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HOMEAID DEDICATES NEW BUILDING AT PHOENIX PASS



On Friday, June 10, HomeAid Atlanta held a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate Building II at Phoenix Pass. Phoenix Pass is a long-term transitional housing complex serving women with children in Conyers/Rockdale County.

The new eight-unit apartment building, built under the guidance of HomeAid Builder Captain John Cooper of Cooper Homes, with assistance from D.R. Horton, enables Phoenix Pass to meet the needs of more families as they strive to establish self-sufficiency in a residential setting.

While the donations and discounts of labor and materials are still being tabulated, to date, HomeAid has saved Phoenix Pass approximately \$300,000, or 55%, of the market value of the construction. HomeAid was able to reach these tremendous savings with the help of numerous members of the building industry who graciously donated to help single mothers and their children in need.

Mandy Crater, Executive Director of HomeAid remarked, "I have the best job in the world! Every day I get to help bring the generosity of the building industry together with amazing service providers like Phoenix Pass to help ensure that no one is without a roof over their heads. We are excited to be able to provide 48 additional beds for single mothers and their children in the Conyers/Rockdale area."

HomeAid Atlanta worked with Phoenix Pass to complete the first eight-unit apartment building and light house shaped community center in 2010. We wish them continued success in helping families get back on their feet!



John Cooper, HomeAid Builder Captain (L) and Steve King, HomeAid Board Member



Maury Wilson & Jean Yontz of Phoenix Pass



Bedroom, furnished and decorated by Design2Sell

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HOMEAID ATLANTA CARE DAYS WITH CALATLANTIC HOMES & PARAN HOMES

HomeAid Atlanta partnered with CalAtlantic Homes (formerly Ryland Homes) for a Care Day at Phoenix Pass in Conyers, in late April. HomeAid Care Days are one day, hands-on work days powered by volunteers performing repairs and upgrades at Atlanta-area facilities serving homeless families and individuals. Phoenix Pass serves the needs of homeless single mothers and their children by providing an opportunity to re-establish self-sufficiency in a residential setting. CalAtlantic Homes volunteers installed cabinets, donated by MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc., for HomeAid's new eight-unit apartment building at Phoenix Pass. The CalAtlantic Homes team worked extremely hard during the long, hot work day, saving Phoenix Pass approximately \$5,000!



CalAtlantic Homes



In late May, HomeAid once again partnered with Paran Homes for a Care Day at Shepherd's Rest Ministries, an organization offering services and support to empower abused and homeless women and children, in Dallas, Georgia. Volunteers worked hard throughout another hot Care Day painting exterior decks, adding mulch to the playground area, and upgrading the home's landscaping. Paran Homes' efforts saved Shepherd's Rest Shepherd's Rest almost \$3,000 in repairs and upgrades.



Paran Homes

HomeAid Care Days assist service providers by saving money on repairs and improvements, allowing them to spend donated funds on their resident's services and programs. HomeAid Atlanta thanks both **CalAtlantic Homes and Paran Homes, as well as MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc. and Sherwin-Williams**, for their donations of time, talent and materials!





HOMEAID ESSENTIALS DRIVE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!



Volunteers and HomeAid staff at donation sorting day

HomeAid Atlanta's 15th Annual Essentials Drive benefiting homeless babies wrapped up on May 5, just in time for Mother's Day. The community-wide effort to collect "essential" baby products such as diapers, baby food, formula, and wipes, was a huge success! More than 130,000 baby items, valued at over \$25,000, were collected and distributed to 17 local nonprofit service providers that assist homeless families. These items provide critical support for women and children in need. Since 2002, almost 900,000 essential baby items have been collected and distributed through the Essentials Drive.

More than 30 Atlanta business and organizations, and hundreds of individuals, participated in the Essentials Drive through donations, hosting collection sites, and volunteer help. Community members and volunteers from companies including Bank of America, CBRE, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, worked diligently at HomeAid's office to sort and pack baby items for delivery on May 6.

Atlanta-based UPS joined HomeAid Atlanta for the tenth year to deliver the donated items. Two trucks and four UPS volunteers brought the items to receiving organizations.

"It was like Christmas morning!" said Jamie Lackey, Executive Director of Helping Mamas in Snellville upon receipt of Essentials Drive donations, "The timing was perfect. We were out of Pull-Ups and size 6 diapers and had several requests for them. The Essentials Drive donations allowed us to fill those requests. We will be able to serve so many babies because of HomeAid Atlanta!"

Of the estimated 9,000 people in Metro Atlanta who are homeless on any given night, 40 percent are women and children. The Essentials Drive was first launched by HomeAid Atlanta in 2002 to help meet the growing needs of Atlanta's changing homeless population. Thank you to all groups holding drives, donating, and volunteering. *We couldn't do it without you!*



Donations delivery to United Methodist Children's Home



UPS volunteers

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GOLFERS HIT THE LINKS FOR HOMEAID

On June 6, supporters of HomeAid Atlanta gathered at East Lake Golf Club for the annual Housing the Homeless Golf Tournament. This event is HomeAid's major annual fundraiser and it was a great success. Golfers enjoyed great weather for golf, lunch, and a reception at historic East Lake. This important event would not have been possible without the generous support of all the players, volunteers, East Lake Golf Club, and tournament sponsors. See you again next year, and thank you for supporting HomeAid Atlanta and our mission of building new lives for homeless families and individuals through housing and community outreach!

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