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INTERIOR RENOVATION AT THE DRAKE VILLAGE

HomeAid makes improvements at facility for homeless women with children

Atlanta, GA – October 10, 2018 – HomeAid Atlanta is set to begin its fourth renovation project with North Fulton's The Drake House. Ryan Swallow of **South Haven Builders** will serve as volunteer Builder Captain for the final phase of construction at The Drake Village. In June of this year, Builder Captain Dan O'Dwyer of O'Dwyer Properties completed major exterior renovations on both eight-unit apartment buildings that make up The Drake Village, as well as interior renovations on one of the buildings. Now, South Haven Builders will provide interior upgrades for the second building.

Swallow, with his more than 20 years of construction and industrial experience, is donating his time to lead a total interior renovation of Building 40 at The Drake Village. South Haven Builders has been a longtime supporter of HomeAid, including serving on HomeAid board of directors.



*Volunteer Builder Captain
Ryan Swallow of South Haven
Builders to lead final phase of
The Drake Village construction.*

Atlanta home builder **Taylor Morrison** recruited **Pine Enterprise** to provide their plumbing expertise in preparation for the necessary interior demolition to kick off the project. Pine Enterprise donated their services to install a shut off valve for Building 40 and fix a leaky sewer pipe. Taylor Morrison returned on October 10 with a team of volunteers and filled up two dumpsters to clear the way for the new interiors.

Since 2006, HomeAid has completed three major renovations and five Care Days at The Drake House, saving the organization over \$636,000 in construction costs. The estimated value of the upcoming interior renovation project is \$164,000. HomeAid Atlanta Executive Director Mandy Crater said of the project, "We are so proud of our history with The Drake House. We really started our mission to build new lives just a little before The Drake House began to do the same. Over the years, we have had the privilege of seeing the impact of our investments in The Drake House. Since 2004, 446 single mothers and 822 children have changed their futures in the homes that HomeAid provided through the generosity of the building industry."



On October 10, Taylor Morrison completed demolition Building 40 at The Drake Village.

This renovation is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2018, making The Drake Village completely move-in ready for eight more families to have a home in time for the holidays. The Drake Village more than doubles The Drake House's original capacity to serve homeless women and their children, going from 44 beds to 100 beds, providing a safe place for families working build new lives.

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.

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