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## **HOMEAID ATLANTA CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> CARE DAY**

*Atlanta nonprofit partners with BOMA Georgia for special volunteer work day event*

**Atlanta, GA** – On November 18, HomeAid Atlanta celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> HomeAid Care Day, and its sixth partnering with BOMA Georgia at Solomon's Temple in southwest Atlanta. Approximately 180 volunteers were in attendance to help make improvements at the facility, which provides transitional housing and programs aimed at empowerment and self-sufficiency for homeless Atlanta women and children. Also in attendance were special guests David Dreyer, Georgia House Representative-Elect District 59; Mandy Crater, HomeAid Atlanta Executive Director; and BOMA GA president Ian Hughes, LEED Green Associate - Lillibridge.

This special event also marked the fifth time HomeAid and BOMA Georgia partnered together for a Care Day since 2009, for a total of six Care Day locations. Jean Hilyard, HomeAid Atlanta Director of Community Engagement stated, "BOMA Georgia is an incredibly organized group that HomeAid Atlanta is honored to have the pleasure of working with. Their member organizers this year, Carla Moule and Kacey Levine, worked diligently to secure material and labor donations for the BOMA – HomeAid Care Day. BOMA Georgia members seriously stepped up to make a big difference at Solomon's Temple. We are proud to call BOMA Georgia a partner in assisting homeless serving organizations."

The work completed by Care Day volunteers included rebuilding a gazebo and benches, painting two main resident living areas, pressure washing, landscaping and tree work, electrical and general repairs, ceiling tile replacement, parking lot paving/stripping, floor cleaning and more. The Care Day provided approximately \$40,000 in savings, handling these much needed facility improvements for Solomon's Temple. The savings assist Solomon's Temple in meeting more direct client needs such as case management and food.

"I had so much fun during the Care Day just watching everything unfold," said Kecia Baker, Solomon's Temple Director of Program and Facilities. "The housing building and grounds are just 'awe'mazing! Everyone was so friendly and loving. Thank you for the fantastic job orchestrating the event, and it was a pleasure to work with you again."

HomeAid began its Care Day initiative in 2008 and since then has provided savings of approximately \$420,000 to Atlanta organizations serving homeless families and individuals. Care Days provide Atlanta businesses and organizations an opportunity to make a one-day commitment that has a lasting impact on local nonprofit organizations serving homeless families and individuals. HomeAid is proud of this outreach initiative and looks forward to continuing to help meet the building repair and improvement needs of Atlanta homeless service providers in the years to come.

**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).

**The Building Owners and Managers Association of Georgia (BOMA Georgia)** is a trade association representing one of the largest and most revenue-generating industries in the state: commercial real estate. BOMA Georgia members represent building ownership, professional property management firms, professional service providers, contract services, and more. Our members are responsible for the safety and security of hundreds of thousands of employees housed in facilities managed by this industry.

**Solomon's Temple** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of homelessness by empowering women and their children to overcome life's challenges, realize their potential, define their own destiny and become vital factors in the revitalization and sustainability of their community. Solomon's Temple houses up to 144 homeless women and children.

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