



ATLANTA REGIONAL HOUSING FORUM

Homelessness in the Atlanta Region: An Update

December 7, 2011 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Mark your calendar now for the next Atlanta Regional Housing Forum, Wednesday, December 7 from 9:30 am - 11:45 am at the Loudermilk Center for the Regional Community. The Forum will concentrate on issues of homelessness in the Atlanta region. We are happy to announce the following invited panelists:

Mr. Jack Hardin, Co-Chair

Regional Commission on Homelessness

The Honorable Shirley Franklin, Co-Chair

Regional Commission on Homelessness

Todd Citron, Executive Director

Cobb/Douglas CSB

Lucy Hall, Executive Director

Mary Hall Freedom House

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Our panelist will address the history of the Regional Commission on Homelessness and the effective implementation of its 29 strategies - and how these best practices could serve other cities. We will also hear how supportive housing plays an integral role in helping those with mental health issues to become stable and self-sufficient. Lastly, we will hear how an example of innovative supportive housing programs for women - including female veterans - and why it is necessary to end homelessness.

Our agenda for the morning is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Welcome - Bill Bolling, Context for Forum

9:45 a.m. Panel discussion- Homelessness in Metro Atlanta: Progress, Problems and Solutions

10:30 a.m. Discussion of Regional Needs

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

Regional Commission on Homelessness

In 2002, at the request of Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, United Way convened what would become the Regional Commission on Homelessness. Leaders from the business, charitable and government sectors were brought together to develop a regional strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness in our community. In 2003, the 'Blueprint to End Homelessness in Ten Years' was adopted.

The joint efforts of the eight jurisdictions, The City of Atlanta and seven other jurisdictions, to end homelessness have included creating housing for homeless men, women and children, enhancing services and building a strong coalition. The region has made outstanding progress in ending chronic homelessness in metro Atlanta, but there is still much work to be done. Today, 20 percent of the homeless population is considered chronically homeless.

Please bring canned or nonperishable food items for donation to Atlanta Community Food Bank!

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