



# Helping Families in Crisis for more than 120 Years

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# CCH Today



CCH has evolved into a secular non-profit organization that specializes in the treatment of children and adolescents in crisis, and their families. Residential care is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year at our Lorain Avenue home.

Most of the youth come to us from foster care, other residential centers, or hospitals. They have a history of severe abuse or neglect, have demonstrated disruptive behaviors and/or delinquency, and cognitive differences.

The Home is a three-story 21,000 square foot facility with a maximum bed capacity of 54. Every guest in residential treatment has their own private bedroom. The facility also has an outdoor swimming pool; a free-standing school building with multiple classrooms, operated and staffed by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District; a multi-purpose building that serves as a gymnasium; outdoor recreation areas, including multiple basketball courts; and a media arts room with library, gaming consoles, and a large-screen projection TV for movies and sporting events.

# The Centers Welcomes Cleveland Christian Home into its Corporate Structure



It is with great excitement that we welcomed Cleveland Christian Home (CCH) into The Centers' corporate structure last fall. CCH continues to be the most trusted and reliable choice for children struggling to overcome the toughest emotional and behavioral challenges. The Home **exists to be a haven of hope and healing for children, youth, and families struggling with mental illness, abuse, and neglect.** CCH offers one of the only residential treatment programs in the City of Cleveland with an intensive treatment center. Our success in treating children with trauma has made CCH the go-to organization for children and families in crisis.

In October 2022 CCH and The Centers merged to expand our continuum of care. In this increasingly complex, competitive, and highly regulated environment, scale is of great importance as we continue to keep these direly needed services available in our community. Together, the two organizations can consolidate financial and administrative operations while sharing best practices and drawing on a larger pool of expertise and shared resources. We want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate CCH's former CEO Chuck Tuttle on his retirement. We appreciate your hard work and dedication throughout your career.

It is of utmost importance to both CCH and The Centers that the mission of CCH and the services we provide remain available to the community we serve. This collaboration will continue the legacy of Cleveland Christian Home since its founding in 1900 by Rev. Henry Timme. Congregations, clergy, and lay leaders have worked faithfully and diligently over the years to maintain the spirit and mission of Rev. Timme, and we will continue to deliver on that charge well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Over the past six months, it has been a pleasure meeting CCH's stakeholders and we look forward to meeting more of you in 2023. Thank you for your continued support. Your steadfast generosity has been vital in the lives of hundreds of children and we hope to count on you as we move forward in this exciting new chapter full of opportunities. We welcome your questions and comments.

Best Regards,

Eric L. Morse, MSSA, LISW-S  
President & CEO

<sup>1</sup> The Centers fights for equity by healing, teaching, and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential. Our integrated model coordinates health and wellness services - including primary care, behavioral health care, addiction services, HIV treatment, in-house pharmacies, and dental - along with family support programs, including early childhood development, career training, and job placement. The organization is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit organizations in Northeast Ohio, serving more than 15,000 people annually in our community. Learn more by visiting [www.thecentersohio.org](http://www.thecentersohio.org).

## CCH HISTORY

Cleveland Christian Home (CCH) was founded in **1900** when Rev. Henry Timme, a pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), took in a family of children left on his doorstep. Word soon spread that Rev. Timme's home was a safe haven for children.



In **1905**, Rev. Timme moved the orphanage to the Bosworth farm on Lorain Avenue, and the orphanage expanded to care for 60 children.

In **1924**, with the help of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the farmhouse was replaced with a modern brick building, complete with recreation rooms and dormitories. The Cleveland Christian Home for Children, which is still in use today on Lorain Avenue on Cleveland's West Side, eventually cared for 100 orphans ranging in age from infants to teenagers.

By the **1960's**, as fewer children were orphaned, Cleveland Christian Home found itself taking care of many children who had been the victims of abuse or neglect. To better care for these children, CCH transformed its orphanage on Lorain Avenue into a residential treatment center for abused and neglected children.

# CCH's Capital Campaign for Postive Change

CCH is undergoing a Capital Campaign to update and renovate our facility to better meet the needs of our youth.

In 2022, we were busy renovating our century-old building. We have optimized three of our six residential units, creating warm, welcoming spaces that are kid-friendly and encourage group activities and a sense of community. More work remains to be done in 2023 and we are committed to continued building improvements to ensure that the spaces we create are optimal for trauma-informed care; including the renovation of three additional residential units, yoga-grade flooring, upgraded therapeutic spaces and child play areas.



## Programs

The primary goal of CCH's residential treatment programs is to help our guests develop the skills necessary to function well in a permanent placement and in the community.

The home offers family-driven treatment for youth and their families as directed and allowed by the referring child welfare agency and in support with the family case plan.

### OPEN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Our Open Residential Treatment unit has the capacity to serve 30 males, ages 6-17, who have moderate to severe behavioral health needs. CCH utilizes trauma informed, evidence-based, and culturally competent treatment approaches which considers the pervasive impact of trauma-related behavior and allows for a more integrated approach that addresses each youth's unique treatment needs.

During their time living in the Home, our residents develop coping skills and learn to use self-control to change behaviors and to grow psychologically and emotionally. The use of evidence-based models like Trauma-focused cognitive-behavioral therapy (TF-CBT), includes skills for regulating affect, behavior, thought and relationships, trauma processing and enhancing safety, trust, parenting skills and family communication.

### INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

The secured Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU) provides a trauma informed, therapeutically safe and responsive environment for up to 16 males ages 6-17, who have serious emotional disturbances and are in temporary need of a highly supervised and secure environment for their own safety and/or that of others.

The primary focus of the Intensive Treatment Unit is on the provision of services that enable the child to step down from secured intensive residential care to a less restrictive environment as quickly as possible. The average length of stay ranges from five to eight months, based on treatment progress.



## T-SUITES

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### A New Initiative

At CCH, The Centers has expanded access to the full continuum of behavioral health services for children and adolescents. The first joint initiative – T-Suites – was launched in early 2023. T-Suites is a Short-term Emergency Placement program that provides stability and compassionate care for youth aged 12-17 who may have experienced severe trauma or abuse, as well as, who may have significant emotional or behavioral health challenges.

Children coming into the care of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has increased 46% since January 2017, resulting in the operation of an on-site childcare room at DCFS for an average of 45 children per month. This is not an issue unique to Cuyahoga County; rather it is a pronounced problem throughout Ohio. Contributing to the situation is a decline in persons willing to be foster parents and a rise in children needing to be removed from their home environment for safety reasons.

Serving as a gold standard treatment approach for teens, T-Suites provides youth who have experienced severe abuse or who have significant mental, emotional, or behavioral health concerns an opportunity to be successful and thrive. The T-Suites model is grounded in The Centers’ mission to heal, teach, and inspire.

T-Suites provides emergency beds for eight youth at one time, ages 12-17 years old, with an anticipated capacity of serving up to 100 youth annually.

- A warm, inviting space
- Special services to support unique needs
- Private, secure rooms
- Access to a 24/7 care team, including therapists and nurses
- Culturally informed and age appropriate 1:1 support
- Convenience store (“the Teen Store”) to get items such as soap, book bags, laptops/tablets, headphones and clothing
- Transportation to and from appointments
- Room cleaning services with fresh linens/towels
- Access to a nutritionist for food/medical needs
- Visits arranged for hair care as needed

With dignity and kindness, we will continue to support and prepare these youth to return to an environment where they can continue to thrive and be successful.

## MAKE A DONATION TODAY!

Thanks to the generosity of our friends and family – so many of whom have given for years, even decades – **Cleveland Christian Home** celebrates more than a century of compassion, innovation, and clinical excellence for youth and families living with emotional, behavioral and cognitive differences.

Through your gift to CCH, you are helping advance our founder's mission to serve those individuals who need our support the most, helping them thrive by living a life of resilience, self-fulfillment, and happiness.

To make a contribution today, please visit <https://cchome.org/donate/> or contact Maureen Horton, Donor Relationship Manager at [Maureen.Horton@thecentersohio.org](mailto:Maureen.Horton@thecentersohio.org).



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