



CITY OF REFUGE

4 WAYS TO HELP THE WESTSIDE COMMUNITY

A City of Refuge
Resource



INTRODUCTION

On Atlanta's Westside, in zip code 30314, decades of neglect and disinvestment have gradually taken their toll on this once-proud neighborhood. Here, one finds the state's highest incidences of poverty, incarceration rates, and teen pregnancies. Here, crime is rampant, and prostitution and drug deals occur in an open-air market. Here, the majority of housing stock is abandoned or derelict, with boarded-up and burnt-out shells lining the streets. In 30314, the problems are pervasive, and the needs are enormous.

But amidst this despair, there is light.

Directly in the heart of 30314 stands 210,000 square feet of warehouses on eight gated acres, with five acres under roof. Inside the complex, 250 homeless women and children wake up to a warm, safe, and clean home—and regain their dignity and hope. The facilities also provide access to health & wellness programs, vocational training and youth development to clear a pathway out of poverty.

Our impact is made possible through collaboration with our supporters and community members. In this guide you will find four simple ways to join us in our continuous pursuit to bring light, hope, and transformation to the Westside of Atlanta.

LIGHT. HOPE. TRANSFORMATION.

VOLUNTEER

A genuine heart for volunteering is at the core of everything we do at City of Refuge. By choosing to spend your valuable time in the Westside, you will play a meaningful role in the lives of the those transitioning out of crisis as well as make a positive impact on the community as a whole.

Whether it's helping with meal preparation, cleaning, or assisting children as they prepare for school, there are many ways to get involved with us at City of Refuge.

Visit cityofrefugeatl.volunteerhub.com to sign up for available opportunities.



“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Deann Hollis

SPREAD THE WORD

While it is very important to discuss the challenges that our community faces, we believe that it is even more important to raise awareness about the good things that are happening here.

Shining light on success stories creates momentum that can inspire action. In time, we desire for the most common conversations about our community to be conversations filled with hope and encouragement.

In order for this to happen, we need your help.

Your commitment to share stories and content about City of Refuge and the westside community will ensure that our collective impact continues to grow.

**“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.”**

Proverbs 31: 8-9

LIVE GENEROUSLY

Much of our work in the Westside is fueled by the financial generosity of our supporters and partners. Your financial commitment to City of Refuge ensures that our programs run smoothly and maximizes the number of individuals and families being helped.

Whether you give a little or a-lot, you can be assured that your gifts are being utilized to create a brighter future for our community as a whole.

Visit CityofRefugeAtl.org to learn more about ways you can give.

"Happiness... consists in giving, and in serving others."

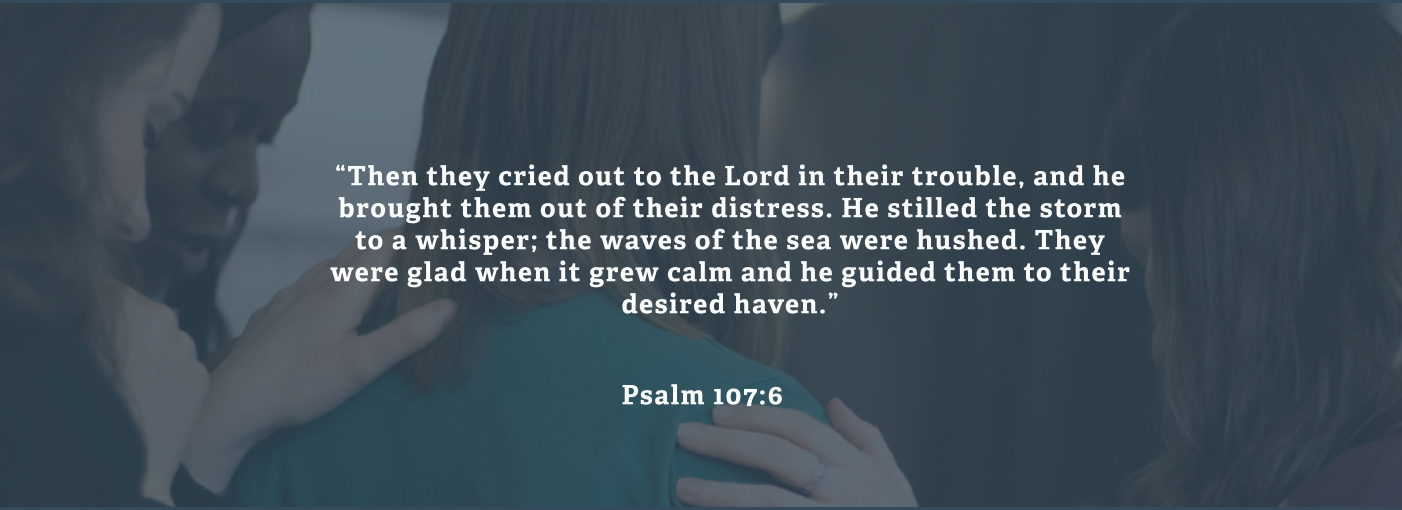
Henry Drummond

PRAY WITH US

At City of Refuge, we strongly believe in the power of prayer. We ask that you join us in our daily commitment to pray for the individuals and families that we are serving here in the Westside.

Here are a few ways that you can be praying for the westside.

- Pray for light to shine in the dark places.
- Pray for hope to be realized.
- Pray for lives to be transformed.



“Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm and he guided them to their desired haven.”

Psalm 107:6

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You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.

Matthew 5:14, 16



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