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November 2013



A Crisis in Our Great City ...A Message From Stan Dawson

More than 500 children under 14 years old registered with Crossroads during our last fiscal year. Almost all came with their moms. This number is astounding and unlike any we've ever seen before.



The staff is facing a very disturbing, new reality. For the first time in years, there is a dire shortage of shelter space for women in the Atlanta area. And even more alarming, a shortage of shelter space for women with children. If the situation is not addressed quickly, our great international city will pay a tremendous price in the future. Children will be shuttled from one school to another, if they are enrolled at all. Their education will be slowed, their opportunity to benefit from positive social interaction with other motivated students will be dramatically reduced and their development as an educated, well-adjusted teen/adult simply will not happen.

Service providers are raising the 'red' flag and some conversations around this issue have started. However, the outlook for this winter is bleak.

THE NUMBERS

- More than a quarter of Georgia's children are growing up poor. According to the most recent numbers compiled by Georgia KidsCount, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 26.6% of kids in Georgia were living below the federal poverty line.
- Nearly 42% of homeless children in Georgia are under the age of 6 years, according to the National Center on Family Homelessness (NCFH).
- One out of every 50 children in the US is homeless (NCFH).
- Homeless children have an average 16% lower proficiency in math and reading, and an estimated graduation rate below 25% (NCFH).
- Children experiencing homelessness have twice the rate of moderate to severe health conditions compared to middle class children (NCFH).

ANTIQUÉ SHOW TO BENEFIT CROSSROADS



Crossroads has been chosen as the recipient of the 2014 Cathedral Antiques Show, a major outreach project sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of the Cathedral of St. Philip. Since 1969, the Antiques Show and its Tour of Homes have raised almost \$4 million for Atlanta-area charitable causes.

In announcing the choice of Crossroads for the event, scheduled for Jan. 26 through Feb. 2, 2014, co-chairs Katherine Hill and Marion Williams noted gravity of homelessness in Atlanta.

"In addition to raising money for Crossroads, our goal is to bring focus on the issues of Atlanta's homeless and the support needed to become self-sufficient," said Williams. "The fact that the number of homeless children continues to grow makes this outreach project even more important – and truly brings out our passion for this purpose."

For over 43 years, the Cathedral Antiques Show has been a major community outreach project sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of The Cathedral of St. Philip and brings together local, regional, and national exhibitors offering a variety of 18th, 19th and early 20th century antiques.

Tish and Rowland Radford, Buckhead residents and longtime active members of The Cathedral of St. Philip, will serve as honorary chairs for the Show, Atlanta's oldest and most prestigious.

"The hundreds of volunteers, the many generous Atlanta companies who are sponsors, our patrons, dealers and designers, and those who purchase tickets are all a part of our success," said Hill. "Everyone's time, talents, and financial support will have a lasting, positive effect on those served by Crossroads."

Last year, the show raised more than \$200,000 for the Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Service of Atlanta (RRISA).

"Being named as the beneficiary of this incredible outreach program of The Cathedral of St. Philip is an honor," Wayne Vason, St. Luke's parishioner and board chairman of Crossroads, said. "Metro Atlanta continues to need more focus and financial aid for its homeless citizens. Support from the Show will provide us with funding so that the people we serve can regain self-sufficiency and dignity."

January 26—February 2, 2014

Cathedral Antiques Show—Schedule of Events

SPONSOR PARTY

November 3

This fabulous party introduces the 2014 beneficiary to the supportive and generous community of sponsors and patrons.

FIRST PLACE PASSION TOUR

Sunday, January 26

This tour of five unique homes in a charming intown neighborhood reflects the creativity and passion of first-time homeowners.

INSPIRATION AVENUE

January 29-February 2

Sponsored by US Trust and located on the second floor of the Cathedral of St. Philip is for anyone who has a passion for design that mixes antiques and contemporary furniture. Nine designers showcase their talents by creating current interiors for historic "dients."

PREVIEW PARTY

Wednesday, January 29

Sponsored by Arrow Exterminators and Harry Norman, Realtors, this gala opening night event allows guests and sponsors to have the first look at period antiques while enjoying delectable offerings of food and wine.

ANTIQUES SHOW

January 30-February 2

The 43rd annual Cathedral Antiques Show features over two dozen highly respected dealers from around the country, offering a wide variety of beautiful antiques from the past four centuries. Visitors can discover exquisite and unique porcelain, furniture, jewelry, rugs, art, silver, and much more in the magnificent setting of the Cathedral of St. Philip.

BOBBY McALPINE / SUSAN FERRIER TALK

Thursday, January 30

Sponsored by Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty, this panel discussion with award-winning architect Bobby McAlpine and top designer Susan Ferrier will focus on current trends in the design world. Following the talk and audience questions, there will be a champagne reception and book signing.

DRINKS & ANTIQUES

Friday, January 31

Sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company, this exciting party is an opportunity to enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres with friends while browsing the booths.

TOUR OF HOMES

Sunday, February 2

Sponsored by Arrow Exterminators and Harry Norman, Realtors, this tour of homes in some of Atlanta's most distinctive neighborhoods provides a rare glimpse of the beautiful work and amazing talents of several well-known designers, architects, and craftsmen.

SADDIE UP WITH CROSSROADS



Our 2013 Gala event was a tremendous success in every possible way! On behalf of our Executive Director, Stan Dawson, and our entire Board of Directors, we want to sincerely thank all of our corporate sponsors for your participation in the event. Our profits increased over 44% from last year! Corporate involvement (which basically doubled) was the absolute key to this financial success. THANK YOU.

Michael E. Ruberti

	2012	2013
Corporate Sponsors	11	29
Corporate Patrons	6	2
Total Corporate Revenue	\$29,500	\$58,000
Gross Receipts for Gala	\$64,243	\$83,340
Net Receipts for Gala	\$36,911	\$53,302



Our Mission

Empowering people who are homeless to progress on the road toward economic and personal self-sufficiency.

FALCONS ALWAYS SOAR AT CROSSROADS



For many years members of the Atlanta Falcons have helped Clyde serve our annual Thanksgiving feast. In some sense, this single event is the highlight of our year, both for current guests and even former guests who return with fond memories of being part of the 'joy' it brings to our corner of Courtland Street.



This year Crossroads has been especially blessed. While the players will join us the week of Thanksgiving, wives of players, coaches and executives donned Clyde's aprons earlier this fall. They pitched in to serve a delicious lunch alongside Clyde and lifting the spirits of all by their presence.



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online and create a Kroger account, but it just takes a couple of minutes. Once you've done it, every time you buy groceries or gas at Kroger, Kroger gives Crossroads a donation. The process is simple:

**[www.kroger.com/community/Pages/
community_rewards.aspx](http://www.kroger.com/community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx)**

After creating your Kroger Plus online account, you can designate Crossroads Community Ministries as your recipient. Then, Kroger will make a donation to Crossroads every time you shop and use your Plus Card. By the way, Kroger Plus cards are free.

THANKS ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOR THE SANDWICHES!

