

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Sculpture of Two Men

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Sharon Kerschenheiter

Medium

Metal (bronze)

Description

A bronze sculpture of a young man being consoled by another man is mounted on a black base. The base has a metal plaque engraved "To Nancy Reagan, For Your Commitment And Dedication To Saving The Young People Of Our Nation, Straight Inc., Cincinnati." The sculpture was created by S. ED Kerschenheiter.

Dimensions

12 in. (30.5 cm)

Historical Note

Straight, Inc. was founded in 1976 by Mel Sembler and his wife Betty Sembler in St. Peterburg, Florida. Straight, Inc. was created as a drug treatment program for children aged 12-21. In total, Straight had 12 locations in California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. This program was called Straight - Cincinnati and the facility was located at 6072 Branch Hill-Guinea Pike, Milford, OH 45150. In 1987, the state of Ohio took Straight to court to close it down for criminal child abuse. The day the trial was to start Straight voluntarily closed and transferred its clients to Atlanta and Detroit.

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