



*“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”*

PSALM 91:1

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# A SAFE HAVEN

YOUR 2020 IMPACT

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## A SAFE HAVEN

When we began the year in January, no one had any idea about the coming pandemic that would impact all of our lives. We were told to stay at home where we would be safe. But so many in our community don't have a place to call home. Atlanta Mission has been and continues to be that home for hundreds of men, women, and children facing homelessness.

We are able to continue this essential work because of you. Because of your generosity and partnership, we provide a home-- and hope for the future for those who are in desperate need. Throughout this pandemic, God has been faithful. We have continued to transform the lives of men facing addiction, of children who need a safe place to learn, and of women who are coping with immense trauma. Because of you, Atlanta Mission has been a safe haven in this storm.

## VOICES OF THE LIVES THAT YOU'VE IMPACTED



### Ryan

"Before coming here, I was stuck in a cycle of drugs and homelessness. Atlanta Mission has changed my life," said Ryan. "I've learned how to love again: love God, love myself, and love others. I've been able to reconnect with my mom. I can tell she is proud of me."

### Michele & Mykayla

"We feel safe here at My Sister's House. It is a good place to be, especially during this pandemic. The staff listen to us and make this a home for us. Mykayla is able to complete her schoolwork remotely and she has made lots of friends here."



### Melita

"I've had a lot of help from a lot of ladies here at My Sister's House. They make us feel that we can do anything. I have hope again and am excited for my future."



### James

"I started to feel a change through prayer and through the curriculum at The Potter's House. Atlanta Mission provides a place where God can truly work in people's lives."



### Eric

"The staff at The Shepherd's Inn helped me through a lot of my issues. They helped me build a foundation on Jesus Christ. Now that I'm on staff here, I try to build all the guys up and let them know they are loved."

### Jane

"I was living in a tent in downtown Atlanta for an entire year. I was scared and didn't trust anyone. The staff at Atlanta Mission have taught me to trust people again. They have taught me that I am worthy of love."



# YOUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS IN THE LAST YEAR



## TRANSFORMATION MODEL STAGES



### FIND HOPE

5,293 Individuals



### CHOOSE HELP

874 Individuals



### MAKE PROGRESS

648 Individuals

# 5,731

Total  
Individuals  
Served

## SERVICES

### 14,898

Sessions with a social worker,  
counselor, or Advocate

### 2,124

Classes and groups

### 371,814

Meals

### 219,680

Bednights

## OUTCOMES

### 500

Men, women, & children obtained safe, stable & permanent housing (up 34% from prior year!)

### 110

Individuals obtained employment

### 150

became rooted in community. That is 150 clients creating healthy relationships with friends & family and creating connections in the community

### 60%

obtained employment, of those enrolled in our vocational program, Atlanta Mission @Work.

### \$11.86

Average starting wage

### 69%

Employment retention rate

### 17

New employment partners

# YOUR IMPACT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As Atlanta Mission cares for hundreds of those experiencing homelessness amidst concerns of COVID-19, the health and safety of our staff and clients remain our top priority.

We are continuously taking proactive measures with full adherence to CDC and DPH guidelines, updating protocols as our state and city begin reopening. Throughout this crisis, the focus of our programs and services has been and is basic emergency needs: meals, shelter, childcare, facility sanitation, client education and screenings, security, and maintenance.

Earlier in the year, the CDC and Mercy Care came to our campuses to test all clients for COVID-19. We were fortunate that only four clients at our downtown campuses tested positive and were appropriately quarantined off-site. One of the doctors from the CDC said our shelters were among the safest places in Atlanta due to our implementation of safety and sanitation procedures. Mercy Care is working with us to come back and do some additional targeted follow up testing as part of the continual learning that was gained from initial testing.

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The Mobile Health Clinic in Athens tested clients at The Potter's House who are employed off-campus on May 30th. We had four positive cases on campus-- two asymptomatic and two symptomatic. These individuals were immediately isolated on campus for 14 days and monitored by the Mobile Health Clinic, and staff and clients who were in contact with these individuals were also isolated for 14 days. We conducted a second round of testing on June 3rd, with no new positive cases. All positive cases have fully recovered, tested negative, and returned to work. The Mobile Health Clinic will continue to provide testing for all new clients entering our program.

All working staff are provided with masks and gloves and we are deep cleaning our campuses daily while educating clients on proper hygiene and cleaning protocols. We continue to screen each of our clients 2x per day; clients with symptoms are given facemasks, isolated, and transported via emergency services to medical facilities for further testing.



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

# >\$250,000

Value of in-kind COVID  
donations (April-June)



## >6,500

Gallons of disinfectant  
cleaner used since March



## >1,250

Cans of aerosol disinfectant  
spray used since March



## 6

"Olympic Games"  
tournaments conducted



## 80

Games played in the "Round Robin"  
tournament: 2:2, Around the World,  
Ping Pong, Spades, Chess, and Corn Hole



## Nearly 400

Door handles that were  
cleaned 3x/day



## >80,000

Gloves used

# 1,075

Number of urgent needs  
items from Amazon list

# HEROES AMONG US



We are humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and generosity from our community during these challenging times. Thank you for believing in what we do.

As COVID-19 continues to affect our world, we're so moved by the heart of people doing what they can to help. We need community now more than ever, and we are grateful for the powerful ways that our community partners have shown up.

We are continuing to be a beacon of hope and safety for the hundreds of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness currently in our care because of heroes in our local community.

The organizations and individuals shown here have gone above and beyond during these extraordinary times. These are just some of the many organizations who have been our heroes.



## Mount Paran

Donated 80 Easter baskets to the children at My Sister's House.

## Sid and Ann Mashburn

Made masks for our clients and staff.

## T&N Bowties and Apparel

This kid-operated business has fundraised over \$500.

## GA Tech Police & Firehouse Subs

Donated meals for our staff.

## The Atlanta Community ToolBank

Donated 600 masks and 3 boxes of gloves.

## Free Chapel

Donated no contact infrared thermometers, board games, and ear thermometer covers.

## 12 Stone Church

Donated a large quantity of food to The Potter's House.

## The Common Market

Donated 892lbs of fruit, veggies, cheese, and meat.

## Balfour Beatty

Donated gift cards to My Sister's House.

## Buckhead Church

Donated a large supply of paper products.

## Tito's Distillery

Donated 15 gallons of hand sanitizer.

## Passion City Church

Donated 6 pallets of food.

## YOUR IMPACT 2019 YEAR END CAMPAIGN: FINDING HOPE

Our Calendar-Year-End Campaign told the inspiring stories of Angela and Eric. Though their paths were different, they each found hope at Atlanta Mission and were able to end their homelessness. This campaign featured our Find Hope and Choose Help services, phases one and two of our Transformation Model.

During this campaign, faithful partners of Atlanta Mission provided a \$400,000 match challenge. This match required you, our investors, to give over and above what you gave in the previous year. Because of your faithful generosity, we were not only able to meet the match challenge, but also raise over \$2.2 million to provide hope for the men, women, and children we serve. We could not have accomplished this without your partnership. Thank you for providing hope.



>\$2.2 Million Raised

## YOUR IMPACT 2020 FISCAL YEAR END CAMPAIGN: THE WAY FORWARD

Our Fiscal-Year-End Campaign focused on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As one of the leading providers of homeless services in our region, Atlanta Mission is on the frontlines of caring for those who have no home in which to shelter-in-place. Because of your partnership, we are able to provide a safe, clean, healthy home for hundreds of men, women, and children.

Once again, you stepped out in faith and gave generously. You helped us raise over \$614,900 to support those in our care during this pandemic. Thank you for creating a safe home for men, women, and children facing homelessness during these uncertain times.



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# WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH YOUR HELP

In the present state of our country, with both the COVID-19 pandemic and the nationwide protests focusing on racial equity and justice, we are continuing to provide a safe home for men, women, and children facing homelessness.

Our clients and staff are our top priority, and we are committed to helping them process their emotions, assuring them of their safety with us, and continuing to help them take steps toward stability. We remain committed to shining Christ's light in our Atlanta community.

**Our Commitment to Justice:** We are a community united to end homelessness and provide hope. Our community is made whole by people of all colors, backgrounds, and ethnicities. We are proud to stand with the Black community. We acknowledge their worth, dignity, and belonging. We stand in solidarity with all people of color. We denounce all forms of racism and injustice. We commit to continuing to learn, listen, and act on behalf of the oppressed.

Read more of our Commitment to Justice on our website at [atlantamission.org/justice](https://atlantamission.org/justice).

In June, we broke ground on Restoration House, our new low-barrier shelter for women and their children in West Midtown. It will be a 100-bed facility that offers life transformation and the love of Christ to all who walk through our doors. It is now under construction and is slated to open in June of 2021. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Though we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, we believe that God is with us. At Atlanta Mission, we are a beacon of light and hope for those facing homelessness. We are a safe haven in this storm and in future storms to come. We could not do this without you. Your generosity allows us to provide critical, life-transforming services for people like Ryan. "Without Atlanta Mission, I would not be here today," said Ryan. "Thank you for saving my life."

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—Ryan, Atlanta Mission Client





Though our “new normal” may look different, we know that God is faithful and there are exciting things ahead. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to provide hope and a future to those in our community who are in desperate need. May we all follow Christ’s call to be a community united, both in our love for Him and in our love for each other.



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