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Sheltering Grace Seeks Partners to "Be 1 of 5000"

Fundraising Campaign Aims to Aid Pregnant, Homeless Women through Christmas Giving

Atlanta, GA – December 11, 2015 – In preparation for a triple increase in capacity, Sheltering Grace Ministries has launched a new fundraising campaign, "Be 1 of 5000," to ensure the opening of a new housing facility for metro Atlanta's homeless expectant mothers and infants. The nonprofit is still seeking additional giving partners in order to reach its \$500,000 operating budget goal for 2016. To meet this target, Sheltering Grace is seeking 5,000 new giving partners to pledge \$100 donations. Each contributing individual becomes an important "1" of the greater 5,000.

After nearly a decade of operating out of Norcross with a six-bed capacity, Sheltering Grace will open a recently gifted 15-bedroom facility in East Point, Georgia, provided by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. "We have been working diligently to prepare this new home and are grateful for the gifts we have already received," stated Executive Director, Dr. Ralph Bell, "but we'll need more help from the community to meet our new operating budget in the New Year."

As individuals, businesses, and churches consider nonprofits for year-end giving, Sheltering Grace—the only dedicated maternity home in North Georgia serving adult women and their infants—deserves to be on every donation list. Whether a one-time gift or continuing monthly partnership, the ministry welcomes all donations. Interested

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parties can also participate in the **Adopt-a-Mom program** to support mothers as they leave Sheltering Grace and transition into independent living.

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ABOUT

Sheltering Grace Ministry, Ltd. is a metro Atlanta nonprofit organization founded to interrupt the generational cycle of homelessness through providing pregnant, homeless women with shelter, counseling, infant care, and life-skills training free of charge. Since 2006, Sheltering Grace has aided scores of women in maturing as individuals, as mothers, and becoming heads of households. Sheltering Grace is the only dedicated maternity home in North Georgia serving adult women and their infants. The current facility is located at 797 Roswell Street in Marietta, Georgia, and can be reached by phone at 678-337-7858, and found on the web at <u>www.shelteringgrace.org</u>.

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