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## HOMEAID ATLANTA'S INTERIOR RENOVATION AT THE DRAKE VILLAGE

*Project marks Atlanta nonprofit's fourth major project at The Drake House.*

ATLANTA, GA - FEBRUARY 11, 2019 - HomeAid Atlanta marked the completion of its fourth construction project at Roswell's **The Drake House** with a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 8. The Atlanta building-industry nonprofit partnered with volunteer Builder Captain Ryan Swallow of **South Haven Builders** for a total renovation of Building 40 at The Drake Village, The Drake House's newest facility. The Drake House provides housing and educational programs for homeless single mothers in north metro Atlanta. Now fully renovated, The Drake Village, two eight-unit apartment buildings located adjacent to The Drake House's original crisis housing complex, provides a longer-term housing solution for The Drake House graduates.



HomeAid Builder Captain Ryan Swallow, center, cuts the ribbon at The Drake Village Building 40 along with elected officials, board members, staff and community members on February 8.

At the February 8 event, elected officials, board members, staff and community members celebrated HomeAid's longtime partnership with The Drake House. HomeAid Builder Captain, Ryan Swallow volunteered for a Care Day as a part of HomeAid's renovation of The Drake Center in 2015. "It's one thing to help out for just a day, but to see this project come to fruition and see the first families move in really brought home to me the value of giving," said Swallow.

HomeAid has completed four major renovations, including renovations of all the apartments at The Drake House and The Drake Village, plus six HomeAid Care Days. The HomeAid partnership has provided discounts and donations of time, materials, and labor, saving The Drake House approximately \$750,000 on projects valued at \$1,350,000, or 56% of construction costs since 2004.

The interior renovation of Building 40 provides housing for eight more families who will have a safe and dignified home as they work toward self-sufficiency. With the completion of The Drake Village project, The Drake House's original capacity to serve homeless women and their children has more than doubled, from 44 to 100 beds.

In addition to South Haven Builders, these companies and individuals donated generously to the renovation of Building 40 at The Drake Village, many of whom are members of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association:

- Atlanta Glass & Mirror
- Blind Creations, Inc.
- Construction Resources
- Delta
- FloorLogic Solutions
- GE Appliances
- Haven Design Works
- K. S. Facundo Framing
- Lanehart Electrical
- Liberty Hardware Manufacturing Corporation
- MCS - Dumpster Service
- Northwest Plumbing
- Pine Enterprises
- ProSource of Marietta
- Randal Lowe Plumbing
- Reliance HVAC
- Sherwin-Williams
- Taylor Morrison

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

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