HOPE Atlanta Improves Street Outreach Program

Agency purchased two new vans to help the Street Outreach program reach the unsheltered metro Atlanta homeless population where they live

ATLANTA, GA – March 28, 2017 – HOPE Atlanta, a nonprofit agency working to end homelessness in the metro Atlanta area, recently purchased two new vans. The new vehicles will serve to improve the agency’s Street Outreach program in their effort to reach unsheltered homeless who are living under overpasses, in encampments and other hard-to-reach areas.

The vans are a vital part of HOPE Atlanta’s ability to effectively reach unsheltered homeless and get them to stability as well as get existing clients to scheduled appointments with potential employers and doctor’s visits. This gives HOPE Atlanta a fleet of three vans with plans to obtain at least one more.

HOPE Atlanta partnered with Autotrader, an online solution for buying and selling cars, at HOPE Atlanta’s November 2016 Annual Heroes for HOPE Awards Dinner and then helped to locate the vans from nearby sellers to purchase.

The vans will support HOPE Atlanta’s Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Street Outreach programs which help over 900 unsheltered persons annually by engaging them where they are located, ensuring they have access to any treatment they need for mental illness, physical health or substance abuse issues and then placing them in housing coupled with case management.

“Purchasing these two vans not only gives our case managers the resources to reach potential clients where they live,” states Edward Powers, executive director of HOPE Atlanta. “It also guarantees that our case managers and clients get where they need to go safely and helps us continue our mission of ending homelessness in our community.”

For more information on HOPE Atlanta, click here.

About HOPE Atlanta

117-year old HOPE Atlanta, formerly known as Travelers Aid, offers an array of services including shelter and other emergency services, transitional and permanent supportive housing, case management, street outreach, homeless prevention, domestic violence services, Veterans services, HIV/AIDS services, reunification, and rapid re-housing in metro Atlanta. The majority of the people helped are homeless or about to become homeless and have very low income. Many are chronically homeless, veterans, victims of domestic violence, suffering from mental or physical illness, or chemically addicted, and in need of immediate crisis intervention services. The crises may be due to homelessness, the threat of homelessness, unemployment, abandonment, poverty, illness, hunger, domestic violence, poor planning, financial emergencies, and/or unforeseen circumstances.
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