



Covenant House provides a community of hope and healing to homeless youth. As the largest privately funded agency in the Americas providing services to homeless youth, Covenant House provides 24/7 crisis care and on-going support for young people in need of a safe haven. Founded in 1972, Covenant House has reached more than one million young people with immediate assistance and the support necessary to transition from a life on the streets to a life with a future.

Milestones

How do you support a growing population of homeless youth?

You grow. And grow. And grow.

How we started: It all began when concerned citizens of Atlanta contacted Covenant House to help address the growing problem of youth homelessness in the city. For the past seven years, Covenant House Georgia has served 7,827 youth and is committed to assisting each young person who walks through our doors looking for assistance with shelter, food, clothing, education, and employment.

progress

1997: Peachtree Presbyterian Church approached Covenant House Headquarters in New York to open an affiliate in Atlanta.

2000: The Community Service Center located at 72 Broad St. opens its doors. We also initiate our Street Outreach Program. Since that time, Covenant House Georgia has consistently enrolled over 300 new youth annually, while continuing to assist youth previously enrolled.

2001: Covenant House obtained computers for its computer lab and begun holding regular GED, Job Readiness, and Life Skills classes. As part of a project funded by the Goizueta Foundation, we obtained one hundred jobs for our kids!

2002: We received \$400,000 from HUD for our Crisis Shelter Capital Campaign! The Executive Staff continued to actively spread the word about our programs by participating in conferences, as well as by meeting with city officials and neighborhood associations. Job Readiness program graduated its first class of thirty-two youth, and they all obtained jobs.

2003: Covenant House acquired the building at the Lakewood site that later became our Polar Rock Community Service Center, Administrative Office, and Crisis Shelter.

2004: Covenant House Georgia collaborated with two local area high schools to provide an employment training program to youth under 18 years old.

2005: Covenant House held the first annual Prom for our graduates. A significant milestone this year was our collaboration with Mayor Franklin's 24/7 Gateway program. This project allowed CHGA to offer emergency beds and our services to homeless youth in the city homeless shelter.

2006: Also, our Crisis Shelter/Assessment Center was opened in October of this year. Here we're able to assist young people between the ages of 18-21 without having to send them to the much older homeless shelter, where they were often neglected and exploited. Now they have a secure place to sleep.

2007: Rights of Passage Apartment Living (ROPAL), our newest program, became operational. This transitional living program enables young adults who have proven ready for more responsibility to transition into a truly independent self-sufficient life. This year we held our first formal cap & gown graduation ceremony.

2008: CHGA first annual Opening Doors for Homeless Youth Award Luncheon.

2009: Received significant gifts from writer/director/producer Tyler Perry, and the Zeist Foundation to support CHGA Crisis Shelter. Thirty-four youth graduated with their GED, the largest in our history!

How can I help?

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Opening Doors for Homeless Youth