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HOMEAID CARE DAY AT DIRECTION HOUSE

Volunteers make major improvements at home for homeless veterans

On April 20, HomeAid Atlanta partnered with the Mortgage Bankers Association of Georgia's (MBAG) Atlanta Chapter for a HomeAid Care Day. HomeAid Care Days are "done in a day" workdays providing free-of-charge maintenance and repairs



for nonprofit organizations serving people experiencing homelessness in Atlanta.

Direction House is a transitional housing program for male veterans as they work to overcome addiction issues. Founded by Graylin Covington, a veteran who received help from HomeAid Service Provider partner, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, years ago. Direction House provides housing and guidance for up to 10 men as they work to rebuild their lives.

Volunteers from Mortgage Bankers Association of Georgia at Direction House on Friday, April 20.

Volunteers completed much needed landscaping and gardening tasks at Direction House, including building and planting two raised

garden beds, clearing out overgrown bamboo, rebuilding a broken fence, removing a tree stump, planting two flower gardens, and general clean-up. The workday generated a savings of approximately \$4,500 for Direction House, funds that will be used to help meet the immediate needs of the residents. Home builders Vincent Longo of Vincent Longo Custom Builders and James MacDowell of Unique Homes and Renovations volunteered, providing leadership throughout the day. Ross Davies of Super-Sod provided gardening expertise, including selecting patriotic-themed flowers and plants in honor of the veterans at Direction House. BMC provided a discount on lumber for the garden beds.

"I enjoyed and appreciate the work performed at the HomeAid Care Day at Direction House. The guests at the house are excited about the flowers and they are anxiously waiting for the garden to produce. I certainly appreciate all that you do," said Graylin Covington, Founder and Director of Direction House.

This was HomeAid's second Care Day with MBAG. Following this Care Day, Alexandra Radford, MBAG Atlanta Chapter Director said, "I love being a part of HomeAid Care Days. I love physically working on projects and knowing I'm really making a difference in the lives of homeless veterans."

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