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HOMEAID BUILDS NEW HOME FOR YOUNG MOTHERS IN JONESBORO

Building industry nonprofit completes new facility for mothers experiencing homelessness

ATLANTA, GA – September 18, 2020 – HomeAid Atlanta and House of Dawn supporters celebrated the completion a new home for young mothers ages 13-19 on September 14 with a virtual dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. House of Dawn is a Jonesboro nonprofit organization that provides a stable, loving home, life skills programs, and more for expectant and young mothers at risk for homelessness and abuse. The Second Chance is a new 5,000 square-foot House of Dawn facility built to provide a safe place these young mothers and their children.



Ribbon cutting at the Second Chance Home: L-R: House of Dawn Board Member Yong Kim, Chris Knight of Knight Homes; Dawn Murray, President and CEO of House of Dawn; Michael Bryant, Chairman of Clayton County Housing Authority; Mandy Crater, HomeAid Atlanta Executive Director.

Construction on the home was led by HomeAid Builder Captain Knight Homes. Whitney Fitzgerald, Knight Homes Project Manager for the Second Chance Home remarked, "It's been a pleasure to help build a house that's going to be a safe place for these girls to call home and have a second chance at a wonderful life."

HomeAid's work at House of Dawn allows the organization to focus more on helping young mothers and worry less about facility construction and maintenance. Money saved allows more and better assistance to help young mothers like Salaam, who came to House of Dawn after leaving an abusive home, six months pregnant with her daughter. "I didn't know what it felt like to have a family. House of Dawn showed me love and they never gave up on me. I wasn't used to that." Now Salaam is in college, pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and hopes to become a forensic analyst.

The completion of the Second Chance Home would not have been possible without generous donations of expertise, materials, and services from these companies and individuals:

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HomeAid Atlanta is still calculating the value of donations of labor and materials, but current numbers show that over \$115,000 has been provided, which is 45% off retail value of the project.

Due to the pandemic, the September 14 ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was held online so that everyone could participate from the comfort of their homes. The virtual event premiered on HomeAid Atlanta's YouTube channel and can be viewed [here](#).

HomeAid Atlanta is a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 that builds new lives for families and individuals experiencing homelessness through housing and community outreach. HomeAid builds, renovates, and maintains facilities for nonprofits that serve people experiencing homelessness. HomeAid has completed over 140 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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