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2022

CELEBRATING **50** YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



Corner House
Behavioral Health

1972-2022

LEADERSHIP . PREVENTION . TREATMENT . OUTREACH

OUR 50 YEAR STORY



Dear Friends of Corner House,

I think it's safe to say that the story of the last few years has been "resilience." Resilience can seem like something you either have, or you don't. The good news is that, through storytelling, everyone can get better at creating and sustaining resilience.

Almost all of us will experience some kind of adversity—most of us will go through some pretty tough times at some point in our lives. Through our sharing of stories and connection, humans have a remarkable capacity to bounce back and grow. This often requires help from others. The ability to tell our story is so important to us as human beings in order to overcome life's challenges and become more resilient.

It's the essence of what gives us purpose and meaning. Stories connect the past and present to the future. Stories can awaken future generations to their potential. Your story matters because it is uniquely your own, and no one can tell it the way you can.

At Corner House, we have been engaging, listening and helping people tell their stories for 50 years. Today, I am excited to share with you our story and provide you with a glimpse of the impact we have had on our community for five decades.

Corner House opened its doors for the first time in the summer of 1972. Led by Nancy Gryzbek and Dr. Shirley Van Ferney, the organization first known as Corner House Counseling Center began providing much needed services to those struggling with substance use disorders.

Situated at the "corner" of Witherspoon and Henry Streets, the agency was a hybrid from the beginning. The agency was initially funded by Princeton Borough and Princeton Township, along with a treatment grant from Mercer County. The Princeton Medical Center, concerned with the rising drug and alcohol problems in Princeton, leased the little corner house to the agency for \$1 per year.



Offices at 369 Witherspoon

Most importantly, Corner House was established to be a place where caring people—professionals and non-professionals— would offer a variety of services to people and families struggling with substance abuse. The central intention from the beginning was to build a cooperative network of services.

In 1972-1973 the entire budget for the agency was \$32,500. While the town council dealt with the budgetary concerns of the new operation, the Inter-governmental Drug Committee oversaw the program development. That committee eventually transformed into the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance, otherwise known as PADA. As increased funds were required to fuel the growing agency, a core of Princeton residents created the Corner House Foundation, where private monies are raised from the Princeton community through an annual direct mail campaign and spring benefit

Over the following years, Corner House would move to two different buildings before settling at its current location at One Monument Drive. After this move, which brought services closer to the center of town, the agency was officially renamed Corner House Behavioral Health.

As of 2022, Corner House has a budget of just over one million dollars, with support from Princeton, the State of New Jersey, Mercer County, Princeton Regional Schools, private donors, and several area corporations and foundations.

While the locations and buildings may have changed over the last 50 years, the mission of Corner House has remained the same. Our primary purpose and responsibility is to continue to create new and innovative approaches in treatment, prevention, outreach, and leadership for the greater community.

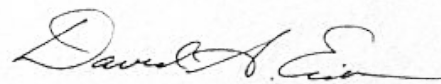
Through substance use disorder treatment for adults and adolescents, as well as robust prevention, leadership, and outreach programs, Corner House is investing in a bright, healthy future for Princeton.

From day one, Corner House has relied on the support of our community to offer these services to our neighbors. For 50 years, you have made our work possible.

Your continued support is critical to the future and sustainability of Corner House. Our hope is to continue to help our neighbors for the next 50 years. We can do that with your help. In doing so, you become part of our story and we become a part of yours.

Thank you for being a part of our story.

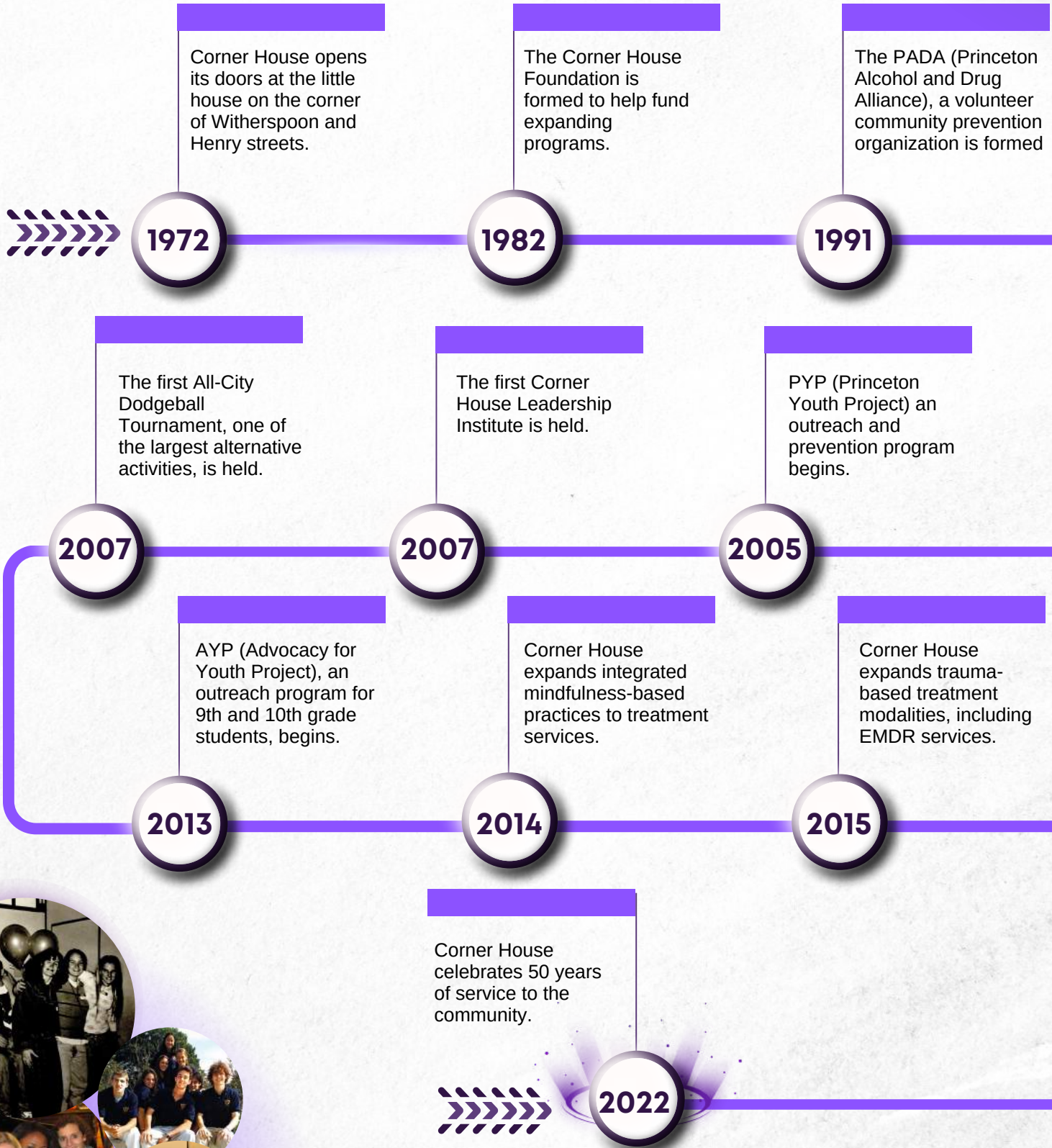
Sincerely,



Dave Errickson, LCSW, LCADC, CCS
Executive Director

**OUR MISSIONS IS TO ENGAGE
OUR COMMUNITY IN LIFE-LONG
HEALTHY LIVING AND RECOVERY.**

A LOOK BACK AT 50 YERS OF SERVICE



TO OUR COMMUNITY

1992

AST (Academic Success Today) begins, bringing mentors to middle school students.

1993

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) begins, a prevention and leadership program.

1994

STAR (Super Teens Acting Responsibly) is formed.

2002

Corner House Student Board, a leadership and prevention programming, begins.

2001

GAIA (Growing Up Accepted as an Individual in America), a leadership and prevention program begins.

1998

WOWY (World of Work for Youth) begins, a gender-responsive outreach program.

2017

As part of the strategic planning process, Corner House rebrands as Corner House Behavioral Health.

2020

Corner House renews Spanish-speaking services through partnership with Mercer County.

2020

Corner House Student Board begins the Seniors or Seniors program.

2020

Corner House introduces telehealth treatment services.

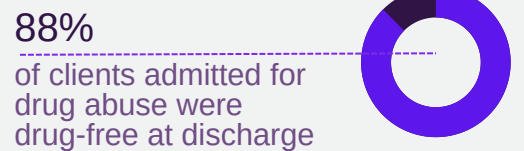
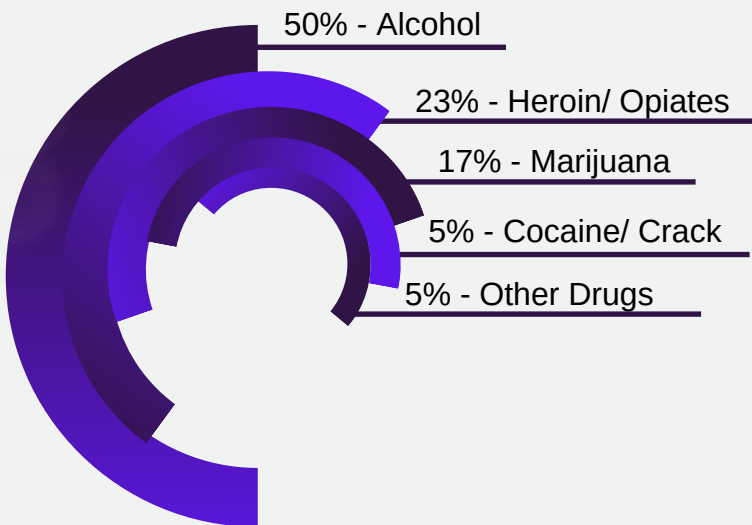


TREATMENT SERVICES



PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY INDIVIDUALIZED STANDARD OUTPATIENT AND INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT OPTIONS

We know the circumstances that lead to substance use disorders are as varied as the individuals and families experiencing them. Corner House provides cutting-edge, individualized, substance use disorder and integrated co-occurring treatment to everyone in our community who needs it, regardless of their background. Every person's path to recovery is unique. Corner House is here to help you find your path and start your journey to recovery.

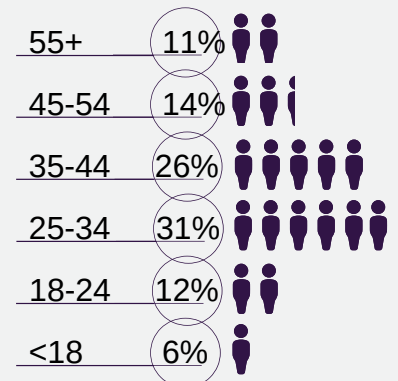


22% of clients are uninsured



74% of clients are Medicaid eligible

4% of clients have private insurance



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

CORNER HOUSE STUDENT BOARD (CHSB)

Designed for high school seniors to build essential leadership skills and foster civic engagement by working together to create fun, drug-free events for their peers. CHSB students also serve as representatives on municipal boards.

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

TAG is comprised of high school juniors who work together for a healthy, drug-free future by developing and presenting workshops for 5th and 8th grade students.


GROWING UP ACCEPTED AS AN INDIVIDUAL IN AMERICA (GAIA)

GAIA students work together to promote peace, stop hate, and combat bullying by developing impactful workshops which they then present to 2nd and 5th grade students in local Princeton schools.




Being a part of the Corner House leadership program allows me to meet new friends and develop collaboration and leadership skills, all while directly impacting the community that shaped me growing up.


-Dhruv, Corner House Leadership Student

 **5,350**
hours of community service

 **450**
2nd, 5th, & 8th grade students participated in TAG & GAIA workshops

 **320**
hours of building connections through CHSB's Seniors for Seniors program

 **73**
students participate in all leadership teams

 **500**
students participated in drug free activities organized by Corner House Student Board

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Our evidence-based outreach programs are designed to meet the unique needs of youth in our community. Our program initiatives are both gender-responsive and age-specific to provide a continuum of support and ensure successful transition from middle to school high school, and beyond.

With early intervention programs that start in middle school and go all the way through high school, we are providing our students with the specific, targeted support they need during those difficult transitional years. Through the skills, tools, and lessons our students learn, they are laying a strong foundation for their future success.

Our outreach programs strengthen vital skills, including: building positive peer relationships, college and career readiness skills, mental health and self-esteem, advocacy, and increased resiliency, and more.



100%

of seniors graduate high school and go on to college, trade school, or the military



100%

of students promote to the next grade level in high school outreach programs



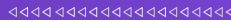
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hours of mentorship provided to students in AST



40

students in AST and STAR middle school programs



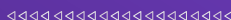
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hours of guidance provided during STAR program



997

hours of leadership and job readiness training in high school outreach programs



11

college tours for students in high school outreach programs



EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS TODAY (AST)

Our Academic Success Today program pairs students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades from Princeton Middle School with mentors from Princeton University.

SUPER TEENS ACTING RESPONSIBLY (STAR)

STAR is a gender-responsive weekly chat group for girls attending Princeton Middle School, with the goal of improving self esteem and establishing positive peer relationships.



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ADVOCACY FOR YOUTH PROJECT (AYP)

Our Advocacy for Youth Project is a year-round initiative designed to equip ninth and tenth grade students with the tools they need for a successful transition to high school, including mentorship, conflict resolution, and strong social support networks.

PRINCETON YOUTH PROJECT (PYP)

PYP is a gender-responsive program providing young men in grades 11-12 with the job and leadership skills, college readiness, tutoring and individualized guidance they need to thrive after high school. Program components include college tours, tutoring, FAFSA and college application assistance, study skills, self-care skills, civic engagement, and more.

WORLD OF WORK FOR YOUTH (WOWY)

WOWY is a gender-responsive program for young women in grades 11-12, offering the job skills, leadership workshops, tutoring, SAT and college prep, and guidance they need for a bright future. Program components include college tours, tutoring, FAFSA and college application assistance, study skills, self-care skills, civic engagement, and more.

Thanks to Corner House, I really feel like I can make an actual difference in my community.

-R.W., Corner House Outreach Student

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