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BOMA GEORGIA – HOMEAID CARE DAY

Volunteers make major improvements at Atlanta home for medical patients and caregivers.



BOMA Georgia volunteers at the BOMA-HomeAid Care Day on November 2 at Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House

Atlanta, GA – November 27, 2018 – On November 2, HomeAid Atlanta partnered with **BOMA Georgia** (Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia) for a BOMA-HomeAid Care Day at **Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House**. This was the sixth time HomeAid and BOMA Georgia have collaborated for a major Care Day event. HomeAid Care Days are one-day workdays that provide much-needed assistance with facility maintenance and repairs for nonprofit organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness or who are at risk for homelessness.

The Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House (AHHH) provides “a home away from home” for chronically or critically ill patients and family caregivers who live at least 40 miles outside Atlanta and need a place to stay while receiving life-saving medical treatment. AHHH helps people in the midst of medical crisis avoid the costs of an expensive hotel, sleeping in a waiting room, and constant need to eat fast food (if eating at all). AHHH removes patients’ and/or their families’ burden of finding food and shelter, so they can focus on treatment.

Over the course of the Care Day, more than 100 BOMA Georgia volunteers completed an enormous scope of work at AHHH. They cleaned, shined, painted, installed carpet and mini-split A/C units, changed and fixed lights and plumbing fixtures, landscaped, fixed walkways, organized sheds and attics, pressure washed, and much more. This hardworking group completed the day’s tasks with a great attitude despite the cold and rainy weather. Members of the Atlanta City Council recognized BOMA Georgia with a Proclamation to acknowledge the group’s dedication to assisting HomeAid Atlanta and other nonprofit organizations in Atlanta.

Several BOMA Georgia companies provided services, materials, and volunteers including: **Full Circle Restoration & Construction Services Inc.; Double T Contracting, Inc.; EMCOR Services; Highwoods Properties; NELSON; Arborguard Tree Specialists; BrightView; Capital City Mechanical; Atlanta Flooring Design Centers; Royal Flush Plumbing; Ruppert Landscape; Titan Electric Georgia; Mayberry Electric; Gibson Landscape; Horizon Painting & Renovations** and many more. Additionally, **Frazer Center** provided golf carts and the **Atlanta Department of Public Works** assisted with parking.

The work of volunteers and the many donations of materials and services provided a savings of over **\$30,000** for AHHH.

Melissa Ehrhardt, AHHH, Executive Director remarked, “When we were first approached by HomeAid as they searched for the best location for the HomeAid-BOMA Care Day, I couldn’t even comprehend a wish list of tasks to be completed. Then the planning team visited, asked what we would like changed if we could, and let us dream. When the actual Care Day came, I was overwhelmed by the turnout and everyone’s desire to go above and beyond. Everyone worked with a smile and a servant’s heart, even in the rain. We are so grateful for HomeAid Atlanta, BOMA, and each volunteer who came out! Thank you so much for making our house better and more beautiful. We are so grateful for you and stunned by the work that you did!”

HomeAid Atlanta, founded in 2001, is a nonprofit organization that builds new lives for homeless families and individuals through housing and community outreach. HomeAid works with the building industry and community organizations to assist people experiencing homelessness. HomeAid Atlanta has completed over 100 housing, remodel and care day projects serving victims of domestic violence, teen mothers, veterans and more. HomeAid is the designated charity of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association. Learn more at www.homeaidatlanta.org.

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