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A close-up photograph of two hands, one light-skinned and one dark-skinned, with fingers interlaced to form a heart shape. The hands are positioned against a plain white background.

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ABOUT UNITED WAY

Across metro Atlanta, more and more families are facing unprecedented challenges in their lives. As the shifting economic climate compels our friends and neighbors to make tougher choices, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta is here to help them make the best possible decisions and to ensure that the basics of a good life – education, income and health – are not at risk. We can only do this with your support. Your gift also helps United Way 2-1-1 connect families and individuals in your community to the information and resources they need to feed their children, pay their bills and keep their homes.

Even though our society's safety net was not meant to hold all of us at the same time, United Way believes that any problem can be solved if the right people are brought together. Thank you for being one of them.

A NEW DIRECTION

Since our beginning as a community chest more than a century ago, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta has been bringing together the right people to confront our region's most daunting challenges. We believe that in order to solve these challenges, we must strengthen the education, income and health of our community, while working to end chronic homelessness. We are working on six important goals to ensure our community thrives: children enter school ready to learn and graduate prepared for careers, families are self-sufficient, babies are born healthy, young people avoid risky behaviors, people have access to primary health care, and homeless people are housed within one year.

In today's uncertain economic times, your support is vital to making sure residents across metro Atlanta continue to find the help they need. Your gift to United Way helps ensure that longtime partners in your community and across our region, as well as new ones, will remain every bit as able to help as they are willing.

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GWINNETT SUCCESS STORY



After her marriage of 33 years ended in divorce, Myrna Lopez found herself without a place to call home. She continued working through temporary assignments, while staying with friends or living in her car. When a temporary assignment that was supposed to become permanent did not work out, Myrna chose to become the first participant in the Open Arms program at Mary Hall Freedom House in Norcross. A United Way partner, Mary Hall Freedom House offers chronically homeless women interim, transitional and permanent housing, as well as residential treatment, substance abuse treatment and intensive outpatient treatment.

“The purpose of Open Arms is to break the cycle of homelessness by empowering women to achieve greater self-determination and increase their self-sufficiency, skills and income,” explained Kimberly McClee, operations director.

Upon entering the program in November 2008, Myrna was skeptical about receiving a newly-furnished apartment, provided by Victory World Church of Norcross, solely because she met the program criteria. In fact, after she was hired full-time as a legal secretary, Myrna immediately wanted to leave the program and live on her own. A few conversations with a program case manager convinced Myrna to delay any move until after she had established a workable budget and developed a foundation for maintaining permanent housing. In early April 2009, Myrna was able to renew the apartment lease in her own name.

“Mary Hall Freedom House works with community organizations that provide referrals and services to the women we serve,” said McClee. These days, those women can also rely on Myrna Lopez to take them grocery shopping and to wash clothes or get their hair done, all of which the ladies greatly appreciate. Myrna recently attended the Mary Hall Freedom House volunteer orientation so that she can begin volunteering her services on a more consistent basis.

