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Elon Homes continuum of programs is designed to care for abandoned, abused and neglected children from birth to age 21 years. Each program addresses specific needs of the developing child to prepare him or her to lead an independent, productive and rewarding life.

Every child deserves a loving home and a healthy start in life. We invite you to join Elon Homes as we provide safe haven, education, employment and independence for the children and youth who need us.

Community Based Family Foster Care

Children who are living in foster care require special support and nurturing. Typically, their own parents are unable to care for them and many have been the victims of neglect and physical and/or sexual abuse. Due to these very challenging experiences, foster children often suffer from a damaged sense of self worth and struggle socially and in school.

Elon Homes is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation for Children and Families, Elon Homes is a key foster care provider in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. In addition to serving the greater Charlotte, N.C. region, Elon Homes places children from across the state in foster homes.

Our community-based foster care program provides refuge in a licensed family setting for newborns through 21-year-old youth who need a safe place to live. We also strive to ensure that they receive the care and services they need to lead healthy and productive lives.

At Elon Homes, we recruit compassionate foster parents and provide extensive training to help them deliver the best care possible. Our case coordinators make frequent check-ins and homes visits, as well as ensure that foster families have 24/7 access to support services. The children we place in foster homes are also referred, as needed, for psychological testing and behavioral health services.



Alisa's birth parents were unable to care for her, so she bounced from one relative's home to another. By the time she started second grade, she was already demonstrating stress and related behavioral issues from the instability in her young life. Now living in a foster home provided by Elon Homes, Alisa is a happy and healthy little girl who loves school and her puppy, Wiggles.

Foster Parent Certification Training Program

Elon Homes conducts a forty-hour training course to prepare prospective foster parents to qualify for Mecklenburg County's required foster parent certification. This program is coordinated with the county's Department of Social Services. Elon Homes provides ongoing training and 24/7 support once foster parents are certified.

Adoption Facilitation Services

Although every effort is made to return foster children to their birth parents once the period of crisis is resolved, at times the well-being of the child permanently prohibits this reunion. When a child is deemed eligible for adoption, Elon Homes facilitates the adoption process. Today, hundreds of children and adults are members of loving families thanks to our adoption services.



Our Mission

Elon Homes helps children from disadvantaged circumstances gain the hope, healing and education they need to thrive in the world today. Through traditional community-based foster care and campus-based residential programs we are making a difference in the lives of many children from age 0-21. We provide a safe haven, life skills, education and employment opportunities that teach and encourage independence.

With over a century of experience and your generous support we can continue our mission to help the children we serve.



“I am 17 years old and have lived in foster care since I was 10 years old. I’m turning 18 soon and don’t know what to do next. My grades aren’t that good, but I want to finish high school. I’m scared that I won’t have a place to stay because I’ll have to leave my foster parents’ home when I’m 18 and I can’t go to my family. Where will I go?”

Campus Based Foster Care Village

Elon Homes’ Foster Care Village at JCSU combines a residential facility located on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University with a menu of support services for youth age 18 to 21 years who have grown up in foster care.

The years of 18 to 21 are critical, life-shaping days. By interceding before problems spiral out of control, The Village is designed to build upon each young person’s strengths and resiliencies, thereby motivating and encouraging the youth to make positive decisions that will impact the rest of his or her life.

Operated in a unique partnership with JCSU’s School of Social Work, Metropolitan College, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte’s Web and other community organizations and resources, The Village’s programming is designed to support the residents as they transition to adulthood so they are prepared to lead independent, productive and responsible lives.



The Village at JCSU provides:

- Housing for transition to adulthood
- Educational stability (HS diploma, GED, 2 or 4 year college, trade school)
- Employment training, experience and placement services
- Health, dental and mental health services
- Mentoring and job shadowing programs
- Active participation in steps toward adulthood
- Life skills training
- Intentional linkages to biological families

The Village residents, who are required to pursue their education and/or participate in a job training program or employment in local businesses, benefit from a close-knit environment and appropriate supervision provided by the professional staff. At the same time, they have access to JCSU’s vibrant campus life and proximity to Charlotte’s many resources.

The Youth Village is serving as a national model as it contributes to Charlotte’s efforts to increase social and economic mobility for its diverse population. The positive results are proven: A study conducted by the Jim Casey Institute shows that outcomes were greatly improved for 18- to 21-year-olds who remained in foster care. High school graduation rates and college attendance increased while incidents of incarceration and homelessness decreased. Employment rates also increased, resulting in a reduction in dependence upon public assistance.

Our history. Our mission.

When neglected, abused and abandoned children need help, Elon Homes has come to their aid for more than a century.

Founded in 1907 as a Christian orphanage, Elon Homes in 1975 merged with Boys’ Town in Charlotte, N.C. In 2014, Elon Homes moved to the campus of Johnson C. Smith University in the city’s urban center. Over the years, our services have evolved to meet changing needs, but our commitment remains steadfast to provide a safe haven, education, employment and independence for children and youth living below federal standards of poverty.

Elon Homes works with the N. C. Department of Social Services, the juvenile courts, public school systems, behavioral health services and other professionals to support the health and welfare of each child in our care.

We are proud that thousands of boys and girls over the years have benefitted from the love and commitment of Elon Homes dedicated professionals, foster parents, community partners, volunteer and generous donors. Please join us so all children receive a fair chance to lead the meaningful lives they deserve.

