



Street-to-Home seeks to end homelessness through reunification with friends and families, obtaining permanent housing, and referrals to support programs, which led to stability.

THE ISSUE

In Greater Atlanta, more than 5,000 people are in shelters or on the street on any given night, most of whom are unable to access the support and services they need to help end their homelessness.

UNITED WAY'S ROLE

United Way works with housing and assessment center partners to assist in increasing access to housing and services in an effort to end homelessness in Greater Atlanta. Partner agencies provide housing and case management to help people achieve long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency. Street-to-Home seeks to end homelessness through reunification with friends and families, obtaining permanent housing, and/or referring them to other programs, such as substance abuse treatment, which lead to stability.

THE RESULTS

Street-to-Home serves around 500 people a year. These efforts are instrumental in the 60 percent reduction of unsheltered and 32 percent of overall homelessness in the Greater Atlanta. A huge factor in this success, in addition to case management services, is the Peers Reaching Out (PRO) Team, which is a program developed for formerly homeless individuals who have reached stability to work as peers and conduct outreaches in order to build trust and help individuals enter housing and receive services.