

Your support makes stories like these possible ...

EVAN

When Evan was young, his father died. During his teenage years, his relationship with his mother and family became difficult and complicated. At 17, he ran away. After sleeping outside for a few days, Evan told a caring adult about his situation and eventually came to Haven House Services' Wrenn House shelter – the only temporary shelter in the Triangle area for youth ages 10-17 who are homeless or in crisis.

Evan stayed at Wrenn House for several weeks while staff helped him to set goals for his future and worked with him and his mother to figure out a safe, stable housing plan. During his stay at Wrenn House, Evan became more confident. Eventually, he enrolled in a residential job training program and plans to return home upon completion. He says he is thankful every day for the help he found at Wrenn House.

JOHN



John is a 16-year-old boy who came to stay at Wrenn House, our temporary shelter for youth who are homeless or in-crisis, after he and his mother became homeless. His mother brought John to Wrenn House so he would have a safe place to stay while she stayed with a relative and worked on securing a new place for her and her son live. Staff at Wrenn House transported John to and from school every day to keep his life as normal as possible during this difficult time. Staff also connected his mother with a community partner organization to help her secure housing and basic need items, such as food and clothing.

After a few weeks, housing became available, and John and his mother were able to reunite and move into their new home in time for the holidays. Upon leaving Wrenn House, John's grateful mother said Wrenn House saved both their lives.

RAY

Ray was 13 when he moved to Raleigh with his single father. His dad took on two jobs while looking for stable housing. Due to his age, Ray was unable to stay with his father at the men's shelter so his dad brought him to Wrenn House. Ray stayed at Wrenn House for nearly a month while his dad saved up enough money to move them into an apartment. Haven House staff members reached out to several donors to help Ray and his dad furnish their new home. A year later, Ray and his father are still living in their apartment and continue to thrive. Ray is currently doing well at school and is looking forward to another year in his new city.