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## **HOMEAID ATLANTA & FRIENDS JOIN FORCES AT MAKING A WAY HOUSING**

*CBRE and other organizations partner with HomeAid to serve Atlanta's most vulnerable homeless population*

**Atlanta, GA** – For the seventh year in a row, HomeAid Atlanta and CBRE partnered together for a HomeAid Care Day, a volunteer workday to provide minor upgrades and repairs at homeless service facilities in metro Atlanta. CBRE and several other local organizations joined HomeAid on September 23 at Making A Way Housing, located in southwest Atlanta. Projects included building new stair units for outdoor areas; painting two apartments; sanding and painting metal railings throughout the campus; repairing an area of grounds damaged by a sewer leak; prepping to install carpet in apartments, and more.



***CBRE volunteers at Making A Way Housing on September 23.***

“We are very proud to partner with HomeAid on this project and many others throughout the country,” said Kathleen Thompson, Director of the CBRE Foundation. “Our employees are passionate about improving the quality of housing in their communities. These improvements not only make homes and facilities safer, healthier and better places in which to live, but they also build a brighter future for the men, women and children who call them home.”

This Care Day was sponsored by CBRE through CBRE Cares, the company's corporate philanthropy program. CBRE is a national sponsor of HomeAid America and often partners with HomeAid for its Annual Day of Service. The busy work day included a large group of hard working volunteers from CBRE; the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association; Kennesaw State University National Association of Home Builders Student Chapter; Lockheed Martin; Warren Technical School; and the NFL Former Players Association. Making A Way residents and friends also helped with many of the tasks. Home builders Vince Longo of Vincent Longo Custom Builders and Dan Mattox of Builders II were on hand to oversee the construction projects and overall efforts of the day. Additional support for the event was provided by Sherwin-Williams; Atlanta Glass & Mirror; Carolina Lumber; Lockheed Martin; Ensign Building Solutions; and Home Depot.

Making A Way Housing serves Atlanta adults working to overcome substance abuse, mental illness, HIV and AIDS. According to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs 2015 Report on Homelessness, people with special needs like those served by Making A Way are most the vulnerable within homeless population.



***Volunteers & residents worked together at Making A Way Housing on September 23.***

Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director of Making A Way Housing remarked, “We are blessed to have a partnership with HomeAid Atlanta. The Care Day helped with improvements on our campus and allowed the participation of groups who were kind enough to offer their talents. Many of our residents assisted, and they are excited about all that was completed. The

volunteer work and material donations saved us thousands of dollars in much needed work. Thank you so much for blessing us!”

**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 in partnership with the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, as well as community building industry organizations, to assist people experiencing temporarily homelessness. To date, HomeAid Atlanta has completed over 60 housing, remodel and care day projects at locations that serve victims of domestic violence, teen mothers, abused and abandoned children, and more. Learn more at [www.homeaidatlanta.org](http://www.homeaidatlanta.org).

**Making A Way Housing** operates a 72-unit facility and a 25 bed emergency shelter. Homeless adults facing complex challenges associated with chronic homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, and HIV and AIDS are welcome. The program has housed over 400 homeless persons, helping them obtain gainful employment, learn to manage mental illness, achieve long-lasting substance abuse recovery, and re-integrate back into the community as productive, independent citizens. Learn more at [www.makingawayhousing.org](http://www.makingawayhousing.org).

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