

# the HISTORY

## of Haven House Services



1972

### the Idea

Reverend Al Dimmock was volunteering in juvenile court during the case of a young girl trying to escape an abusive household. Presiding Judge George Bason voiced concern over the lack of options available for her. Though he felt placement in a training school (a locked facility) was not appropriate for her, there was no other place he could send her. This case compelled Rev. Dimmock and Judge Bason to rally the community to create a place of refuge for young people experiencing difficult situations.

1973

### Incorporated

With a \$1,000 contribution by the Presbyterian Urban Council of Raleigh, a working committee consisting of community citizens and leaders began efforts to establish a program to work with youth in need. These citizens became the founding Board of Directors for Haven House (see names below). Haven House Services was incorporated on September 11, 1973. West Raleigh Presbyterian Church offered a house and the Junior League of Raleigh contributed \$20,000 to renovate and furnish a home for girls.



1981

### Wrenn House & TLP

**Wrenn House**, the area's only emergency shelter for homeless, runaway, and in-crisis youth, opens. Preparation for Independent Living, later renamed **Transitional Living Program (TLP)**, began offering a drop-in program and transitional living assistance to homeless youth.

2001

### National Award

Haven House Services is awarded the National Leadership Award of Excellence and named Outstanding Agency of the Year for achievements that have significantly advanced the field of youth services at the 25th National Network for Youth Symposium in Washington, D.C.



2003

### RCS & Street Outreach

**Restitution and Community Service (RCS)** program begins to allow diverted and court-involved youth to perform supervised community service hours and/or restitution to benefit victims. **Street Outreach** program to provide assistance to homeless and street-dependent youth opens.

2010

### Gang Outreach

**Gang Outreach** program begins to help curb gang activity for youth at-risk of gang involvement or currently gang-involved.

2013

### JAT

**Juvenile Assessment Team (JAT)** starts conducting screenings and comprehensive clinical assessments for juvenile court-involved youth.



2020

### Youth Career Options

**Youth Career Options** helps youth ages 16-17 identify strengths and career interests and build soft skills needed for job readiness and success

1974 - 1975

### Homes Open

After receiving additional funding from the state, county, and city, Haven House for Girls opens on September 29, 1974. In September 1975, additional funds were awarded and the Raleigh and Capitol City Kiwanis Clubs contributed \$10,000 for renovation of a home. On December 14, 1975 Haven House for Boys opens. These homes operated until 2008.

1987

### Safe Place

**Safe Place**, a network of 200 county-wide locations to assist youth in crisis, becomes a component of our Wrenn House shelter.



2002

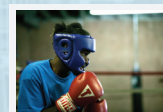
### MST

**Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)** program begins. Helps strengthen family unit so youth can successfully remain in their homes and communities.

2005

### Second Round

**Second Round** after-school program begins. Uses boxing and fitness to help youth learn self-discipline, increase self-esteem, build social skills, and curb risky behaviors.



2011

### JDT & CAP

**Juvenile Diversion Team (JDT)** program begins work with youth exhibiting troubling behaviors who are not yet court-involved. **Community Alternatives Program (CAP)** starts providing intensive case management and monitoring, as well as family support, for youth currently at risk for placement in detention or pending release from detention.

2018

### Raleigh Hall of Fame

Haven House Services inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame

2022

11 programs  
helping 1,200  
youth each year



Haven House  
Services

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