

# THE URBAN UPDATE

SAFEHOUSE  
*Outreach*  
April 2017

Celebrating 35 Years of Service  
SafeHouse Outreach's 2017 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Urban Gala was a great success!  
Thank you for your attendance and support!

Dear Friend,

Thanks to the incredible generosity of so many, our 22 Annual Urban Gala, *Celebrating 35 Years of Services*, held on March 18 at the Atlanta History Center, brought in over \$150,000 that will be used to help us sustain and grow our programs.

We are grateful that nearly 400 guests turned out to support our work and mission! Guests in attendance were treated to a great cocktail reception, a delectable gourmet meal prepared by Proof of the Pudding, a fabulous silent and live auction, and tours of the Atlanta History Center. Friends and partners unable to attend were in our thoughts as well.

We are honored to be able to celebrate the achievements of our award recipients, **The Honorable DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond, The Ritz-Carlton Atlanta, Mount Paran Church of God and Austin Barrett.**

SHO is extremely grateful to all its corporate sponsors for their generosity, including **CKS Packaging Inc., Frazier & Deeter, Hope Industrial Systems, Hancock Claims Consulting, The Ritz-Carlton Atlanta, and Chick-Fil-A, Mack II, Inc.**

Our event could not have happened without the generous participation of our Honorary Co-Chairs, David & Cantey Deeter; the friends and businesses who so kindly donated items for the Silent Auction; those that bid on and purchased exotic trips and fabulous auction items; for every donor, volunteer and gala attendee. Your efforts and your presence helped to make the evening such a great success!

Finally, a deeply heartfelt thank you to our 2017 Gala Planning Committee for their dedication, creativity, and resourcefulness in making the *evening one* to remember!

Gratefully yours,

Josh M. Bray  
Chief Executive Officer

## Get Involved!



**Experience a Mission Trip.** Join us as we reach the streets of Atlanta and meet our neighbors where they are. For more information email [urbannation@safehouseoutreach.org](mailto:urbannation@safehouseoutreach.org)

**Bring Quality Clothing.** Spring is upon us. We are in need of Men's Pants, Men's Big and Tall, Tennis Shoes for men and women, and packaged undergarments and socks.

**Be part of our Advisory Council.** Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. To RSVP for this event, please email [safehouse@safehouseoutreach.org](mailto:safehouse@safehouseoutreach.org)

**Volunteer.** Interested in volunteering? The first step is to sign up for our volunteer orientation on our website or contact Santana Terry, Volunteer Coordinator, 404.523.2221 Ext: 104



Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers!

# SHO's Career Development Program

Sho's Career Development Program, (CDP) had a strong re-launch over the past few months. As part of a partnership that was recently established with the Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency, (ACSS) six new program participants of the CDP began attending three weeks of morning classes at ACSS. The classes cover subject areas that are critical to a successful transition to self-sufficiency: Topics include but are not limited to: empowerment, reframing, stress management, motivation, and task management.

Each afternoon, program participants perform assigned tasks and attend additional workshops that include subjects such as trusting an employer, how to be the perfect employee, avoiding and resolving income tax issues, addressing credit problems, and dealing with criminal backgrounds. Throughout this period, our staff has assist program participants with applying for employment, some of which are through a partnership that SHO recently established with WorkSource Atlanta. Additionally, SHO's case management staff work with each program participant to address concerns and barriers to securing employment such as housing, health and mental health, transportation and other issues that may arise. For more information about SHO's Career Development Program contact Ron Blasi, Program Director at (404) 835-8881 or via email at Ron@safefhouseoutreach.org.

## Help Pave the Path to Self-Sufficiency

- A gift of \$25 provides a **meal** for 20 people.
- A gift of \$167 provides **transportation** for a Career Development Program (CDP) participant for one month.
- A gift of \$225 is an **entire wardrobe** for our CDP participants for job interviews.
- A gift of \$1,445 will **cover the cost of all the above and invest in the sustainability of SHO.**

**Deuteronomy-16:17** New International Version (NIV)

**Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.**



**PROBLEM SOLVERS COUNT**  
for March 2017

**206** new clients  
**1853** meals served to **731** individual clients  
**234** Problem Solvers services (clothing closet, celebrate recovery, mail, phone, referral, other) to **161** individual clients

# Please Join Us!

## Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm -2:00 pm

Location: SafeHouse Outreach  
89 Ellis Street, Atlanta GA 30303

**Thank You!**

**Lunch**  
**Door Prizes**  
**Music**

Thank you for all you do. We really hope to to see you there.

RSVP to Denise Rogers via phone: 404-835-8882 or

via email: [denise@safefhouseoutreach.org](mailto:denise@safefhouseoutreach.org)