



RAIN's new office space offers collaboration

Group moves to Children's and Family Services Center in Uptown

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CHARLOTTE — The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) moved this fall into new office space in Uptown. The group has had office space in the center city area for 15 years, including space at First United Methodist Church on N. Tryon St., but staffers say their new space will save them some funds and offer new opportunities for collaboration.

The new offices, furnished by donations from Wells Fargo and Ikea, are located at 601 E. 5th St., Suite 470, in the Children and Family Services Center at Fifth and McDowell Sts.

Nathan Smith, RAIN's director of development and marketing, said he was excited about new potential opportunities at the space.

"Being one of ten nonprofits in the building, the move not only facilitates potential collaborations," Smith said, "but being among the other agencies it makes it easier for our clients to be referred to other agencies within the building."

Smith said over 60 non-profit collaborations have happened among groups housed at Children's and Family Services since the facility was first built 10 years ago.

The move will also allow RAIN to be "good stewards" of their donors' funds and more competitive in grant funding, Smith said.



The Regional AIDS Interfaith Network's new office space includes a welcoming lobby area, complete with furniture donated by Ikea.

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Time Out Youth finds new 'home'

New space offers expanded programs, opportunities

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Youth, volunteers, board members and supporters gathered for Time Out Youth's grand opening on Nov. 8, where Charlotte City Councilmember LaWana Mayfield, Time Out Youth Executive Director Rodney Tucker and youth member Brandon Perez each participated in cutting the ribbon.

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CHARLOTTE — The young people at Time Out Youth call their space "home." It's a safe place where they can gather with friends and peers just like them and receive important resources and education.

"I didn't realize there were other gay youth like me and coming here is refreshing," said Callum, a 19-year-old Central Piedmont Community College student. "It makes us feel at home."

Their home just got a bit bigger. In the past few weeks, staff and youth have been settling into their new space at 2320-A N. Davidson St. The group fully opened the first week of November. At a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 8, Callum and other youth helped lead tours of the new space, which includes room for several offices for staff, interns and private counseling, a kitchen and laundry facility, a career center with several computers and other resources, a multi-purpose room and youth lounge complete with a TV and video games, snacks, couches and work space.

Rodney Tucker, Time Out Youth's executive director, said the 3,000-square-foot center will offer more space for the group's programming and more visibility. For years, the group had

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