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BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO END HOMELESSNESS

Building industry volunteers kick off renovations at Crossroads Community Ministries

ATLANTA, GA – FEBRUARY 5, 2021 – HomeAid Atlanta kicked off its 2021 series of Care Days on January 29 at **Crossroads Community Ministries (CCM)** in downtown Atlanta. Between 900 – 1000 people live unsheltered in the City of Atlanta, and 2,000 more live in shelters. Crossroads Community Ministries seeks to provide access to resources that empower people experiencing homelessness to progress toward economic and personal stability.



HomeAid Atlanta volunteers and staff on January 29 at CCM's Clyde's Kitchen.

HomeAid volunteers from **National Association of Home Builders Kennesaw State University (KSU) Student Chapter**, **KSU Women in Construction**, **The Northview Church**, **Beacon Management Services**, **Cash Environmental Resources**, and **CenterState Bank** spent the day completing demolition projects in the dining area at CCM's Clyde's Kitchen, which serves over 60,000 meals each week to people experiencing hunger and homelessness.

Volunteers of all skill levels broke down several walls in preparation for CCM's expansion to increase services. The major renovation project will add office space for external service providers like Mercy Care and an employment center. The expanded space will allow CCM to help even more people rebuild their lives, people like Kevin. Just one year ago, he was homeless and a frequent guest of the kitchen. He worked to turn his life around and CCM hired him to work in Clyde's Kitchen. Now Kevin has a steady income and place to call home. "Whatever an individual needs, wherever they are on their journey, we start there and we stay with them until they get where they want to be," said Rev. Tony Johns, CCM Executive Director. "We hope to empower those we serve to reach a point of stability in life."

HomeAid Care Days provide free-of-charge maintenance, upgrades, and repairs for nonprofits serving people experiencing homelessness in metro Atlanta. This was HomeAid Atlanta's 96th Care Day since the initiative began in 2008. Karen McLane, HomeAid Atlanta's Director of Community Outreach said, "What a great way to kick off our 20th anniversary year! The amazing efforts and enthusiasm our volunteers displayed made for a very productive and heart-warming day. We can't wait to see the completed expansion!" Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and **Green Energy Transport's** donation of a dumpster, the Care Day provided a savings of more than \$4,000 for CCM.

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 serving people experiencing homelessness. Celebrating its 20th year of service in 2021, HomeAid has completed over 140 construction 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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