

GROUNDBREAKING AT GIGI'S HOUSE

Building industry nonprofit breaks ground on home for girls escaping sex trafficking

ATLANTA, GA – APRIL 29, 2021 – HomeAid Atlanta broke ground on a new home for nonprofit **Gigi's House** in Clayton County on April 23. Gigi's House is dedicated to serving girls ages 13-19 who are victims of sex trafficking, providing a safe home in a faith-based loving environment, trauma-informed therapy, home school, mentoring, life skills, and more.



Gigi's House and HomeAid Atlanta supporters on Friday, April 23 at the Clayton County build site.

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At the April 23 groundbreaking, Sabrina Crawford, Gigi's House Founder and CEO remarked, "This occasion is bittersweet. We so appreciate your help, but we wish there was not such a great need for more space. Since we opened up in May 2018, we've served 80 girls, some as young as twelve years old, who have been victims of sex trafficking. Those are the girls we serve, and those are the girls you are helping by being here today." Other speakers at the ceremony included Georgia State Senator Brian Strickland, Community Bible Church Director of Women's Ministry Amy Davis, HomeAid Atlanta Executive Director Mandy Crater, and HomeAid Board President Lori Rousseau.

These companies and organizations have already pledged their support for the project through donations and discounts on building materials, expertise, and funds:

Atlanta Flooring Design Centers
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B&D Concrete
Bibb County District Attorney
Brand Vaughan Lumber Company
Brent Scarbrough & Company
Britt's
Builders FirstSource (BFS)

Cecil Key Paving, Inc.
City of Lovejoy
Clayton County District Attorney
Construction Resources
Coweta County District Attorney
Darell Young Plumbing
Ernst Concrete
Henry County District Attorney

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Paragon Alarm Systems
Pestban
Southern Siding & Gutters
Sherwin-Williams Paints
TEC, Inc. - The Erosion Company
Whitley Engineering
Wilco Electric

HomeAid Atlanta is a nonprofit organization founded in 2001 that builds new lives for families and individuals experiencing homelessness through housing and community outreach. HomeAid builds, renovates, and maintains facilities for nonprofits serving people experiencing homelessness. Celebrating its 20th year of service in 2021, HomeAid has completed over 140 construction 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.