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HOMEAID CARE DAY AT HOUSE OF DAWN

Home building nonprofit partners with Georgia Power to assist Jonesboro shelter for homeless teen moms.

JONESBORO, GA – NOVEMBER 6, 2019 – On October 26, **Georgia Power** employees and their families spent the morning at a HomeAid Care Day at **House of Dawn** in Jonesboro. HomeAid Atlanta provides free-of-charge Care Days to complete maintenance tasks and repairs for nonprofit facilities that serve Atlanta's homeless population. House of Dawn provides a stable, loving home, life skills programs, and more for expectant and young mothers at risk for homelessness and abuse.



Members of Citizens of Georgia Power with their families and HomeAid staff on October 26 at House of Dawn. The pavilion can be seen, in-progress, in the background.

Members of Citizens of Georgia Power, a community service branch of the company, assembled and installed a pavilion, as well as landscaping improvements around the new structure and existing duplexes. The work completed at this Care Day is part of a current build project at House of Dawn: HomeAid is constructing 4,500 square foot "Second Chance Home," led by Chris Knight of **Knight Homes**. When complete, it will provide 10 beds for very young homeless mothers, ages 13 – 18, and their children. The pavilion will provide an outdoor gathering space for future Second Chance Home residents as well as the mothers in the Transitional Housing Program (THP) ages 18-23. HomeAid and **Silverstone Communities** with the help of **Doug Cotter**, completed a project adding eight beds to the existing THP duplexes this spring.

Earlier this year, the **Georgia Power Foundation** presented HomeAid with a check for \$10,000 in support of the Second Chance Home project. The funding from their 2019 Legacy Grant allowed HomeAid to partner with Georgia Power volunteers to build the pavilion for the young women served by House of Dawn.

House of Dawn helps young women like Sara to become self-sufficient. Sara came to House of Dawn at age 20, pregnant, depressed, and homeless. She had no family to help her and knew very little about parenting. At House of Dawn, she was welcomed and given a fresh start. With an apartment, parenting classes, and 24-hour support, House of Dawn taught her self-sufficiency. The staff became her family. She completed her G.E.D, enrolled in college, and resolved debt from a prior eviction. She now has her own apartment. Sara said, "I am now a smarter person and a good parent. I love House of Dawn, and they will be a part of me forever. They showed me there was a second chance and I could make it if I tried and gave it my all!"

HomeAid Atlanta is a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 that builds new lives for homeless families and individuals through housing and community outreach. HomeAid builds, renovates, and maintains facilities for nonprofits serving 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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