

**Community-Based
Foster Care 0-18 years**

Child Placements
Foster Parent Training
Biological and Foster
Family Support

**Campus-Based Foster Care
Village 17-21 years**

Transition to
Adulthood Curriculum
Mentorships
Vocational and Life Skills

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ELON HOMES TO CEASE OPERATIONS OF FOSTER CARE VILLAGE AND
COMMUNITY-BASED FOSTER CARE

The Board of Governors for Elon Homes and Schools for Children, Inc. announces that the agency will cease operations of its Foster Care Village program and of its community based foster care program, effective June 30, 2021. "Like the rest of the nation and world, we have been dealing with the negative impact of the COVID - 19 pandemic," stated Chief Governance Officer and Board Chair F. Bradley Gilliam. "The combination of three decades of unrealized increases in reimbursement for services, the impact of US and NC Departments of Health and Human Services commitment to placing fewer infants, children, and youth, into foster care by funding prevention services programs, and the hugely negative impact of COVID - 19 regulations on the operations of child welfare, have together created an environment in which we can no longer function with sound business practices."

When the Board determined this was the best path forward, the leadership of Elon Homes agreed. "We can no longer operate our programs in this current environment, it is time to close the operation," said Elon Homes President Fred Grosse.

"Since 1907 our donor base of individuals, churches, corporations, and foundations has been gracious and generous in their support for Elon Homes. We could not have asked for better partners over the years with our friends who wanted to help children. We honor past donors and are so grateful for the support," Dr. Grosse stated.

Elon Homes and Schools for Children, Inc. was founded in 1907 in Elon, North Carolina. The original agency was a Christian orphanage that over the years provided shelter, food, and life skills for thousands of orphans and half-orphans. In 1985 Elon Homes merged with Boy's Town of Charlotte to form one large faith based nonprofit organization serving children and families from all 100 North Carolina counties. In the late 1980s the newly merged organization was transformed into a residential treatment type organization serving abandoned, abused, and neglected infants, children, and youth, who were placed at Elon Homes by county departments of social services. Over the years Elon Homes also offered Level I and Level III residential treatment, community based foster care, charter schools, prevention services, behavioral health programs, The Village for 18 - 21 year old foster youth, and adoption services.