

# the HISTORY

## of Haven House Services



### 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. 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.



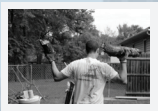
### 1981 Wrenn House & TLP

**Wrenn House**, the area's only emergency shelter for homeless, runaway, and in-crisis youth, opens. Preparation for Independent Living, later renamed **Transitional in Place (TIP)**, 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. In 2020, the program is renamed to G.R.I.T. (Gang Reduction & Intervention Team).

### 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

### 2020 Our New Home



In October 2020, we purchased our first-ever permanent home for our agency headquarters. Extensive renovations begin. Staff moved in spring 2021. Renovations continue through 2023.

### 2022 Record # Served

1,436 youth were served across 11 programs, the highest annual number of youth served that we have recorded. We saw a 93% increase in the number of youth served in our three Crisis & Homeless Services over the past three years.

### 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.

#### Homes Open

### 1974 - 1975

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

#### Safe Place

### 1987

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



#### MST

### 2002

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

#### Second Round

### 2005

**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.



#### JDT & CAP

### 2011

**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.

#### Raleigh Hall of Fame

### 2018

Haven House Services inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame.

#### COVID-19 Pandemic

### 2020-2021

During the pandemic, all of Haven House's programs remained open. Wrenn House stayed open 24/7 and all other programs were immediately modified to operate virtually. Staff members answered nearly double the amount of crisis calls in just the first month of the pandemic and provided contact-free delivery of necessary items to families.

### 2023

#### 50th Anniversary and more!

2023 is Haven House Services' 50th Anniversary. To meet the immense need in our community for additional mental health services for youth, we are in the midst of launching an outpatient mental health program.



**Empowering Youth. Changing Futures.**