

PROVIDENCE HOME CELEBRATES 20 YEARS AND A LEGACY OF HELPING TEENAGERS

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When the Providence Home Board of Trustees threw a huge party on November 18 to celebrate their 20th anniversary, they had no idea it would mean so much more. It wasn't just a thank you to the community for all the support they have given, but it was also a special reunion.

More than 20 years ago, concerned and caring folks saw a community need for an emergency shelter for teenagers and determined to do something about it. This small group of dedicated people developed the plans, purchased the house, secured the funding, got all the approvals and worked tirelessly to turn their dream into a reality. The result was the founding of Providence Home, the only residence in Brunswick County where teenagers who, for whatever reason, need a short-term cooling off period away from their families.