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## **HOMEAID ATLANTA CELEBRATES THE DEDICATION OF THE DRAKE VILLAGE**

*Renovation project more than doubles capacity at Roswell women and children's shelter*

**Roswell, GA** – On June 22, HomeAid Atlanta, volunteer Builder Captain Dan O'Dwyer of O'Dwyer Properties, and The Drake House celebrated the dedication of the completed apartment buildings that make up The Drake Village. The two, eight-unit apartment buildings at The Drake Village located on the property adjacent to The Drake House's existing crisis housing complex, received major renovations in partnership with HomeAid Atlanta, O'Dwyer Properties, and many donors. The new facility more than doubles The Drake House's capacity to serve women and their children who are experiencing homelessness, going from 44 beds to 100 beds, providing a home for the families working to rebuild their lives.



HomeAid has now completed three major renovations and five Care Days for The Drake House, saving the organization over \$636,000 in construction costs. HomeAid Builder Captain, Dan O'Dwyer completed two of the major renovations adding all of the beds now utilized by The Drake House and The Drake Village. For The Drake Village, O'Dwyer constructed additions to both ends of one of the apartment buildings, adding eight extra bedrooms to ensure ample room for families. O'Dwyer also completely renovated the interior of each unit within that building. The updates continued with new siding and windows, insulation, HVAC and water heaters to both buildings.

O'Dwyer spoke at the ceremony about his volunteer efforts. "When people ask me why I chose to do another major project at with HomeAid for The Drake House my answer is, because I can. I have been blessed and am able to give back to others in need. I have a wonderful staff that supported me throughout the project, and contractors and suppliers who provided donations in order to make it a success. It is evident to me that this is the hand of God. We are all called to give as we can, some of us can give more than others. God bless everyone that assisted with this project."

In addition to O'Dwyer Properties, HomeAid Atlanta and The Drake House send enormous thanks to project donors: A & W Contracting, AEC Engineering, Ariel E. Barrientos, BMC, BMH Supply, Blind Creations, Catamount Construction, Checkered Flag Plumbing, Charles Curtis, Contract Lumber, Dane Contracting, DeckSource, Dutch Masters Painting, Ferguson Enterprises, GE Appliances, Georgia Home Products, Grogan's Sani-Services, Helios Engineers, Juan Hernandez, Highridge Grading, IES Residential, The Interior Partners, James Hardie Building Products, Keystone Concrete Foundations, Ninfa Mayorga, Metro Building Products, Mohawk, Pace Drywall, Paulson Baudry & Associates, Phoenix Systems, Progressive Lighting, Pulley & Associates, Randall Paulson Architects, SEI Group, Sherwin-Williams, Sherwin-Williams Flooring, Soil Tek Solutions, Staton Heating & Air, Superior Distribution, Timberlake Cabinetry, Unlimited Landscaping, Vulcan Construction Materials, Wildcat Paving, William J. Peltier & Associates, Woodman Insulation, and Joe Zander.

**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).

**The Drake House** provides short-term crisis housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless single mothers and their children in North Metro Atlanta, designed to provide stability for the children and assist the family in working toward self-sufficiency. Learn more at [www.thedrakehouse.org](http://www.thedrakehouse.org).

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