

1972
Unity House opens as a halfway house in the Case Mansion for emotionally disabled veterans from the Canandaigua area

January 1977
Reverend Frederick Harrison becomes first full-time executive director of Unity House

April 12, 1977
Unity House obtains Not-for-Profit status

1979
Rev. James Hughes becomes executive director

April 1987
Monika Lentze is named Unity House executive director

1990
Unity House's OPWDD supportive apartments open in Auburn

1991
Unity House begins PWDD case management services in Auburn

July 9, 1993
New Life community residence opens in Auburn

Sept. 17, 1993
Drop-In Center opens in Auburn

1994
Unity Employment Services opens in Geneva

1996
GRACE House supportive living facility opens

1975
The First Presbyterian Church buys the Case Mansion from the Carmelite Fathers. The Church sponsors Unity House with the condition that Cayuga County residents with psychiatric needs are given first priority

March 28, 1977
Unity House's Articles of Incorporation are filed

March 1, 1978
Unity House is certified as a community residence by the State Department of Mental Hygiene

January 1987
Unity House's mental health certified apartments open in Auburn

1988
Unity Employment Services opens in Auburn

1990
Unity House's mental health supported/independent housing program begins

1992
Unity Employment Services opens in Syracuse

Aug. 23, 1993
Day habilitation program in Auburn opens

1994
Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment begins in Auburn

1995
GRACE House, a residence for those with chemical dependency, opens

Oct. 17, 1997
Unity House is named the successor agency for HOMES, Inc. in Ithaca, NY



The History of Unity House

Celebrating 40 Years

Dec. 28, 1998
Campbell Ave. residence opens in Ithaca

March 29, 1999
Danby Road residence opens in Ithaca

August 6, 2001
Oak Drive residence begins operations in Union Springs

April 2007
Prospect Pointe residence opens in Auburn

February 2009
Agency headquarters move from Case mansion to 34 Wright Avenue

January 2010
Unity House becomes a smoke-free workplace

October 2010
East Street residence in Skaneateles opens

2012
Fayette St. and E. State St. IRAs combine into 507 W. Green St. Ithaca

March 2014
PROS assumes oversight of Peers Place

January 2015
Fish Road residence begins operations in Ithaca

February 8, 2016
New IRA on North Street Road in Auburn opens

Jan. 10, 2017
Agency assumes ownership of the former West Middle School in Auburn

November 1997
Joyce Williams assumes role of Unity House executive director

1999
Day habilitation program begins in Ithaca

March 27, 2000
Residences open on Pinetree, Nelson, and Fayette Streets in Ithaca

January 2004
South Street residence begins operations in Auburn

May 2007
Sheffield Road residence begins operations in Ithaca

April 2009
Elizabeth Smith Werner becomes executive director of Unity House

May 2010
New Ithaca headquarters open at 15 Catherwood Road

November 2011
Final programs move out of Case mansion into a new facility at 56 Grant Avenue

Fall 2013
IPRT transitions to PROS and moves to 146 North St. Auburn

2014
MH UES and independent housing begin in Tompkins County

June 2015
Nelson Road residence opens in Ithaca

March 2016
West Lake Road residence opens in Dryden

