



*"They put me in a positive direction"*



***In 1892, the first Little Sisters of the Assumption arrived in New York from Paris and began to work on the Lower East Side.***

**1958**

A group of Little Sisters of the Assumption (nurses, social workers, and aides) begin to work in a rented space at 159 East 115th Street, opposite the offices of the New York City Health Department.

**1968**

Incorporation of the Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service, Inc.

**1970**

Founding of the Grandmother Program with funding from the National Council on the Aging.

**1971**

LSA move to 475 East 115th Street, which becomes both residence and work site for the agency. Core programs begin to take shape, including: home-based nursing, social work, literacy class, sewing class, and parent groups.

**1976**

LSA Family Health Service moves to a brownstone building at 426 East 119th Street.

**1977**

The Grandmother Program expands thanks to funding from the Robert Wood Johnson, Astor, New York, and Ford Foundations. A new developmental playroom for children under three enhances other services.

**1980**

Certification of LSA's Home Health Agency by the New York State Department of Health.

**1983**

The Grandmother Program becomes the first multidisciplinary Preventive Services Program supported by the NYC Special Services for Children.



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**1994**

LSA opens a new, fully-licensed infant/toddler nursery on Pleasant Avenue, around the corner from the main agency site. LSA becomes one of the first members of the East Harlem Partnership for Change, a grass-roots community organizing project.

**1995**

LSA expands into 417 East 119th Street and moves its Advocacy, Nursing, and Early Childhood offices to the new location. The move allows the expansion of the Advocacy Office/Food Pantry.

**1997**

LSA opens The Sharing Place, a thrift store at 416 East 115th Street.

**1998**

LSA creates the Asthma Program, a keystone of its Environmental Health Program.

**2000**

LSA's Early Intervention Program receives the NYC Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services Year 2000 Award for, "service excellence and exceptional program performance."

**2002**

LSA staff members S. Gail Gordon and Sr. Susanne Lachapelle receive the Robin Hood Foundation Heroes Award.

**2004**

LSA moves into its new, state-of-the-art building at 333 East 115th Street. For the first time, all agency programs are under one roof.

**2005**

LSA's Childhood Asthma Program receives the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Quality Award, honoring its significant contributions to improving the environment.

**2008**

LSA celebrates 50 years of serving East Harlem; its annual budget reaches \$4.8 million.



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