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HOMEAID CARE DAY AT THE DRAKE CLOSET

Atlanta building industry nonprofit kicks off renovation of retail space to help homeless families.

ATLANTA, GA – JUNE 14, 2019 – On June 8, HomeAid Atlanta brought volunteers from **Overhead Door Company of Atlanta** (Overhead Door) to the future site of **The Drake Closet's** Alpharetta location. The Drake Closet is a women's clothing boutique benefitting The Drake House, which provides housing and education programs for homeless single mothers in north metro Atlanta. Income from The Drake Closet makes up 25% of The Drake House's annual operating cost. The Drake Closet's new location, which will open in August 2019, will provide more retail space and additional parking for customers.



Overhead Door Company of Atlanta volunteers on June 8.

Volunteers from Overhead Door tackled several tasks to kick off the renovation of the space, which was formerly a law office.

Work completed over the course of the day included: demolition of interior walls, the build-out of four dressing rooms, installation of a louvre door, and prep for tile installation. In addition to providing volunteers, Overhead Door donated funds. **BMC, Budget Dumpster, L&W Supply, and Atlanta Glass & Mirror** provided in-kind donations of building materials. The donations of labor and materials provided a savings of approximately \$6,000 for The Drake Closet.

HomeAid Care Days provide free-of-charge maintenance and repairs for HomeAid partner organizations. Through HomeAid partnerships with businesses like Overhead Door, HomeAid completes 10 to 12 Care Days each year. The June 8 event was HomeAid's ninth collaboration with Overhead Door since 2008.

"Overhead Door Company of Atlanta has enjoyed working with HomeAid on nine Care Days," said longtime volunteer Kathy Boylen of Overhead Door. "Each year, HomeAid makes a big effort to be sure we have a location that will challenge our talented group of employees. We know that when we partner with HomeAid, they will organize the event and we will have everything we need to accomplish the tasks at hand, in a safe and comfortable location. We look forward to working with HomeAid in 2020 for our 10th event together!"

While HomeAid Atlanta works with numerous organizations throughout a nine-county metro Atlanta area, the partnership with The Drake House is one of its most enduring. HomeAid Atlanta has a long history of supporting the work of The Drake House. The partnership began in 2006, when HomeAid renovated two apartment buildings to establish The Drake House, the first-ever crisis housing for women in north Fulton County. Continued HomeAid project partnerships have saved The Drake House locations close to \$900,000 over the years.

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 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 is the designated charity of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association. Learn more at www.homeaidatlanta.org.

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