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**ATLANTA'S HOMELESS, PREGNANT POPULATION GETTING A HELPING HAND**  
**Archdiocese of Atlanta gives home to non-profit ministry allowing it to extend reach**

**ATLANTA (February 17, 2015)** – Sheltering Grace Ministry, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless pregnant women, announces the expansion of their ministry after the Archdiocese of Atlanta gifted a 15-bedroom home to the organization.



Sheltering Grace Ministry currently utilizes two 3-bedroom homes to provide housing for a maximum of six homeless pregnant women at a time. Sheltering Grace plans to use the new home to provide shelter for 15 women, while the two homes currently used for housing will be used to launch a new Sheltering Grace Ministry program (the Academy) that is currently being developed. The new house was previously a retirement home owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

“The gift of this home is a true answer to prayer, since we will be able to provide shelter and resources to three times as many women as we have been able to help previously,” said Dr. Ralph Bell, Executive Director of Sheltering Grace Ministry. “We receive two to three calls for service each day. Now, with the new home, we will commence the workforce initiative so that women who have only had minimal training in the workforce can greatly improve their chances of obtaining gainful employment.”

The academy program will extend Sheltering Grace Ministry’s current workforce initiative program and offer GED classes, life skill classes, as well as professional certificate courses offered by a local technical college or university.

**About Sheltering Grace**

Since 2006, Sheltering Grace Ministry has helped hundreds of women by providing housing, prenatal, childbirth and parenting classes as well as weekly counseling. The ministry also helps the women develop a customized life plan based upon training related to life skills, stress management, finance, career building, spiritual development and household management. The goal is to break the generational bond of poverty and dysfunction and create a new legacy for her child.

Sheltering Grace Ministry, Ltd. is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry headquartered in Marietta, GA. The ministry was founded in response to the alarming number of homeless women with unexpected pregnancies in the Atlanta Metro area. We resolve the initial crisis of homelessness by providing a safe place to live during pregnancy and by providing mothers with the tools they need to improve decision-making, to enhance employment options and increase family income, to act responsibly as the head of their household, and to develop the self-reliance to progress to permanent independent living. Get more details at: <http://shelteringgrace.org> or call them at (678) 337-7858.

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