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our story

In 2002 Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin asked the United Way of Greater Atlanta to study the issue of homelessness in the city and make recommendations on how to make substantive progress in moving chronically homeless individuals into permanent housing. The result was the *Blueprint to End Homelessness in Atlanta in Ten Years*.

A major *Blueprint* recommendation was to establish a central point of care in metro Atlanta to meet the needs of the homeless in a systematic and supportive manner. To that end, the Regional Commission on Homelessness oversaw the development of the Gateway Center, a self managed 501(c)(3) organization that opened in 2005 as the primary portal in a continuum of care for metro Atlanta's chronically homeless individuals.

The United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness remains the core partner of the Gateway Center, which is one of the largest providers of homeless services in the Southeast and has been recognized as a national best practice in the area of community collaboration.

More than 70 agencies, departments, faith groups, businesses, academic centers, and service entities support the Gateway Center and the United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness.



Gateway Center Programs

[The Client Engagement Center](#) serves as a resource center during the day and an emergency response center in the evening. The CEC is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so that clients can access basic services all the time.

[The Women's and Children's Center](#) was founded to assist both single women and women with children. During their stay, the client's immediate and short term needs are evaluated in order to connect the client with appropriate community programs, resources, and housing.

[The Men's Stabilization Program](#) provides beds for men who are in need of stabilization and short term housing. Clients are referred to appropriate programs and resources following the initial intake and assessment.

[The Recuperative Care Unit](#) is designed to give homeless men time to recover from their illness or injury in a recuperative setting rather than being discharged onto the streets or remaining in the medical unit of Grady Health System when such care is not mandated and is far more costly. This program is conducted in partnership with Saint Joseph's Mercy Care.

[The Mental Health Support Program for Men \(PATH team\)](#) provides outreach and case management to homeless individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders, who are unable or unwilling to access traditional services on their own. This program provides beds for the Gateway Center PATH team, the United Way PATH team, and the Saint Joseph's Mercy Care PATH team.

[The Employment Residential Program for Men](#) provides beds for men in need of transitional housing and supportive services as they re-enter the workplace.

[The Training Support Residential Program for Men](#) provides beds for men who are currently enrolled in training programs that can aid them in securing future employment.

[The Pre Treatment Program for Men](#) provides beds that allow men who commit to drug treatment to come straight off the streets and prepare for admission into a treatment program.

[The Veteran's Program](#) is a maximum two year program housed in the Gateway Center and supported in collaboration with the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

[The Women's Overflow program](#) provides emergency overflow shelter for women and children. This program's ultimate goal is to help women and women with children stabilize their futures and find permanent housing. The program operates in collaboration with United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, City of Refuge, Atlanta Union Mission, Traveler's Aid of Metropolitan Atlanta, Odyssey III, and Mary Hall Freedom House.



*The Gateway Center is committed to bringing together the entire community to end homelessness.
We strive to provide a supportive and compassionate setting where individuals can end their homelessness and
maximize their self-sufficiency.*

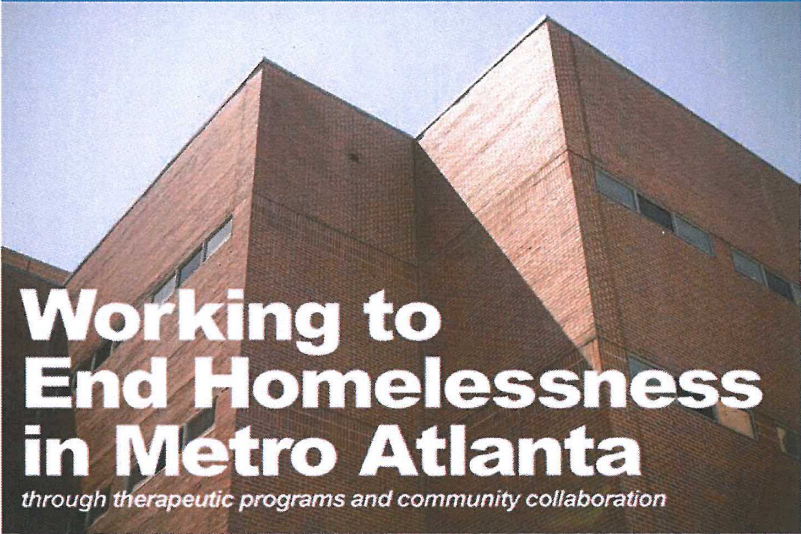
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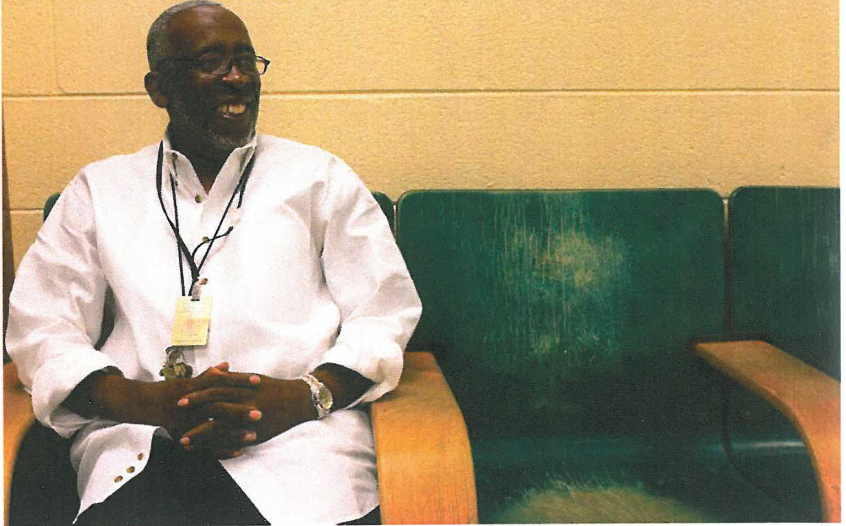
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**Working to
End Homelessness
in Metro Atlanta**

through therapeutic programs and community collaboration

vision and mission



The Gateway Center works to end homelessness, and particularly chronic homelessness, by providing the support and framework people need to achieve self sufficiency. Through [therapeutic programs and services](#), the Gateway Center helps homeless individuals in metro Atlanta move into transitional and permanent housing.

The Board, staff, partners, and volunteers of the Gateway Center are committed to [ending homelessness in metro Atlanta](#) through partnerships with like-minded individuals, service agencies, and business, civic, academic and faith-community leaders.

The Gateway Center philosophy rests on the guiding principles that homeless individuals can ultimately achieve permanent housing through [their own dedicated efforts](#) combined with a [collaborative process](#) built on a [foundation of support](#) from a skilled staff, intensive case management, and trained volunteers.

programs and services

Client Engagement Center
Women and Children's Center
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Recuperative Care Unit
PATH Mental Health Services
Employment Program for Men
Training Support Program for Men
Pre-Treatment Program for Men
Veteran's Transitional Program
Women and Children's Overflow Program

"I am so grateful for the Gateway Center because I know for those who use it as it was designed to be used, life will get better" - Lee, Gateway Center client

"The people here are compassionate, I saw myself springing back to life" -Ronnie, Gateway Center client

"Gateway has given me a place where I don't have to worry- so I can work on myself. No other place worked like this. It helped me, and I want the same for others" -Shahieb, Gateway Center client

get involved

volunteer

The Gateway Center's around-the-clock mission to serve the community means that we are uniquely positioned to offer volunteer opportunities 7 days a week! Contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteers@gatewayctr.org or visit our website for more information.

donate

The Gateway Center is supported by the financial gifts and grants of individuals in the community. We are grateful for those who join in supporting our successful and life-changing programs and services that focus on teaching self-sufficiency to end homelessness.

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