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HOMEAID CARE DAY AT ANNA CRAWFORD CHILDREN'S CENTER

Volunteers make improvements at resource center for abused children

On July 24, 2018, HomeAid Atlanta brought together volunteers from Denim Marketing and the Mortgage Bankers Association of Georgia (MBAG) for a HomeAid Care Day at the Anna Crawford Children's Center (ACCC) in Woodstock. HomeAid Care Days are "done in a day" workdays providing free-of-charge maintenance and repairs for nonprofit organizations providing resources for people at-risk for, or experiencing, homelessness in Atlanta.

ACCC provides mental health services, forensic interviewers, family advocates, and parent mentors and educators for thousands of Cherokee County children and family members impacted by child sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and exposure to violence, allowing them to live healthier, fuller and happier lives. Often, children who are served through ACCC are removed from their homes and placed in foster care due to abuse. According to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' 2017 Point In Time Homeless Count, children under the age of 18 comprise 23% of the state's homeless population. ACCC is a safe place for abuse victims at risk for homelessness.



Volunteers from Denim Marketing at Anna Crawford Children's Center.

Over the course of the Care Day, volunteers completed much-needed tasks including landscaping around the building, pressure washing, installation of light bulbs throughout the facility, and removal of old furniture from space that will become an on-site clinic and counseling space, along with help from ACCC staff. Waste Pro USA provided support by donating a dumpster for the event.

Jean Hilyard, HomeAid Atlanta Director of Community Engagement, was thrilled with the day's results, "The grounds of the facility looked so much better due to the volunteers' work! We love partnering with enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers like our friends from Denim Marketing and MBAG. ACCC's staff worked just as hard as well. HomeAid is honored to assist groups like ACCC that are working to provide better lives to people in need. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!"

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.

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