



Lazarus Ministries

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Hundreds of Homeless Receive a Day of Beauty, Food and Companionship From Fellow Atlanta Citizens

Atlanta, GA- September 2, 2009- On Sunday September 20, 2009, from 3PM until 8PM, Lazarus Ministries will partner with SafeHouse Outreach for its third annual Health Day for the homeless citizens in Atlanta. Volunteer doctors, beauticians and chefs will meet at The SafeHouse Outreach on Ellis Street between Peachtree Center Avenue and Courtland Avenue (Ellis Street will be closed from Peachtree Center to Courtland Avenue) to administer a day of comfort to the homeless. Health Day consists of complimentary health examinations, hygiene improvements including haircuts and manicures, makeovers, clothing, food and entertainment. In the past, as many as 600 homeless people were catered to and that amount is expected to double this year.

According to Allison Mitchell, Executive Director of Lazarus Ministries, "The goal of health day is to create a street fair which caters, not only to the needs of the homeless, but also to their specific wants as well. We strive to provide a wide range of services, which will improve physical, spiritual, emotional, relational and mental health of those who attend. We hope that the homeless will be able to

forget about the difficulties they are usually burdened with and enjoy an entire day of fun."

Health Day, Lazarus Ministries and SafeHouse are all run strictly through donations. The following companies promise to donate to the event: Tensar International Corporation, Vici International, Bruce Hanft, Internal Innovations, Amana Academy- 2nd grade (2008-2009) crew and Land of Thousand Hills Coffee.

The impact of Health Day will positively impact both the homeless being served as well as those volunteering their time to assist the less fortunate.

About Lazarus Ministries- Headquartered in Atlanta, GA, Lazarus Ministries was founded in 2000 by Allison Mitchell and was adopted as an official ministry by Trinity Vineyard Church in 2001. It is a non-profit organization that ministers to the needs of the homeless in a one-on-one setting by meeting them on the streets. Each Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday around the Capital of Atlanta, Allison and her volunteers offer beverages, companionship as well as long term needs assessments and referrals for the homeless.

About SafeHouse Outreach- Headquartered in Atlanta, GA, Philip Bray founded SafeHouse Outreach in 1982. Mr. Bray focused his efforts by taking to the streets and rescuing child prostitutes and runaways. He wanted to reach those that church considered unreachable. Over the past 25 years, SafeHouse has been instrumental in positively impacting lives and changing communities. This urban outreach is committed to inspiring a profound and lifelong change in those who are pushed to the margins in society by offering a helping hand. SafeHouse provides practical, emotional, and physical assistance to those living on the streets, and help integrate them back into society- to lead healthy, functional lives.