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An Exceptional 75-Year Legacy

The idea for LeRoy Boys' Home was conceived in the heart and mind of Reverend LeRoy Haynes when he was Chaplain at the Fred C. Nelles Youth Authority in Whittier, California. Acutely aware of the help, nurturing and security these boys from broken homes required, LeRoy Haynes set about to bring into existence a home where boys could enjoy a normal boyhood and receive the guidance they needed to develop into responsible citizens.

Finding a location, acquiring the land and beginning to build was a difficult struggle, but the dedication of LeRoy Haynes to his idea triumphed. The California Department of Social Welfare issued the license to operate and at noon on July 1, 1946, ten boys from broken homes sat around the table with Aunt Jeanne and Uncle LeRov and gave thanks for their first meal together.

Four months later, the home was organized as a non-sectarian, interracial, non-political and non-profit charitable organization, incorporated under the laws of California.

Uncle LeRoy instilled a family atmosphere for the boys who were away from home and inspired selfesteem and regard for others. Chores helped the boys learn to respect property and every boy went to the church of his faith on Sunday. He also felt it was important for every boy to learn how to take care of himself in the future by learning how to work and take responsibility for his own behavior.

On LeRoy's 65th birthday, September 1, 1968, he retired from LeRoy Boys' Home, but his legacy endures. Today, Haynes Family of Programs is one of the largest, most comprehensive nonprofit agencies of its kind in California.

Honoring the Past with Eyes on the Future

Haynes Family of Programs has come a long way since our humble beginnings on the Reynold's Estate in La Verne, California 75 years ago. Haynes' programs have grown tremendously while staying true to our original purpose of providing children who have been placed at-risk with not just a home, but with hope. Since our inception, Haynes has continued its mission of providing innovative and individualized treatment,



Daniel S. Maydeck, President & CEO

education and supportive services to children, young adults and families to better their lives. Haynes has become one of the premier foster youth residential treatment programs and a highly regarded special education service provider serving youth across California.

A non-profit 501(c)3 corporation, we provide the following comprehensive programs and services for vulnerable children and families: residential and (continue on back page)

Brick by Brick

1946 LeRoy Haynes and his wife Jeanne opened LeRoy Boys' Home at the Reynolds Estate in La Verne.

1950's LeRoy Boys' Home expanded to dormitory-style cottages.

1965 Thriff Store opened its doors.

1967 Dining Hall was added.

1968 Gym was built.

1983 Norton House, childhood home of Board member Robert Dukes, opened as part of the group home.

1989 Accredited on-campus school was added.

1990 Swimming pool was built.

1994 LeRoy Boys' Home became LeRoy Haynes Center for Children & Family Services.

1994 On-campus school welcomed students from the community.

1998 Community mental health services became available.

1998 Family Resource Center was built.

2004 Became an outpatient mental health contractor with Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

2007 LeRoy Haynes School for Autism & Developmental Disabilities opened.

2009 Launched transitional housing program.

2011 STAR Academy opened offering educational services throughout California.

2014 LeRoy Haynes Center was rebranded as Haynes Family of Programs to reflect its many services.

2014 Major dining hall renovation completed.

2015 Earned national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

2017 School for Autism renamed as Bliss Academy.

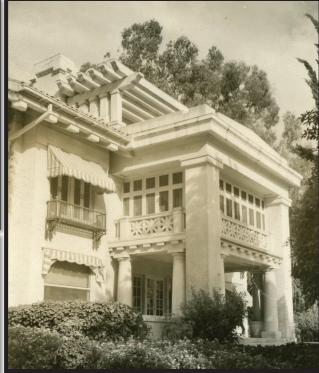
2017 Opened Drew's Brain Arcade.

2018 On-campus school rebranded as Renaissance Community Prep.

2019 Gym renovation completed.













Photos from 1946-1968: 'Uncle' LeRoy Haynes; the Reynolds Mansion built in 1913 and designed by New York architect Paul F. Higgs; 'Aunt' Anna Norton, Uncle LeRoy's sister and social work director for 30 years; group photo in front of the mansion; LeRoy Boys' Home Thrift Store in Ontario; boys enjoying soft drinks (yes, Bubble Up).















Scholastic banquet, 1973; Renaissance Community Prep graduation, 2018; Renaissance graduate, 2019; Bliss Academy prom, 2016; Bliss Academy graduate, 2018; Haynes' first female graduate, 2011; Renaissance Pinewood Derby races, 2015.

Perspectives

"It was such a blessing for me to work at LeRoy's for so many years! My focus was always on the boys—I didn't care where they came from, it just mattered where they were going! Every staff member made a difference in the lives of the children in our care. Sometimes it takes the children years to realize it and when they do, they reach back to let us know! I miss being there to get those calls. I loved reminiscing with them. Uncle LeRoy would be so pleased his dream is still going strong 75 years later! That is thanks to the staff and Board who see the big picture and set out to meet the needs as things change!" 'AUNT' CHERYL CLARK, served loyally at LeRoy's for 42 years, 1969 to 2011.

"Thanks to each one of you... you made my daughter the person she is now. Just about six years ago our lives changed to good when she started at LeRoy Haynes in 2015. In her prior school, she was in a dark place; sad and cried all the time. Thanks to LeRoy Haynes Education Center, you accepted my daughter for who she is; not at all ashamed or embarrassed by her. The joy and smile on my daughter's face is priceless and that's what life is about. Each one of the staff means a lot to us. Especially my daughter, you all mean the world to her along with her dad, brother, and me. Thank you from our hearts." MRS. LOPEZ, whose daughter is a student in the Bliss Academy program.

"When our family relocated to the Inland Empire we were very concerned about our children's education. Little did we know that we would be blessed with placement at Renaissance Community Prep. The quality of the staff, the caring of the administration, the family atmosphere could only be described as better than anything we could have hoped for. Although our son has moved on to college, which we never thought possible, we will always be indebted to the Renaissance family for guiding him on that journey." TOM JONES, parent of a Renaissance Community Prep graduate and a current 9th grade student.

Past Reunions





























Honoring the Past with Eyes on the Future (continued)

and behavioral care, community-based residential short-term therapeutic programs, transitional living for foster youth, three private non-public schools for children with learning challenges, a Statewide partner with public school districts serving students with learning disabilities, vocational services, community and mental health residential services, mentoring, foster care and adoption services, wraparound services and aftercare.

Our biggest accomplishment is making a difference in the lives of the youth we serve. Haynes is a beacon of hope and opportunity, providing youth with the resources to rebuild their lives. We are proud of our over 600 highly qualified employees and more than 500 associates across the State providing these needed services.

All this is achieved with industry low administrative costs that are consistently 10 percent or less, meaning that 90 percent of funds received directly help the children and families served.

While we have accomplished much, our focus continues on the future. Going forward, Haynes is ready to build on the success of local and statewide programs through continued collaboration with our county agencies, school districts and with support from foundations, corporations, individuals and our board of directors. Critical to effectively serving children, youth and families is the ability to implement, evaluate and replicate innovative trauma-informed service To strive to be a leader in models. providing specialized programs in a and therapeutic nurturing, caring environment remains our priority.

We thank you for your past and continuing collaboration and look forward to the opportunities for even greater impact in the years ahead.







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