

# THE HISTORY

OF HAVEN HOUSE SERVICES

1972

The Idea

Reverend Al Dimmock was 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

Incorporation



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.

1974-75

Homes Open

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. Homes like these operated until 2008.



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 Transition in Place (TIP), began offering a drop-in program and transitional living assistance to homeless youth.



1987

Safe Place



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

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.



2002

MST



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

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.

2005

Second Round

Second Round after-school program begins. The program uses boxing and fitness to help youth learn self-discipline, increase self-esteem, build skills, and address risk behaviors.



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). In 2023, the program merges with Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

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.



2013

JAT



Juvenile Assessment Team (JAT) starts conducting screenings and comprehensive clinical assessments for youth involved in the juvenile court system.

2018

Raleigh Hall of Fame

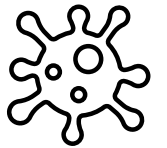
Haven House Services inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame.



2020-2021

COVID-19 Pandemic

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.



2021

Permanent Home



The Haven for Good capital campaign raises \$3.4 million, enabling us to move into our new permanent home at 1008 Bullard Court in Raleigh.

2023

50 YEARS!



2023 is Haven House Services' 50th Anniversary. To meet the immense need in our community for additional mental health services for youth, we are adding additional clinical support to our programs.

2024

Record # Served

1,519 youth were served across 10 programs, the highest annual number of youth served that we have recorded. We saw a 106% increase in the number of youth served in our Street Outreach program in the past year.

