

# 50 Years

*of Hope and Promise for A Better Tomorrow*

May 1, 1971



**Kennedy House Youth Services** is established with the opening of Kennedy Road Residential Program by our founders, Ed Blazo and Doug Chin.

Kennedy Rd opens as an alternative approach to the typical and impersonal institutionalized care for at-risk youth in the community.

1985



Manse Road Residential Program opens as our second home for youth in care.

May 1  
1984

Kennedy House's first secure custody facility, Rotherglen, for males & females aged 12-15 opens under the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

September  
1987

Our Day Treatment Program opens in partnership with the TDSB and Ministry of Education – to support high-school aged youth.

July 1989



Kingston Road Residential Program opens as a male-only residence for youth in care.

1996



Galloway Road Residential Program opens for youth in care.

January  
2001

Brock Road Residential Program opens for youth in care.

March 2004



Kingston Road Program converts to a female-only residence.

July 17, 1998



Rotherglen closes, and our current secure custody facility, the Kennedy House Youth Centre opens its doors for young males sentenced or detained under the Young Offenders Act.

2002

The Youth Criminal Justice Act replaces the Young Offenders Act, and Kennedy House Youth Centre transitions to operate under the new act.

August  
2007

2009



Kennedy House After-School/Summer Programs opens for children aged 4-12 years old in priority Scarborough neighbourhoods.

2015

**Kennedy House Youth Shelter expands capacity to 40 clients.**

**February 2015** – Brock Road Program transitions from a Child Welfare Residential Program to a Developmental Services Program for clients living with developmental disabilities aged 17+.

June 2020



Kennedy House Youth Services officially changes our name to Kennedy House, reflecting that our programs today serve youth, adults, children, and families.

June 2014



Kennedy House Youth Shelter opens as a 30-bed facility offering emergency shelter and programming to youth (aged 16-24) experiencing homelessness.

Galloway Road program transitions from a Child Welfare Program to a Developmental Services Program for clients aged 12-18 living with developmental disabilities.

December  
2017

Manse Road Program transitioned from a Child Welfare Program to a Developmental Services Program for clients living with developmental disabilities aged 17+.

January 2021



Kennedy House Youth Shelter expands capacity to 53 clients, a direct response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.