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HOMEAID BREAKS GROUND AT HOUSE OF DAWN

Renovation at Home for Homeless Young Mothers and Children

On July 20, 2018, HomeAid Atlanta and House of Dawn supporters gathered in Jonesboro to break ground on a renovation project to help build new lives for young and expectant mothers experiencing homelessness.

House of Dawn (HOD) provides a stable, loving home for young mothers and their children at risk for homelessness and abuse, as well as educational opportunities and the life training skills to become independent, self-supporting women. Doug Cotter, in partnership with Silverstone Communities, will serve as HomeAid Atlanta's volunteer Builder Captain for renovations at HOD's Transitional Housing Program facilities, doubling the program's capacity from eight mothers and babies to 16. The Transitional Housing program serves young mothers ages 18-24 and their children, who need supportive housing assistance for up to two years.

The renovation of the Transitional Housing Program's two duplexes will add a new bathroom to four units, doubling the number of mothers and their children who will call House of Dawn home as they work toward the goal of self-sufficiency.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Builder Captain Doug Cotter remarked, "Silverstone Communities and I are very honored and proud to be participating with HomeAid and House of Dawn on this project. Our passion is to provide housing for families, and this project allows us to do it at a different level, providing housing for mothers and children in need. I think being a single mother is the hardest job in the world, and we're here to make it easier. It's a great honor to follow my passion and give back to the community to help these young mothers and their children."

Dawn Murray, House of Dawn Founder and CEO said, "HomeAid has been awesome to work with to help us get to the point that we are ready to break ground, and we are excited to start building with them with the help of Doug Cotter and Silverstone Communities."

Construction on House of Dawn's Transitional Housing Program facilities will begin this week.

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.



(L-R) Volunteer Builder Captain Doug Cotter, HomeAid Atlanta Board President Ronnie Gullatt, State Representative Mike Glanton, House of Dawn Founder and CEO Dawn Murray, and HomeAid Atlanta Executive Director Mandy Crater at House of Dawn on July 20.