



Mission Haven Update – February 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS: *Then and Now*

Our first building was completed in 1950. On January 27, 1951, Mission Haven was incorporated as a non-profit organization. Since that time, we have had six volunteer Executive Directors (E.D.s):



These women have established an incredible legacy for 70 years, each one serving for anywhere from 5 to 23 years!



First Three Executive Directors:
LaVerne Murrah (1972-1990), Jerry Patrick (1967-1972), Sarah Dennis (1954-1967)

Second Three Executive Directors:
Susan Adle (2013-2018), Mary Elizabeth Etheridge (1990-2013), Alice Day (2018-2024)

Sarah Dennis (1906-2000) – The bronze plaque on the entrance marker at Mission Haven is a memorial to her husband, William, who died in 1964. Sarah continued to serve as E.D. for three additional years.

Jerry Patrick (1915-2011) - Jerry began a life of volunteer work in the early 1950's. After serving as the E.D. for five years, she continued on the board of trustees until her death. She was awarded Emeritus Board Member status. The Patrick Foundation was very generous over the years.

LaVerne Murrah (1916-2012) - She was a long-time active member of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, Decatur and attended Westminster Presbyterian Church, Snellville and Macland Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs.

Mary Elizabeth Etheridge – Mary Elizabeth and her husband, Bob, served as mission workers in Brazil and Congo. After retirement, the couple ran Mission Haven for over 20 years. She currently resides in an assisted living facility and visits us when she is able.

Susan Adle – After touring Mission Haven on Come See Columbia Day nearly 30 years ago, Susan's heart for mission was tugged by the Clothes Closet, which she has directed since 1996. She served as the E.D. for five years and continues to work closely with our current E.D.

Alice Day – Alice enjoys estate sales and loves to make bargain purchases to furnish and update our homes and apartments. She has been our fearless E.D. since 2018 and looks forward to continuing purchases for us after she retires as E.D.

Each woman has had a heart for mission and a dedication to provide housing, hospitality, clothing, and spiritual support for the mission co-workers (formerly missionaries) who served abroad.

Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer