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**UNITED WAY IN NORTH FULTON COUNTY**

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## WHY UNITED WAY

We are stronger as a community when every person is thriving. Across our region people work hard and do all they can but continue to walk a tightrope, trying to provide for their loved-ones. Families face the reality that self-sufficiency is out of reach. We know that when services are coordinated, leadership is mobilized and the assets in the community work together toward shared goals, we can dramatically transform people's lives—and whole communities. Together, we are having great success.

But for every success, there are thousands of Atlantans in desperate need of a helping hand. Your gift can help. By strategically investing to transform lives, we will be able to ensure that the American dream is a reality—and not out of reach—for those who are currently struggling.

## ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

We work to leverage the best resources and community assets so that people don't fall through the cracks and that the direction for a child's life is not dictated by the challenges her parents face or by the neighborhood in which she grows up.

For hundreds of years, nonprofits have been focused on resolving issues and stabilizing people in crisis. But now is the time to shift—to start working together better, stronger and differently so that we can help people holistically transform their lives—so their families can thrive and our communities can become even stronger.

United Way works with all shapes and sizes of stakeholders so we can all be successful. We must be—for the risk is too great. Too great for the mother of three who just needs \$10 more a week to be able to buy her children lunch during the summer. Too great for the teenager who is right now deciding that he is too stupid to even try to go to college. Too great for the child who can't spell her name—and is too afraid to learn. Everyone deserves the opportunity for a better life. Join us. Be part of the change.

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## NORTH FULTON SUCCESS STORY



Paula Malcom arrived at the Drake House two years ago with her gums swollen from infection and her self-esteem at an all-time low.

A college graduate who had held good jobs in health care, she became homeless through a series of financial misfortunes. When she got a paycheck that wasn't enough to rent an apartment for herself and her daughter, Omelia, she considered buying a gun to kill herself.

She knew she couldn't do that to Omelia, but she was in a panic.

A school counselor recommended the Drake House, a United Way-supported nonprofit that provides housing and support to homeless women and their children. "They helped me work out a plan to get me back on my feet," she says. They helped her get the dental

care she needed as well as glasses. They helped her get a cell phone. When she lost her job, they helped her with her résumé.

At the Drake House, she also found people who made her feel nurtured rather than judged, a woman with unrealized potential rather than a failure. And slowly, Paula started to see a light at the end of her ordeal.

After three months, Paula was discouraged when poor credit hindered her ability to rent an apartment. She and Omelia moved to a transitional program called HomeStretch. She kept working toward her goals and she landed a good job at the U.S. Census Bureau at last. She and Omelia moved into a Habitat for Humanity house, a place to call their own.

Today, Paula is working on a master's degree. Omelia is a ninth-grader at Roswell High School. Omelia said her experience with homelessness was a confusing time but it proved an important learning experience. "It broadened my social skills," she says. "It changed my perception of homelessness and allowed me to meet kids who were in the same situation as me."

Paula learned not to be so hard on herself and to know when to ask for help. "I didn't even know there were organizations out there like the Drake House or HomeStretch," she says. "When I look back, I just really realized how blessed I am to be surrounded by so many people who care."