for children and families in the community. Supporting Providence House has become a tradition our team truly values."

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Deck THE House

Providence House Annual Benefit Auction

Tuesday
December 8

Huntington Bank Field
City View Lounge

5:30 to
9:30 PM

Join Us for the Best Holiday Party in Town, Hosted by the Cleveland Browns!

FEATURING CELEBRITY HOST BLOOMDADDY
of iHeartMedia's Newsradio WTAM 1100 AM & 106.9 FM

Celebrate



The season surrounded by gorgeous, professionally decorated trees while enjoying delicious cuisine & cocktails

Browse & Bid



On our specially curated selection of exclusive auction packages & experiences

Experience



Cleveland Browns History as a player is honored with the prestigious Ed Block Courage Award

Enjoy an evening of holiday cheer and give the gifts of care and safety to children and families in crisis in the coming year!

PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIP

provhouse.org/deckthehouse

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



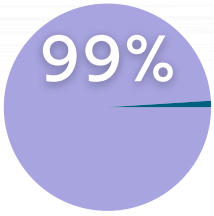
Our *Impact* in 2025-2026

We Served 2,210 Children and Families

- 188 Children from 101 Families in our Crisis Nursery
- 270 families & 1,316 individuals in our Community Resource Program
- 100 families & 235 individuals at Community Distribution Events

We Kept Families Together

99% of our families resolved their crises and welcomed their children home after engaging with our services for the 16th consecutive year!



We Provided 3,603 Days of Care for 188 Children

In our Crisis Nurseries

We Continued Building Trust



92% percent of our families self-referred based on a recommendation from someone who had a positive experience with Providence House!

We Helped Make Ends Meet

We provided 270 families with 868 essential items through our Community Resources Program



See more Providence House highlights

provhouse.org/impact

Success Story *Dea, Evan, Harmony & Paige*

Dea sought support from Providence House following a car accident to care for her children, 11-year-old Evan, 4-year-old Harmony, and 6-month-old Paige while she recovered from injuries and began physical therapy and outpatient mental health treatment. With limited parenting support and no childcare, she was unable to prioritize her own health and well-being.

Providence House provided a safe, nurturing environment for Evan, Harmony, and Paige, giving Dea the opportunity to focus on her health while knowing her children were safe and supported.

The children participated in a variety of enriching activities during their stay, including art, theater, and music programs, social-emotional learning, and yoga. They also enjoyed outings to local parks and restaurants. Paige made exciting developmental progress, including beginning to crawl, reaching for toys, showing more interest in books, and wanting to hold her own bottle during feedings.

With her children safely cared for, Dea was able to make meaningful progress toward her goals. She obtained part-time employment, secured childcare, began physical therapy, connected with a mental health provider for ongoing management, and her mental health symptoms improved.

Providence House also helped Dea build confidence in her parenting by helping create a chore and reward chart to use at home, and providing tools to reinforce positive behavior with her children.

When Dea welcomed her children home, she shared, “In a crisis situation, Providence House made my kids feel safe and welcomed. Thank you for all of the support and the smiles. You’ve helped make a difference for me and my family!”

Dea will be able to “shop” for holiday gifts for her children at Providence House, thanks to generous donations of new toys and clothing from the community. See more stories at **provhouse.org/success**

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A Note From *Natalie*



Happy, Happy, Happiest Holiday Season! I hope you enjoyed our cover story about Santa's visits with our children over the past 20 years.

My 25th anniversary as CEO at Providence House is this year, and I can still remember Rich Sulzer's – the Singing Santa – first visit with our children. Rich was, and still is, so impressive in his Father Christmas costume.

Even more impressive is his joy in spending time with our children. Especially as they tug on his beard to make sure he is real!

But the real miracle of this enduring joyous and giving spirit is that Rich and Keith aren't the only ones. Every year, every month, every day, supporters like you have been with us through the years. Some we recall so fondly, who have passed on and remembered our children even in their estate plans, others who continue to give annually and even monthly to help us meet our mission and promise to keep children safe and families together.

We are so very grateful and honored to have such amazing and enduring supporters and champions that help us care for the babies and children whose families come to us for their safe haven. Your gifts have sustained us for over 45 years and for over 20,000 children that we have kept safe through each and every holiday and throughout each and every year.

Every year, children around the world anxiously await their visit from Santa. They write their wishes and dreams believing that they will be granted every holiday season. And for the children at Providence House, their wishes and dream are fulfilled – by you, each and every day, through your gifts to keep them safe, loved and cared for.

We know that Santa will come again this year to Providence House. And I hope it will be YOU. Through your gifts this holiday season and all year long.

Warmest wishes to you, and yours for peace and joy in 2027!

Natalie

Natalie A. Leek, President & CEO