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HOMEAID BUILDS AT HOUSE OF DAWN

Dedication and Groundbreaking at Jonesboro home for very young mothers.

ATLANTA, GA – MAY 20, 2019 – HomeAid Atlanta and **House of Dawn** (HOD) in Jonesboro had three reasons to celebrate on May 15. HOD celebrated its 15th anniversary and HomeAid was there to dedicate a recently completed renovation and break ground for the future.

HOD provides a stable, loving home and life skills programs for expectant and young mothers who are at risk for homelessness and abuse. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony celebrated the newly renovated HOD Transitional Housing Program facilities. The program serves young mothers ages 18-24 and their children, who receive supportive housing assistance for up to two years as they work toward self-sufficiency. **Doug Cotter**, in partnership with **Silverstone Communities**, volunteered to serve as HomeAid Builder Captain, leading renovations of two duplexes. With the new bathroom addition on each unit, HOD can double the number of people served, going from eight to 16 mothers and children. In addition to Doug Cotter and Silverstone Communities, the following companies contributed to the project:

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Champion Masonry

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Ribbon cutting at House of Dawn's Transitional Housing Program.



Groundbreaking at the Second Chance Home.

Attendees also celebrated the groundbreaking of HOD's new Second Chance Home. **Chris Knight** of **Knight Homes** will lead construction of the home, adding 10 beds for very young mothers, ages 13 – 19. Knight has volunteered as HomeAid Builder Captain before. In 2005, he led HomeAid's build project for Tapestry Youth Ministries, providing 12 beds for young mothers and their babies.

Representatives of the **Georgia Power Foundation, Inc.** were on hand to present HomeAid with a check for \$10,000 in support of the project. This funding from their 2019 Legacy Grant will allow HomeAid and GA Power volunteers to build an outdoor gathering space for the young women served by HOD.

HomeAid's work at House of Dawn allows the organization to focus more on helping young mothers and worry less about facility construction and maintenance. Money saved allows more and better assistance to help young mothers like Jasmine, a House of Dawn graduate, who shared her story at the gathering. "House of Dawn gave me the confidence and hope I needed to be a mom," she said.

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 Atlanta has completed over 120 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 Atlanta is the designated charity of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association. Learn more at www.homeaidatlanta.org.

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