



Celebrating 35 years of Protecting, Empowering and Building Safer Communities for *Every Child*.

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*Kind words from parents helped by Providence House*

**You are all angels**  
and helped me through one of  
the most challenging times  
of my family's life.

Providence House  
came through at the  
perfect time because  
**I was ready to give up.**  
They helped me  
to de-stress and re-evaluate  
my situation and  
**restored hope**  
for me.

Providence House  
helped me with resources  
to get my family what  
we needed, when we needed it.  
**I love, love,  
love it here.**

My child felt  
**comfortable**  
**and "at home"**  
which made me  
feel the same.

**Thank you**  
**for being there**  
for my son while I was  
unable to be there.  
**I am so thankful**  
for Providence House.

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# Natalie's Note:

For the past 15 years, I have shared stories about how your support helps hundreds of babies and children find safety and love at Providence House. But why do our donors give? What compels these quiet champions in our community to support our children month after month, year after year?



We asked them. And they shared their special stories. Your stories. Your personal reasons for helping our babies. We are so blessed and thankful for you and the donors who have shared their resources and reasons for helping our children. Let me share some of the testimonials about why these amazing individuals support our little ones:

***"I was poor when I was a kid and that's one of the reasons I donate.***

***I know what it's like to just scrape by."***

– Juliana

***"We have been able to feel that we are a part of a larger goal being achieved by proud Clevelanders, a city that leaves no child behind."***

– Keith and April

***"I donate monthly to remind myself that the children are counting on people like you and me not to give up hope."***

– Sharon

***"Providence House does a fantastic job of helping children and their families get on track and begin again."***

– John and Janet

***"Being parents of three young children ourselves, we understand the importance of the support Providence House offers to parents looking for a safe place for their children in times of crisis."***

– Niklas and Jennifer

Thank you! We are so honored to be your hearts and hands to care for our most vulnerable babies and children.

Sadly, more children than ever need all of us. Thankfully, we are here and able to care for them through your support. I hope you will continue to support our children and make a special holiday gift to help us serve the growing number of children that we must protect at Providence House.

As one of our very special donors shared in their note to us, "Please consider supporting this very special and successful mission and help give these children and their families a fighting chance."

Thank you, John and Janet. For your support, for fighting with us, and for your love of our children for so many years. You keep us going and rally so many others to believe that children in our community CAN grow up in safe loving homes with all of our help.

Like John and Janet, Keith and April, Juliana, Niklas and Jennifer, and Sharon, I hope that you will add the babies and children at Providence House to your holiday gift list this year. And know, like they do, that you have given a child in crisis hope for a brighter, safer future through your loving gift.

***Love and joy to you, yours, and everyone in our Providence House PHamily!***





# So Many Ways to Give!

## Send cards to PHriends and PHamily

This holiday season make a donation in the name of friends or family to help a baby or child in crisis at Providence House.

For a minimum donation of \$10 per individual, we will mail a holiday honorarium card to your family or friends. Just send us your gift and mailing list and we'll get them in the mail for you!

## Host a Giving Tree

Host a Holiday Gift Drive or Giving Tree.

Visit [provhouse.org](http://provhouse.org) for our wish list, Holiday Giving Tree materials, or to give online!

## Donate items

Consider donating antiques and fine collectibles (valued at \$300+) to Providence House. You can benefit from a tax deduction, and this spring we will work with a local auction house to sell these items and generate a financial contribution to PH.

## Other Ways to Give

- **Sign Up for Amazon Smile and support** Providence House as you shop on Amazon this holiday season! Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Providence House as your charity. A percentage of your Amazon purchases will automatically be donated to help our children.
- **Make a monetary gift or host a holiday party** and ask guests to bring a gift or an item from our wish list (see below)!

Contact us at [info@provhouse.org](mailto:info@provhouse.org) or call 216-651-5982 to learn more about any of these opportunities.



## Holiday WISH LIST

Please consider donating items from our Holiday Wish List this season to help the children at Providence House throughout the coming year.

### CHILDREN'S ITEMS\*

- Tommee Tippee Baby Bottles
- Tommee Tippee Sippy Cups
- Boy's and Girl's Pull-Ups (Sizes 3T/4T and 4T/5T)
- Unscented Baby Wipes
- Children's Pants and Shorts (Sizes 2T – 12/14)
- Boys' Underwear (Sizes 6 – 12/14)
- Boys' and Girls' Undershirts (2T+)
- Boys' and Girls' Shoes (Sizes 12+)
- Late Stage Toddler Toys (18-36 months)
- Children's Suitcases
- Similac Isomil Soy Formula
- Similac Neosure Formula
- Teddy Bears

### GROCERIES\*

- Canned Fruit (Pineapples, Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail)
- Fruit Juices (Pouches and Half Gallons)
- Cheese Crackers
- Popcorn
- Fruit Snacks

### GIFT CARDS

- Giant Eagle
- Target
- Walmart
- Dave's Supermarket
- Gas Cards
- Weekly RTA Bus Passes

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS\*

- Liquid Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Aquaphor®
- White Hand Towels
- Full Zip Waterproof Twin Mattress Protectors
- White and Colored Washcloths
- Baby Lotion

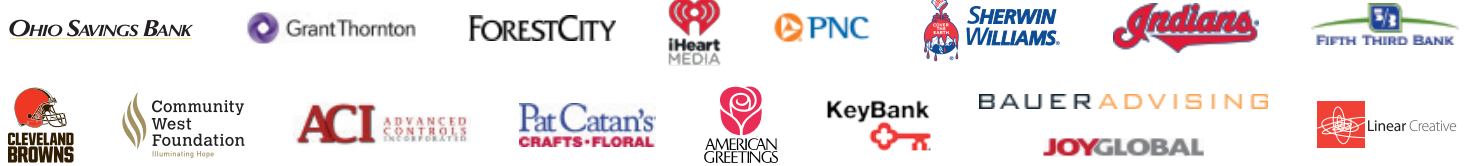
### MONETARY DONATIONS

Please make checks payable to Providence House or visit [provhouse.org](http://provhouse.org) to make a gift online.

\*View full wish list at [provhouse.org](http://provhouse.org)

# SPOTLIGHT ON: A Caring Community

We are so thankful for the generous support we receive from the community. Thank you to our 2016 Annual Corporate Partners:



Your company can become a Corporate Partner - a single annual gift supports the babies and children of Providence House while also giving you access to our special events and advertising.

Contact Susie Bauer at 216-651-5982 or [susie@providencehouse.org](mailto:susie@providencehouse.org) for more information.

## Elisabeth's House!

Elisabeth's House: The Prentiss Wellness Nursery supports children in crisis who also have medical needs. Since opening in November 2015, the Wellness Nursery has served 33 children from 21 families and the children we've cared for have these conditions:

- Asthma
- Autism
- Autoimmune Allergies
- Cardiovascular Issues
- Cerebral Palsy
- Elevated Lead Levels
- Failure to Thrive
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Narcotic Weaned Infants
- Premature Infants
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Spina Bifida
- Stroke

### Child Outcomes

**88%** of children cared for in the Wellness Nursery were not readmitted to the hospital during their stay at Providence House.

**89%** of children served were reunified with their parent or guardian.



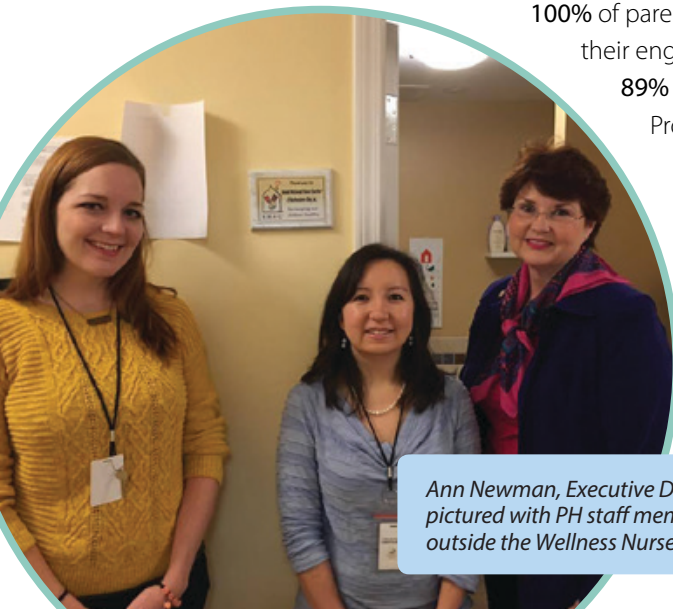
### Parent Outcomes

**100%** of parents reported their bond with their child stayed the same or improved during their engagement with our services.

**89%** of parents felt their parenting skills had improved during their engagement with Providence House.

**89%** of parents felt their family stability increased during their engagement with Providence House.

Children staying in our traditional Crisis Nursery receive a well-child exam in the Wellness Nursery's pediatric exam room. The exam room equipment was purchased through a grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio. We are grateful for their support, which has helped us to provide over 250 well-child exams in the past year!



*Ann Newman, Executive Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities, pictured with PH staff members Annette Iwamoto and Eva McKnight outside the Wellness Nursery Pediatric Exam Room funded by RMHC.*

# 21st Annual Deck the House

Don't miss the best holiday party in town! Join Providence House, Honorary Chairs Annie and Joe Thomas (#73, Cleveland Browns Offensive Lineman), and Celebrity Auctioneers Jimmy Malone (WMJI 105.7) and Andrea Vecchio for our 21st Annual Deck the House Benefit Auction, presented by the Cleveland Browns.

This year's auction features trips, tickets, toys, treasures, and time-of-your-life experiences, including:

- A chance to cheer on the Tribe from the Owner's Loge.
- Your choice of a dinner, cocktail party, or cookout in the Skylight Penthouse catered by Crop Bistro.
- A Christmas Day game featuring the Cleveland Cavaliers and Golden State Warriors in a suite for 12, plus parking passes and a \$1,500 food and beverage credit.

**Date:** Tuesday, December 6th

**Time:** 5:30-9:30 pm

**Location:** FirstEnergy Stadium (Home of the Cleveland Browns) City View Lounge

## Tickets:

**VIP** – \$150 each (\$90 tax-deductible)

Includes deluxe buffet dinner and dessert, two complimentary drink tickets, shopping, and entertainment, plus express checkout (buy now, pick up later) and a special guest gift.

**General** – \$75 each (\$20 tax-deductible)

Includes deluxe buffet dinner and dessert, one complimentary drink ticket, shopping, and entertainment.

## Questions?

Please contact Kayla Naticchioni at **216-651-5982 ext. 225** or **Kayla@provhouse.org**.



## 'TIS THE SEASON

We hope you can join us  
on December 6th!

Visit [provhouse.org/events](http://provhouse.org/events)  
to register today.

## Save the Date:

Don't miss our 2017 Spring Luncheon  
for Every Child on Friday, April 21st.

Check [provhouse.org](http://provhouse.org) for ticket  
information in the New Year!

# Looking to Get Involved?!

- Join our Young Professionals group, the PHriends! Throughout the year, the group works to raise awareness about Providence House, and funds to support the children who stay here. They do this through various events including happy hours. This past year, their annual pARTy with PHriends was a beer and wine tasting event that showcased children's art at 78th Street Studios. The event was a huge success! They can also be seen helping out in the community and at the house. Interested in getting involved? Learn more at [provhouse.org/phriends](http://provhouse.org/phriends). Be sure to save the date for next year's 5th Annual pARTy with PHriends on September 29, 2017!
- Want to host a fundraising event for Providence House? Groups, schools, churches, offices and individuals often sponsor their own fundraisers to benefit the babies and children of Providence House. We hope you will host one, too! Some of the most popular fundraisers hosted on behalf of Providence House include Lemonade Stands and Baby Showers!



**Kichler Lighting recently hosted a charity  
softball tournament and raised \$10,000!**



On social media? Find us on  
**Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, and Pinterest!**

Connect with Providence House through social media or go to [provhouse.org](http://provhouse.org)  
to see pictures of our fall events.



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## VOLUNTEERS GET IT DONE...IN A DAY!

Are you looking for a service project for your group or workplace? Do you want a volunteer project that you can get "Done in a Day?" Consider getting it done at Providence House! Call 216-651-5982 x237 for more information.

Thank you to the following groups for getting it done in a day at Providence House this year!

- Baldwin Wallace Scholars
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- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland Browns
- Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland Club of Washington University in St. Louis
- Dominion East Ohio
- Engage Cleveland
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- Fairview Hospital Quality Management
- First Christian Church of Medina
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