



Haven staff members and supporters gather for a ribbon cutting.

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Haven Youth and Family Services moves to Wilmette

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Haven Youth and Family Services

Haven Youth and Family Services recently relocated to a new building in Wilmette. After a flood, Haven was forced to move into temporary offices. Haven then found a new place to call home.

The new office is the same distance from New Trier Township High School and equally accessible for students by train or bus. Although the location has changed, Haven's services will remain the same.

Haven's programs and services focus on prevention and individual and family counseling for all of New Trier Township. Haven offers a 24-hour crisis intervention service with help available 365 days a year and contracts with two youth shelters that provide emergency housing for teens if necessary. Licensed social workers provide confidential counseling free of charge for adolescents and their families.

Haven's outreach workers have a daily presence at New Trier High School and Washburne Junior High School, where they interact informally with students and refer them to school social workers or outside services if appropriate. Haven also has an active junior high board, high school youth board, young adult board, board of directors and ambassador board that work to build teen leadership skills and provide opportunities for them to work on community relations and social service projects.

Haven will host a community open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 3.

Haven Youth and Family Services is located at 825 Green Bay Rd., Ste. 200, Wilmette. For more information, call 847-251-6630 or go to www.havenforyouth.org.