

Street to Home

The Commission and its community partners created an early morning outreach to take homeless individuals off the streets and put them into housing. A few times a month, typically before the sun rises, volunteers and experienced case managers venture to known spots where homeless people populate and offer them a chance to end their homelessness. If a person is interested, they board the Gateway bus, are interviewed, and are put in transitional housing coupled with intensive case management.



Two clients before they board the bus to receive housing and case management

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This strategy has proven effective with its target—those who are chronically homeless. Chronic homelessness involves a person who has been homeless for over a year and has a physical or mental disability. This process also gives a chance to those who otherwise may not know that they can receive help.

How does it work?

Volunteers and experienced case managers continue to make the program thrive and succeed, but outside forces have joined the effort. The Atlanta police team, health care providers and the business community have all joined the initiative. Through teamwork, success is achieved.

Street to Home Statistics

- **43 percent** of participants graduated to independent housing or were reunited with family and other support networks.
- **34 percent** of participants are in supportive housing or have moved on to other programs.
- **20 percent** of participants are senior citizens, based on Vulnerability Index Interviews
- More than **130 volunteers** have contributed to the outreach program



A group of case managers and volunteers after an outreach

Upcoming outreach dates

- Thursday, Dec. 9, 5 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 5 a.m.

For more information about Street to Home or to volunteer for an outreach, contact **Phil Hunter**, at 404.614.1042 or phunter@uwma.org.