



Providence  
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## Summer Fun at Providence House

The summer months are full of sunshine and smiles for the children staying at Providence House!

Our Childcare Team takes special care in planning fun-filled days for our kiddos so they can truly enjoy just being kids – ensuring they feel safe and loved and knowing they will soon return home to their mommies and daddies.

The children spend lots of quality time playing outside on the incredible playgrounds at both of our Crisis Nurseries, and we bring out the sprinkler, water table, and slip-and-slide to help them stay cool on those hot days.

Warm weather means more opportunities for exciting field trips across Greater Cleveland so our kiddos can experience all our community has to offer! Some of our summer favorites are exploring the Rocky River and Shaker Lakes Nature Centers, enjoying some beach time at the Lindsey Family Play Space at Edgewater Park, and cheering on the Cleveland Guardians at Progressive Field!

While all of our activities prioritize our children's safety, wellness, and development, if you ask them, they're just having fun in the sun away from the crises that many experience before coming to Providence House!



### OUR SUMMER WISH LIST

You can help our children enjoy a summer to remember by donating items from our Wish List!



Children's Bathing Suits  
All Sizes



Freeze Pops for Shelf Storage  
100% Juice Preferred



Sunscreen



Outdoor Toys & Games



Donations can be dropped off at or mailed to our West Campus in Ohio City,  
2050 West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44133.



# Share Some Lemonade Love

## A SWEET WAY FOR KIDS TO HELP KIDS

Lemonade Love is a fun opportunity for even the youngest members of our community to make a difference for our children and earn service hours with their family, troop, club, and more!

You can share some lemonade love this summer by hosting a lemonade fundraiser outside or online to collect donations to support the children staying at Providence House!

Donations will be used to help provide loving care and fun summer activities for the children in our Crisis Nurseries.

We have a full Lemonade Love Tool Kit on our website with all of the instructions and materials you need to host an in-person lemonade stand or a fundraiser on social media to support Providence House.

It even includes a video featuring two of our sweet supporters – Gwen and Peyton – giving a step-by-step demonstration of how to make delicious lemonade!

You can find it all at [\*\*provhouse.org/lemonade\*\*](https://provhouse.org/lemonade)



## SUCCESS STORY *Tamera & Tiana*

Tamera was facing eviction and reached out to Providence House for a safe place for her 3-year old daughter, Tiana, to stay and help finding a new place for them to live. The gas had been disconnected in their home, and Tamera needed support creating a childcare plan for Tiana so she could maintain her job to provide for them both.

Tiana stayed in our Crisis Nursery where she enjoyed art, theater and music classes provided by the Beck Center for the Arts, and a fun field trip to the Children's Museum! Our Social Work Team spent time working with her on emotional regulation and provided her Mom with parenting tools to continue helping her at home.

Our Social Work Team also helped her mom, Tamera, apply for benefits and identify resources available to address her outstanding utility payments.

Thanks to the support of Providence House, Tamera was able to find a new job with higher pay, secure SNAP Benefits and childcare for Tiana, and get her driver's license and a new car!

Most importantly, she was able to welcome Tiana to their safe, new home where they're thriving together this summer!

See more family success stories at [\*\*provhouse.org/success\*\*](https://provhouse.org/success)





# Enjoy a Day on the Green “Fore” Our Children

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE PROVIDENCE HOUSE CHARITY CLASSIC!

Join the Providence House Board of Directors at the illustrious Barrington Golf Course to help us keep kids safe and families together across Greater Cleveland! Our 2nd Annual Charity Classic Presented by Exscape Designs is on Monday, August 18!

The event starts at 10 am with a shotgun scramble and includes 18 holes of golf, a delicious lunch and dinner, on-course beverages and a premier guest gift!

- **Purchase a Foursome** to experience the incredible Barrington Golf Course
- **Sponsor the Event** to receive exciting benefits highlighting your company
- **Join the Dinner** to network with our supporters and learn more about our mission

Don't miss your chance to make a difference at this exclusive event!

Sign up today at [provhouse.org/charityclassic](https://provhouse.org/charityclassic)

## PRESENTING SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Our wonderful friend, Exscape Designs Founder & CEO Bill Dysert, shares why his team chose to support Providence House and our Charity Classic, and encourages others to do the same!



### How Did Exscape Designs Decide to Support Providence House?

We believe strong communities are built from the ground up—just like the outdoor spaces we create. Your mission to keep children safe and families together resonates deeply with our values.

We're a company rooted in family, compassion, and care, and we admire the critical work Providence House does to offer safety, dignity, and hope to families in crisis.

### What Inspired Exscape Designs to Return as the Presenting Sponsor?

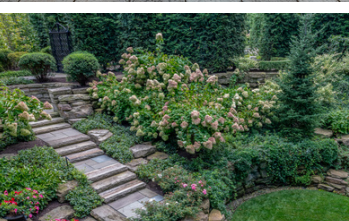
After experiencing the impact of last year's Charity Classic—both in the generosity of the community and the stories of families helped—we knew we wanted to do more. It's more than a golf outing; it's a movement of people coming together to support children and parents in times of need.

This is a partnership that gives back in real, visible ways. Our support goes directly toward helping children and families during their most vulnerable moments.

### Tell us About Exscape Designs' Services and Mission!

Exscape Designs is a full-service landscape design/build company committed to transforming outdoor spaces into functional, beautiful extensions of home and lifestyle. Whether it's patios, outdoor kitchens, lighting, or full property redesigns, our mission is to deliver exceptional experiences through creativity, craftsmanship, and care. At our core, we're about people—our clients, our team, and the communities we serve.

Contact Exscape Designs at 440.729.0011 or [exscapedesigns.com](https://exscapedesigns.com)



# Create a Legacy of Hope

In loving memory of dedicated champions and donors who have remembered us in their legacy plans, Providence House was recently able to establish the first endowment in our history! This special fund will help ensure our life-changing services are available to children and families in crisis for generations to come!

Our **“In Celebration of Hope and Joy” Endowment Fund** was named in honor of our Founder, Sr. Hope Greener, CSJ, and her long-time friend and champion for our babies and children, Rena Joy (Blumberg) Olshansky. While we sadly bid them both farewell recently, their legacy of love lives on for our children.

We are blessed and honored to have their legacy strengthened by our recently departed friends and donors who remembered our little ones in their estate plans:

## *In Loving Memory of Our Dedicated Supporters*

Juliana E. ♥ Judith L. ♥ Frances O. ♥ Rosella P. ♥ Jeannette S.

A legacy gift provides a lifeline and offers sustainable support for Providence House to provide safety and shelter for children, stability and support for families, and a brighter future together.

## How You Can Provide a Lifeline

### Include a Gift in Your Will or Trust

Use FreeWill, an easy, free online tool to create your will in 20 minutes.

### Name Us as a Retirement Asset Beneficiary

Avoid taxes on retirement assets. Your gift goes further, tax-free!

### Make a Gift of Life Insurance

Request a contingent beneficiary form from your insurer to protect generations of children!

### Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity

Receive lifetime income and tax benefits while supporting Providence House. It's a gift that gives back!

## August is Make-A-Will Month!

Did you know that nearly 70% of people don't have a Will, Trust, or Estate Plan? This simple step can prevent your lifetime assets from ending up in probate and costly legal limbo for your family or your preferred nonprofit.

There's no better time to take this important step. Whether you're writing your first will or updating an existing one, August is the perfect time to plan for your future, your family, and the children in need at Providence House!

When you make a legacy gift to Providence House, you ensure that every child has a safe place to sleep and every family has the chance to stay together.

You can be the reason hope never ends for children and families in crisis. Contact Donor Engagement Manager, **Miranda Moulton** at [mirandam@provhouse.org](mailto:mirandam@provhouse.org) or visit [FreeWill.com](https://FreeWill.com) today.





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# A NOTE FROM Natalie



I often share my belief that Providence House exists for two primary reasons: the babies and children whose families need us to keep them safe **and** the donors who support us to provide loving care.

For 44 years, over 16,000 children and families have been helped by Providence House thanks to thousands of generous donors who open their hearts to help every child as if they were their own.

Providence House is primarily funded through private donations. As our services grow and demand increases, we often reach out for support to meet the escalating need for our services.

Thankfully, our loyal and loving donor community has never let our children down! In this and future newsletters, **we will be celebrating some of the people who support our mission in many meaningful ways.**

We're teeing-up for round two of our **Annual Charity Classic** on August 18! This new and wildly successful golf outing is hosted by our Board of Directors. Returning this year as our **Presenting Sponsor is Exscape Designs, led by Bill Dysert.** Our event sponsors are vital to our overall success by making significant investments in our mission. Please join Bill and other Providence House sponsors and guests for a fabulous day on the course "fore" our children!

Nothing is more heartwarming than children helping other children. Our **Lemonade Love** program is just one way that children across our community are helping the children at Providence House with joyful hearts and fun fundraisers.

Gwen and Peyton are two of the many children hosting Lemonade Love fundraisers this summer! Check out more "Fun Fundraisers" for your kiddos to help ours at **[provhouse.org/fundraisers](http://provhouse.org/fundraisers)**

And coming full circle, we are profoundly honored to be remembered by donors who have chosen Providence House as a beneficiary of their Estate Plans and Bequests. While we sadly bid farewell to several dear, life-long supporters in recent months, we celebrate their living legacy to us through every child they continue to help through their loving remembrance during **"Make a Will Month"** in August.

We have so many needs to fill for the babies and children at Providence House, and so many ways you can help!

Please join in the summer fun and help our children today!

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Natalie A. Leek, President & CEO