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## HOMEAID CARE DAY AT FAMILY HAVEN

*Atlanta building industry nonprofit assists Forsyth County shelter for victims of violence.*

ATLANTA, GA – MAY 3, 2019 – HomeAid Atlanta brought volunteers from **BB&T**, **Quantum National Bank**, and **Wells Fargo** to **Forsyth County Family Haven** on April 26. These financial institutions joined forces for a HomeAid Care Day: a one-day, hands-on workday to provide much-needed facility maintenance and repairs free-of-charge for HomeAid partner organizations. Family Haven is the only shelter of its kind in Forsyth County. The organization provides safe temporary shelter, individual crisis support, and referral services for victims of domestic violence.



*HomeAid staff members (front row) and volunteers at the Care Day at Family Haven on April 26.*

HomeAid Care Day volunteers completed three tasks at Family Haven. Volunteers worked to stain an expansive privacy fence, replace rotten trim



*Jean Hilyard, HomeAid Director of Shelter Development (left), joined Patty Westmoreland of BB&T to stain the fence.*

on exterior columns, and sand and finish

three badly damaged dining tables. The work of volunteers, along with a generous of donation of stain from **Behr**, generated a savings of nearly \$5,000 for Family Haven. Patty Westmoreland, BB&T Market Leader IV, Vice President, remarked, "The BB&T North Fulton team is proud to partner with HomeAid, and enjoyed working at the Care Day. An important part of BB&T's mission is to make the communities we work in better places to be, and I feel that directly aligns with HomeAid's mission to build new lives for homeless families in the metro Atlanta area. It was wonderful to see first-hand what our hard work was able to accomplish at Family Haven, and it felt great knowing it would impact so many lives."

Amy Barfield, Family Haven Executive Director expressed her gratitude for HomeAid: "I would like to give a big shout out to the HomeAid volunteers from BB&T, Quantum National Bank, and Wells Fargo who made Family Haven a little brighter. The love and care these volunteers put into the projects they completed goes a long way toward showing our clients that the community cares. Maintenance projects led by volunteers allow Family Haven to direct funds to much-needed client services. We are fortunate to partner with HomeAid as they recognize the importance of maintaining a safe and inviting environment for our clients."

This was HomeAid's second Care Day at Family Haven. In October 2016, HomeAid volunteers painted a large apartment used to provide transitional housing for a family escaping domestic violence. HomeAid Atlanta is proud to assist Family Haven with its facility needs while providing significant savings on maintenance and repairs. Family Haven can direct these savings to help clients to escape abusive situations through supportive services, obtain permanent housing, and begin to build new lives free from violence.

**HomeAid Atlanta** is a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 that builds new lives for homeless families and individuals through housing and community outreach. HomeAid builds, renovates, and maintains facilities for nonprofits serving people experiencing homelessness. HomeAid Atlanta has completed over 120 projects at locations for victims of domestic violence, teen mothers, veterans and more, utilizing connections with building industry professionals and community organizations. HomeAid also provides essential items like diapers, wipes, and hygiene products to those affected by homelessness. HomeAid Atlanta is the designated charity of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association. Learn more at [www.homeaidatlanta.org](http://www.homeaidatlanta.org).

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