

The Memorial Industrial School

“So learn from the past with an eye on the future.”
.....Lawrence C. Henze

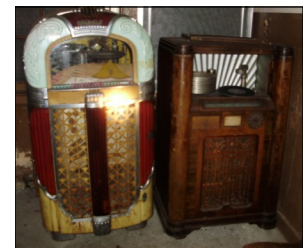
Step onto the campus of Horizons Residential Care Center, and you will experience a moment from the past as well as the present. Visit our children, and you will note that it's a special place, with special people, with a special mission. As you walk the campus you will be taking the same paths that children took long ago, when this setting was a working farm....an African American orphanage known as the Memorial Industrial School. As you take in this historical site, you will begin to understand how the past has become so much a part of the future. Where needy children once lived, they now live again...where lives were touched, lives are touched again, where families found hope, hope reins again.



In the late 1800's Missionary Addie Morris had a dream to start a school within Waughtown, that would continue to flourish and grow, while serving orphaned African American children. Later, in the early 1900's the Memorial School was built near Germanton and Addie's dream became a reality .

The Memorial Industrial School, predecessor to what is now Horizons Park, served the needs of more than two generations of children, including the years of the Great Depression and WWII. Through the campaign efforts of Roy Haberkern, families such as the Reynolds and the Grays, local Civic Clubs, and the Community Chest supported the construction and the everyday operations pertaining to the Memorial Industrial School. Under the on-going leadership and passion of Roy C. Haberkern as president, it thrived for over 40 years.

Abandoned Items and pieces of history left behind, speak of a life that was not always easy. Farming provided nutritional meals. Livestock was raised for meat and dairy products. Girls learned to cook and sew, while boys labored in the fields and ran a community shoe shop on the campus. Each child attended public school. The children were kept busy and out of trouble with assigned chores. They also laid the groundwork for brick walkways throughout the campus. Several thousand canning jars, found in the basement of the Girl's Cottage, testify to the hard work the children endured while canning and storing food. Two lone ironing boards still stand at attention, waiting for children to starch and iron the daily laundry. And yet the Wurlitzer and Rock-o-la juke boxes, that were found, no doubt brought about the rhythms of laughter and gaiety at the end of a week's hard labor. An organ gives testimony to the fact that the children most likely attended Sunday morning worship each week.



Families who had fallen on hard times found hope for their children at the Memorial Industrial School. Here was a place that a child could not only attend classes, but could learn a trade to take with them as well. With the passing of time, needs changed, and society's response changed as well. The burdens of racism grew lighter, though they did not vanish. Economics improved, as the Great Depression and WWII moved from front page news to our history books. With time and change, the Memorial Industrial School was forced to close it's doors in 1972. In doing so, the campus gave birth to a new opportunity to once again serve children.

In the end, Addie Morris and Roy Haberkern got their wish to provide a “home-like” setting and quality care for special children. They planted seeds along the way for others to nurture. They paved the way for a community to come together for a great cause. Inadvertently, they played a role in changing a mind-set, in the way others were viewed during a day where races were divided. This campus, within Horizons Park continues to grow....to plant seeds along the way, while serving special children from all races.....all walks of life.

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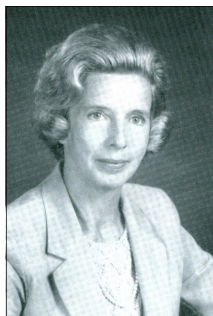
An idea was given birth by way of the Junior League of Winston-Salem. Responding to the need for better placement for children with mental retardation, leaders Mary Joe Hanes, Mary Ellen Haley, and Ann C. Ring, along with the help of other individuals turned their vision into a reality. And so Horizons Residential Care Center was born, a residential facility where children with disabilities could receive better care and nurture within a home-like setting.

The dying embers of one service helped to fan the flames of existence for another. In 1972, The Memorial Industrial School transferred its property and assets to Horizons, opening the doors to a new home for children. Through the hard work of individuals such as Mrs. Hanes, Mrs. Haley, and Mrs. Ring, Horizons was chartered in 1973.....receiving children by 1974. The children first lived in the former Boy's Cottage, and later, with the influx of more children, a second cottage was opened. Finally, families having children with severe mental retardation had a better choice.

The early years of Horizons were successful due to the on-going leadership of Mary Joe Hanes. She served as the first Board Chair, and held the position for four years, serving for the first two years, and again in 1984-1986. Her tireless efforts to provide a home for special children left its mark. She also went on to help build a new facility, known as the Atrium.

During the 1980's, Mary Joe's leadership was shared by Mary Ellen Haley, who chaired the Board from 1982-1984, and again in 1987-1990. It was during this time that one of the most significant changes in Horizons' history took place. A Capital Campaign was launched, and with its success, the Atrium was completed. In 1992, three years later, the Arches on Bethabara Park Road was opened.

In the midst of these two leaders, Ann Ring served as Board Chair from 1986-1987. She provided guidance, chairing the Capital Campaign, while raising \$2.2 million to build the Atrium. Under her leadership and influence, along with those of others, the Campaign was a resounding success.



Ann Ring

These three individuals provided energy and support for Horizons to go beyond everyone's expectations. Through their presence and their influence within the community, they led some to serve on the Board, while encouraging others to become patrons of Horizons. Mary Joe, Mary Ellen, and Ann Ring believed in a dream and because of that dream they created a reality for a much needed service within our community.



Kathryn Crosby with Mary Joe Hanes and Mary Ellen Haley



Atrium

Someone's sitting in the shade today, because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

.....Warren Buffet



Arches