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JOHN WIELAND MAKES MAJOR DONATION TO HELP ATLANTA'S HOMELESS

Legendary Atlanta home builder supports HomeAid Atlanta's mission

ATLANTA – March 30, 2016 – Continuing the tradition of recognizing an Atlanta nonprofit at his annual Good Friday Breakfast, legendary Atlanta home builder John Wieland recognized HomeAid at Atlanta on March 25, 2016. HomeAid Executive Director, Mandy Crater, and several members of HomeAid's Board of Directors were on hand to share about HomeAid's mission with the group of about 170 people at gathered at the Mansour Center in Marietta.

In addition to being featured at the breakfast, HomeAid Atlanta was also the recipient of a \$25,000 donation from John Wieland in support of their mission to build new lives for Atlanta's homeless individuals through housing and community outreach.



John Wieland (far right) with HomeAid Atlanta board members and staff.

Wieland joked that HomeAid Board Member, Dale McCain of State Bank & Trust took a chance on lending him money in his introduction of HomeAid at the breakfast. "John (Wieland) is such a fixture in the building industry, and we are so grateful that he is and has always been such a great supporter of HomeAid. Leaders in the building industry like John are why we are able to accomplish our mission to build new lives," said McCain.

Wieland's support of HomeAid Atlanta has been continuous, and not just financial. In addition to financing 100 percent of the labor and materials for HomeAid's 2004 construction project at Atlanta Union Mission's (now Atlanta Mission) Second Mile Home, Wieland also served as the builder captain and major financial contributor for the construction of My House in 2008, to assist homeless medically fragile infants and children.

"Mr. Wieland's support is as integral to HomeAid as he is to Atlanta's home building industry," said HomeAid Atlanta's Executive Director, Mandy Crater, who was on hand at the breakfast. "We are humbled and honored that Mr. Wieland sees the value in what we are doing to end homelessness in metro Atlanta."

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 Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association, as well as community building industry organizations, to assist the temporarily homeless. To date, HomeAid Atlanta has completed 53 housing, remodel and care day projects at locations that serve victims of domestic violence, teen mothers, abused and abandoned children, and more. Learn more at www.homeaidatlanta.org.

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