

The Centers Unveils the H.O.P.E. Campus: A New Era for Cleveland Christian Home

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The Centers is proud to announce the rebranding of the Cleveland Christian Home to the new **H.O.P.E. Campus** (Healing, Opportunities, Partnership, and Empowerment), marking a pivotal moment in addressing the child placement crisis in Cuyahoga County. This transformation honors the legacy of Cleveland Christian Home while aligning with The Centers' mission to deliver innovative solutions for equity, healing, and opportunity.

Founded in 1900 by Reverend Henry Timme of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cleveland Christian Home began as a safe haven for abandoned and orphaned children, embodying the spirit of care and community. In October 2022, CCH was acquired by The Centers. Today, that legacy continues with the H.O.P.E. Campus, a soon-to-be modern facility dedicated to providing youth in trauma with the support, stability, and community they need to thrive.

"This rebranding is more than a new name—it's a renewed commitment to our most at-risk children," said Eric L. Morse President and CEO of The Centers. "The H.O.P.E. Campus reflects our vision of healing and partnership, working collaboratively with county and community leaders to create a national model for addressing the child placement crisis."

The H.O.P.E. Campus represents a continuation of The Centers' commitment to its four pillars of care: **Health, Work, Family, and HOPE**. As a cornerstone of youth residential services, the campus will provide trauma-informed care, educational support, and innovative programming designed to help children build brighter futures.

Collaboration for a National Model

The H.O.P.E. Campus results from extensive collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Division of Children & Family Services, Juvenile Court, Board of Development Disabilities, ADAMHS Board, and 20 additional community partners, tackling the critical issue of displaced youth in county custody. By offering services emphasizing healing, community connection, and familial reunification, the campus aims to reduce the need for out-of-state placements that often disrupt a child's ties to their support systems. "The H.O.P.E. Campus represents our promise to the children in our care," said Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne. "In collaboration with The Centers, we are establishing a Child Wellness Campus that provides safety, healing, and opportunity for our children and their families. Our goal is for every child to achieve their full potential."

Preserving a Legacy of Care

The rebranding honors the historic mission of Cleveland Christian Home while embracing the future. Reverend Timme's vision of providing a sanctuary for children left on his doorstep in 1900 is now expanded into a comprehensive model of care that sets a new standard for child welfare systems across the nation. "This transformative reimagining of the historic mission of the Cleveland Christian Home not only honors the original intent of its founders but also makes its purpose more relevant and accessible for the needs of

children and youth today,” said Rev. Allen V. Harris, Regional Minister, the Christian Church in Ohio. “I believe I speak for many who have cherished and supported this institution over the years in expressing profound gratitude to The Centers and Cuyahoga County for investing in this vital effort, ensuring that the most vulnerable children and youth have a safe, well-equipped space and program to support their care and well-being.”

Join Us in Celebrating HOPE

A groundbreaking event will be held during the second quarter of 2025 to celebrate the unveiling of the H.O.P.E. Campus. Community members, partners, and supporters will be invited to attend and learn more about this initiative's transformative impact on our community and beyond.

About The Centers: 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 20,000 people annually in our community. Visit TheCentersOhio.org to learn more.

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