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BUILDING NEW LIVES AT MY SISTER'S HOUSE

Building industry volunteers make improvements at facility for homeless women and children.

ATLANTA, GA – OCTOBER 22, 2019 – HomeAid Atlanta volunteers from **Angel Oak Home Loans** and **Juneau Construction Company** gathered at **My Sister's House** for a HomeAid Care Day on October 11.

HomeAid Care Days provide free-of-charge maintenance and repairs for nonprofit facilities that serve Atlanta's homeless population. My Sister's House is a program of **Atlanta Mission** providing emergency shelter and life-changing programs for both women and children.

HomeAid volunteers removed old carpet tiles from three classroom spaces and replaced them with 3,000 square feet of new luxury vinyl tile, generously donated by **HomeAid America** national sponsor **Mohawk**. In addition to flooring, volunteers painted the three classrooms, an extensive hallway in the dorm section, and one apartment. **Sherwin-Williams** donated 20 gallons of paint for this Care Day. HomeAid completed much more than anticipated, as both Juneau Construction and Angel Oak Home Loans provided extremely dedicated, hardworking volunteers.



HomeAid volunteers from Juneau Construction Company and Angel Oak Home Loans with HomeAid staff on October 11 at My Sister's House.

The work of volunteers and the donations of materials provided a savings of \$21,909 for My Sister's House. Instead of using funds on facility maintenance, My Sister's House can use these savings to help people like Emily.

Growing up in a dysfunctional home, Emily turned to alcohol and cocaine for decades to cope with the pain. When she began using crack, she ended up homeless and living under a bridge. She never felt safe and went days without eating or drinking. Eventually, weighing 90 lbs. and on the brink of death, she was arrested. At rock bottom, she decided to get help and turned to My Sister's House at Atlanta Mission. There she found a safe place to stay, counseling, help with doctor's appointments, and rediscovered her personal faith. Because of My Sister's House, she is no longer ashamed of herself. "Now I'm working two jobs, and I'm saving money to move into a place of my own. And God is restoring relationships with my family. I couldn't be happier," she says.

Hannah Richardson, Volunteer Experience Manager, said, "On behalf of the Atlanta Mission team, I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to HomeAid! You have blessed us beyond measure in providing flooring for three classrooms, painting two apartment rooms and having such joyful spirits in your time working to make these spaces beautiful."

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 has completed over 140 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 is the designated charity of the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association. Learn more at www.homeaidatlanta.org.

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