



Making the Holidays Magical For Families in Crisis

Memories of holidays spent with loved ones are precious, and something we want all Providence House children to be able to cherish. As our families face the most challenging times of their lives, it's more important than ever to surround them with the love, support, and joy everyone deserves this time of year.

We're excited to share how the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our team make magical holiday memories possible for our families, through the story of Sydney and Julia.

Last December, Sydney was facing eviction and struggling to secure daycare for her daughter, Julia, so she could return to work. Sydney was worried Julia might be taken away from her, and wanted to ensure her safety.

She brought Julia to stay at Providence House, where she enjoyed fun holiday activities with our loving Childcare Providers. Julia even met Santa during his annual visit to our Crisis Nursery!

Knowing Julia was safe, Sydney was able to work towards improving stability for her family with the support of our Social Work Team. As she began accomplishing her goals, a very important one seemed out of reach - spending Christmas with her daughter.

Our Social Workers saw the great progress Sydney was making and arranged for Julia to spend the holiday at home with her mom. We provided Sydney with decorations and presents for Julia to open on Christmas morning, as well as a special meal for them to enjoy together as they watched Christmas movies.

Sydney soon secured a new job and daycare for Julia, who returned home in January. Sydney shared how welcome she felt at Providence House and how grateful she is for the support she received in becoming the best caregiver possible for Julia.

This Christmas, they're excited to make new holiday memories with Julia's baby brother, Damien, and join other Providence House families for celebrations with our Aftercare Program!

Sydney & Julia

How to Help Providence House This *Holiday Season*

There are so many fun ways you can make the holidays special for our children and families!

We have a **Holiday Wish List** full of toys and essential items needed in our Crisis Nurseries, and helpful holiday fundraising resources available at provhouse.org/holiday.

Here are a few ideas to get you started - and inspiring quotes from some of our supporters!



Organize a Giving Tree or Gift Drive

Your family, company, or organization can host a holiday giving tree or gift drive to benefit the babies and children of Providence House.

Donor Spotlight



MetroHealth

Devoted to Hope, Health, and Humanity

MetroHealth's Parma Emergency Department is hosting a Giving Tree for our children!

Many MetroHealth teams have supported us with fundraisers!

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It means a great deal to us to support children and families experiencing crisis. We see them when they are in the hospital setting, and when our patients leave, they are always on our minds and in our thoughts.

Hosting a Giving Tree to collect donations for them makes it a full circle of care for us. To give even one child a smile or happiness through a difficult time is priceless.

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Host a Holiday Party

Ask your guests to bring a gift for Providence House instead of a host gift.



Give a Gift in Honor of Family, Friends, or Colleagues

We'll send them a special holiday card featuring our children's artwork to let them know you are supporting the children and families of Providence House in their honor.



Make a Stock or an IRA Gift

Maximize your potential tax benefits while making a significant impact on our mission with a stock or IRA charitable rollover donation! You can find all of the details online at provhouse.org/stock or provhouse.org/IRA



Donor Spotlight

Local Artist Charlotte Lees donated beautiful pieces of her artwork to our East Campus, and also supports our mission through annual IRA Gifts!

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I was searching for a nonprofit organization that had a long, successful Cleveland connection, and I found that in Providence House.

Using my IRA has the benefit of reducing my income taxes while supporting an excellent organization that provides a beautiful, healing environment for children and families in crisis.

For those who are able, I highly recommend looking into supporting Providence House in this way.

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Deck ^{THE} House

30th Annual Benefit Auction

Tuesday
December 9

Huntington Bank Field
Canada Dry City Club

From 5:30
to 9:30 PM

Join Us for the Best Holiday Party in Town - Hosted by the Cleveland Browns!

Featuring Celebrity Host Bloomdaddy

of iHeartMedia's Newsradio WTAM 1100 AM & 106.9 FM

Celebrate

The season surrounded by gorgeous, professionally decorated trees while enjoying delicious cuisine & cocktails

Browse & Bid

On our specially curated selection of exclusive live and silent auction packages & experiences

Experience

Cleveland Browns History as a player is honored with the prestigious Ed Block Courage Award

Help Providence House give the gift of loving care to children and families in crisis this upcoming year during an evening filled with holiday cheer!

PURCHASE TICKETS & SPONSORSHIP provhouse.org/deckthehouse



CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Our friends at the GPD Employees' Foundation are incredible partners in supporting our mission to keep kids safe and families together. GPD's generosity and team engagement truly make a difference for our children. Read about their Corporate Partnership and why they encourage others to get involved in our year-long program!



What Inspired GPD to Support Providence House?

Our mission centers around "making a difference in the lives of children," and Providence House does that every single day. We appreciate how Providence House goes above and beyond to not only keep families together but to help them improve their situation and build a better future. We believe that by supporting the most vulnerable members of our community, we are helping build strong communities for the future.

How do GPD Employees Benefit from Our Partnership?

Providence House has been an outstanding partner to engage with. They consistently bring fresh, exciting opportunities for our employees to get involved. Whether it's volunteering, attending events, or supporting shared initiatives, our team feels energized and inspired by the connection. It's been a meaningful way to reinforce our aligned missions while building community and purpose within our workplace.

Why Would You Encourage Other Organizations to Partner with Providence House?

You can be 100% certain that your financial contributions are going towards something truly meaningful and making a profound impact on the lives of individuals, families, and the community. When you visit Providence House, you see that the kids who stay there are loved and cared for in every way. It's a home in which all kids are valued and, most importantly, safe. You will be proud to support them!



You can learn more about the GPD Employees' Foundation at gpdfoundation.org

OUR IMPACT IN 2024-2025

We Helped Families Stay Together

99% of families who brought a child to our Crisis Nurseries stayed together after successfully resolving the crisis that brought them to us!

99%

We Served 2,141 Children & Families



Across all of our programs

We Built Trust in Our Services



87% of our families self-referred based on a recommendation from someone who had a positive experience with Providence House.

See more Providence House highlights
provhouse.org/impact

We Cared for 214 Children

211 through our Crisis Nursery Program

3 in our Emergency Placement Program



340 children were on our waiting list or completely unserved due to increased demand for our services.

We Provided Essential Items

312 families received **1,106 items**



We help families make ends meet by providing items such as diapers, wipes, children's clothing and hygiene products.

SUCCESS STORY *Lisa & Dante*

When Lisa reached out to Providence House, she was facing a mental health crisis and needed help creating a safe, stable home for her and her 4-year-old autistic son, Dante. While Dante was cared for at Providence House, Lisa engaged in therapy and psychiatry services to support her mental health and begin her healing journey.

As she made significant progress, Lisa was able to turn her focus to Dante's needs. Through the support of Providence House, Dante attended weekly occupational therapy sessions, was connected with early childhood mental health services, and completed his Pre-K assessment and diagnostic evaluation. Dante received an Individualized Education Plan and was enrolled in a full-day preschool program tailored to children with autism, to ensure he continues to thrive.

Providence House partnered with a local housing agency to address repairs needed in Lisa's house and secured a new bed and bedding for Dante. After six weeks, Lisa welcomed Dante back to their home in the Buckeye Neighborhood, right near our East Campus.

Not long after returning home, Dante and Lisa passed by Providence House on their way home from preschool, and waved happily to our staff outside — a joyful reminder that their Providence House family is always here to support them!

See more family success stories at provhouse.org/success

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A NOTE FROM *Natalie*



It's that most wonderful time of the year! Time to deck the halls – or in our case, Deck the House – for everyone at Providence House.

For us, Deck the House means more than our exciting event to ring in the holidays with our friends and donors to support our children (though we do hope you join us!).

It means creating special memories for children who will be celebrating the holidays with us in our Crisis Nurseries. For some, it may be their first traditional Thanksgiving meal, holiday tree, or visit with Santa. For others, it may be the first time they've seen a Nativity manger, Menorah, Dreidel, or Kwanzaa Kinara. Every child staying with us through the holidays shares the special traditions of all the children we care for.

And no holiday is complete without family. We invite the parents, guardians, grandparents, and siblings of children who may have nowhere else to go, to come “home for the holidays” at Providence House to visit and celebrate together. Families are also able to “shop” for gifts for their children ahead of time with volunteers and staff who help wrap items for their children.

But **the greatest gifts of all come from you. The gifts of safety, care, and love that we provide to our children** are gifts that we are only able to give them because of you.

Your gifts and donations through the holidays and throughout the year are the reason that nearly 500 babies and children in our community will receive the safety and care that they need. And ultimately, the reason 99% of our children can safely go home to their families following our services.

Please help us celebrate the holidays with our babies and children this year by making a gift, hosting a holiday giving tree, or remembering someone special with a holiday “Kid’s Card” in their honor. Every gift helps every child who needs us this holiday and every day.

During this most wonderful time of the year, I hope you are also decking your house and celebrating with family and friends.

And I hope that you know we are sending you our deepest gratitude and warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season and joyous New Year!

Natalie A. Leek, President & CEO



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Making Holiday Magic



Our Impact Last Year



Deck the House

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for Deck the House!

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