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THE INTERIOR PARTNERS STOCK THE HOUSE WITH HOMEAID

Furniture donation makes transitional housing feel like home for women with children in North Fulton

On May 30, two delivery trucks arrived at Roswell's The Drake Village packed full of donations of high quality furniture and accessories, courtesy of The Interior Partners, based out of Norcross. HomeAid Atlanta is in the final phases of a major renovation at The Drake Village, with volunteer Builder Captain Dan O'Dwyer of O'Dwyer Properties. The donation is part of HomeAid Atlanta's *Stock the House Drive* – a program that extends HomeAid's services beyond the construction of the apartments and assists with furnishing, decorations and/or household items.

The Interior Partners' donation will furnish almost three entire apartments and included sofas, beds, end tables, artwork, and more, with a value of over \$13,000, and will go a long way toward making The Drake Village feel warm and welcoming for the women and children who will soon call it home. The donation also generously included delivery services!

The HomeAid build project at The Drake Village is a renovation of two eight-unit apartment buildings. When complete, the new facility will more than double The Drake House's capacity to serve homeless women and their children, going from 44 beds to 100 beds.

HomeAid's *Stock the House Drive* began in 2015 with support from the Professional Women in Building - Atlanta Chapter. The *Stock the House Drive* collects furniture and household items for HomeAid-built facilities to provide financial savings and warmly welcome residents into their temporary housing as they work to rebuild their lives. Since its establishment, the *Stock the House Drive* has contributed thousands of furnishings and household items with a value of almost \$65,000 to metro Atlanta homeless service providers who operate in HomeAid-built facilities.

Dianne Berry, Program Manager at The Drake House stated, "Thanks to our relationship with HomeAid Atlanta, we were delighted to accept the beautiful and high quality furniture from The Interior Partners. The furniture will furnish both The Drake Village and The Drake House apartments where we provide short-term housing for homeless single mothers and their minor children, and longer-term housing for graduates at The Drake Village apartments, newly renovated thanks to HomeAid Atlanta. The furniture will not only help provide warmth and comfort, but greet the families with a place they now can call home."

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 building industry, as well as community organizations, to assist people experiencing homelessness. To date, HomeAid Atlanta has completed over 100 housing, remodel and care day projects at locations 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.



Dianne Berry, The Drake House (left) and Dan O'Dwyer (right), HomeAid Builder Captain, receive the furniture donation from The Interior Partners' delivery company.

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