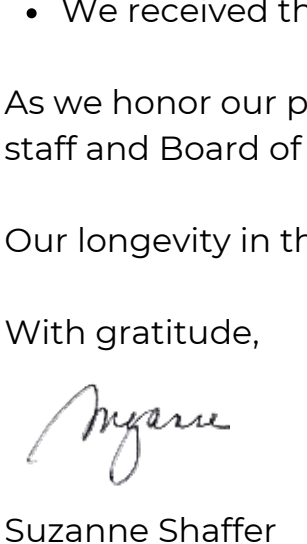




## A Letter from our CEO



"60 years of service. 60 years of serving the Atlanta community. Saving the lives of thousands of individuals, our history is like none other."

We are celebrating our 60th Anniversary! Celebrating 60 years in any field is an accomplishment. In 1962, a halfway house was founded to address the rising problem of the chronic alcoholic court offenders in the community and was known as St. Jude's House.

Over the years we have continued to provide treatment for the disease of addiction and mental health disorders to individuals who are homeless, low-income, and cannot afford life-saving treatment. We have stayed true to our mission of providing a behavioral health system of care that sustains recovery and returns individuals to their communities and families.

1960s	1970s & 80s	1990s & 2000s	2010s & 20s
The agency was founded and opened a halfway house for men called St. Jude's House.	The agency gains recognition and support from local and national leaders.	The agency experiences rapid growth, purchasing 7 facilities and expanding programs. The agency changes its name to St. Jude's Recovery Center.	The agency continues to grow its programs, building its 8th facility- the Healthcare Center. The agency rebrands to Ascensa Health.

This has been an amazing year!

- We officially changed our name to Ascensa Health, completing our re-branding process.
- Newsweek Magazine named Ascensa Health's Men's Program as one of America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers.
- We received the Partner Award from Federal Probation for our collaborative Outpatient Treatment Program
- We received the award for Outstanding Behavioral Health Provider for Region 3 from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

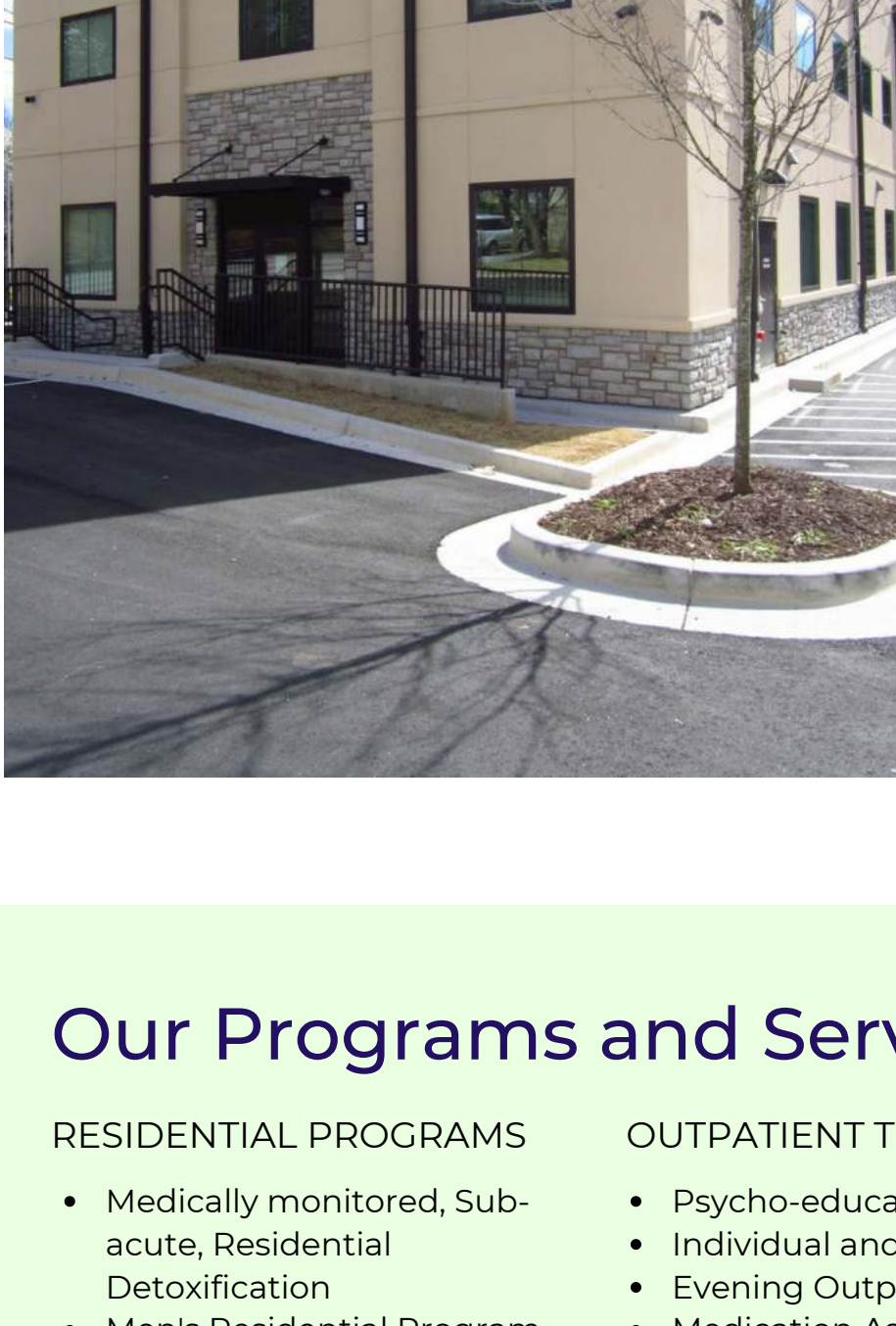
As we honor our past and look to the future, I would like to thank the Atlanta community for their continued support for these past 60 years. I am grateful to our staff and Board of Directors for their steadfast commitment, compassion, and dedication. Together we have made a difference.

Our longevity in the community speaks to our ability to adapt and change which shows our resilience as we move forward to next year with optimism!

With gratitude,

*Suzanne*

Suzanne Shaffer  
President & CEO



## About Us

### OUR MISSION

Ascensa Health provides a behavioral health system of care that sustains recovery and returns individuals to their communities and families.

### WHAT WE DO

Ascensa Health's services are based on the belief that addiction is a disease and that treatment must focus on the whole person. The agency uses an evidence based approach that addresses substance abuse as well as mental, behavioral, and physical health.

### WHO WE SERVE

Ascensa Health is open to anyone seeking treatment for addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders. Clients of Ascensa Health are low-income men and women, veterans and families with children. Many are experiencing homelessness, do not have health insurance, and cannot afford treatment.

## Our Programs and Services

### RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

- Medically monitored, Sub-acute, Residential
- Detoxification
- Men's Residential Program
- Women's Residential Program
- Family Care Center
- Recovery Residences
- Employment Services
- Health Services
- Continuing Care

### OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

- Psycho-educational Groups
- Individual and Group Therapy
- Evening Outpatient Groups
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- 12-Step Meetings
- Family Services
- Continuing Care



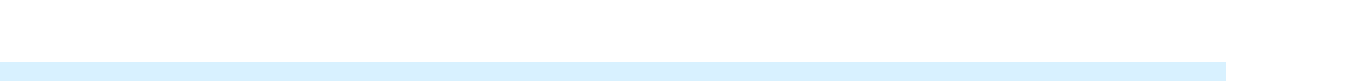
## Our History

For 60 years, Ascensa Health has provided treatment for the disease of addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders, helping individuals and families rebuild their lives to become healthy, self-sufficient, and productive.

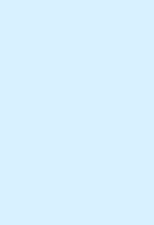
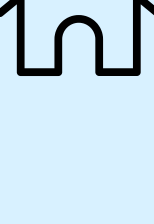


The agency was founded in 1962 as a halfway house in Atlanta to address the rising problem of chronic alcoholic court offenders in the community. Today, Ascensa Health is an accredited and licensed treatment center that is steadfastly committed to adhering to the highest standards of service delivery.

## Financial Highlights

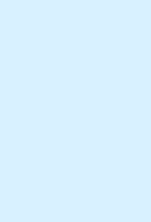
Ascensa Health owns and operates eight facilities in Metro Atlanta and consistently operates with a balanced budget and is debt free.



## Our Impact

-  **100%** of clients maintained or improved their physical health
- 82%** of clients received onsite medical treatment
- 100%** of babies were born drug free while their mothers were in treatment
-  **98%** of clients who entered the Employment Services Program became employed
- 92%** of clients were above the federal poverty level at discharge
-  **85%** of clients exited agency programs to permanent housing
- 41%** of clients completed the Intensive Day Treatment program
-  **100%** of clients with a prior felony became employed
- 72%** of federal probation clients completed treatment

## Our Clients

-  **100%** of clients were below the federal poverty level at admission
- 100%** of clients were admitted on the same day as their interview
- 62%** of clients have a co-occurring mental health disorder
- 26%** of clients were experiencing homelessness at time of admission

## Referral Sources



## Treatment Received



"Before coming to Ascensa Health, I was ready to give up and felt like it did not matter if I lived or died. Ascensa Health loved me until I could love myself."

- R. G.  
Residential Client

"I was on a path of losing everything. Ascensa Health saved my life. I now look forward to my future without drugs, free, clean and sober."

- A. N.  
Residential Client

"When I came to Ascensa Health, I felt so scared, defeated, totally hopeless and alone. Ascensa Health has truly changed my life- I'm a new person who has hope in today."

- J. M.  
Residential Client

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