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## HOMEAID RECEIVES GRANT FROM WELLS FARGO

*Atlanta building industry nonprofit awarded funds to assist with community outreach initiatives.*

ATLANTA, GA – MARCH 26, 2019 – HomeAid Atlanta has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Wells Fargo in support of its community outreach initiatives. These funds ensure that HomeAid will continue to help meet the immediate needs of Atlanta's homeless population through two of its outreach initiatives: HomeAid Care Days and the Essentials Drive.



*Volunteers at a HomeAid Care Day on September 7, 2018 at Sheltering Grace Ministry.*

Each year HomeAid holds 12 to 15 Care Days. Care Days are one-day, hands-on volunteer workdays that provide much-needed facility maintenance and repairs for nonprofit organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness. In 2018 alone, HomeAid completed 15 Care Days for 13 different organizations, valued at a total of \$109,222.46.

HomeAid created the Essentials Drive in 2002. Since its inception, this metro Atlanta-wide drive has collected over 1.2 million essential baby items and delivered them to metro Atlanta nonprofits serving homeless and extremely low-income mothers and babies. Last year, the Essentials Drive garnered 222,447 items valued at \$50,820.60. Decatur Cooperative Ministries (DCM) is a yearly recipient of items from the Essentials Drive. Marlene White, DCM Executive Director said, "Year after year, HomeAid Atlanta and its supporters have continued to surpass our expectations. We consider HomeAid to be one of our greatest allies in the fight to alleviate homelessness in metro Atlanta. Both our Family Transitional Housing (FTH) Program and Hagar's House Emergency Shelter utilize the diapers, wipes, formula, and other items we have received."



*Volunteers sort "essential" baby items during the 2018 Essentials Drive.*

Karen McLane, HomeAid Atlanta Director of Community Outreach said, "We are truly grateful for community partners like Wells Fargo, whose generous grant allows us to increase our impact this year. This is more than just an investment in HomeAid; it's an investment in the metro Atlanta community. Mothers shouldn't have to choose between food and diapers for their children, and this grant will boost the reach of our Essentials Drive to supply these items for homeless families. The grant will also improve our Care Days by providing more resources to assist local shelter providers with facility maintenance and repairs in order to better serve metro Atlanta's homeless population."

**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](http://www.homeaidatlanta.org).