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**City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed to be Honored
at 2017 Heroes for HOPE Awards Dinner**

*Mayor Reed to be honored in celebration of his administration's
commitment to addressing the vital issues faced by the homeless citizens of Atlanta*

ATLANTA, GA – June 28, 2017 – On Thursday, November 2nd at the Georgia Aquarium, [HOPE Atlanta](#) will host the 2017 Heroes for HOPE Awards Dinner. The event celebrates metro Atlanta residents who use their influence to make a positive impact in Atlanta's battle against homelessness.

This year, HOPE Atlanta has chosen to honor City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed. With his firm moral and financial support of Atlanta's homeless population, Mayor Reed has dedicated his eight-year administration to helping Atlanta's most vulnerable citizens find and maintain stability through various financial initiatives dedicated to providing housing for homeless individuals and families.

"Mayor Reed's legacy is built on compassion and support for the homeless community and his help has been invaluable to our organization," explains Edward Powers, Executive Director of HOPE Atlanta. "It is our honor to give him this award as thanks for his hard work and commitment to improving the city we all love."

The Heroes for HOPE Awards Dinner serves as HOPE Atlanta's signature fundraiser to support the organization's vision of ending homelessness in the metro Atlanta community. Proceeds from the event will assist the organization's programs which provide housing and emergency services to veterans, persons living with HIV/AIDS, the chronically homeless, domestic violence victims and others with low or no income.

"I am honored to receive the 2017 Heroes for HOPE Award," said Mayor Reed. "Ending homelessness in a city the size of Atlanta is not something one can do alone. That's why I share the Heroes for Hope Award with the many partners and organizations that joined me in making a commitment to end homelessness in the City of Atlanta. It is because of these partnerships that we've been able to make hard, substantive, and measurable progress in decreasing Atlanta's homeless population."

HOPE Atlanta has provided housing assistance and emergency services to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness since its founding in 1900. During the 2015/2016 fiscal year, the organization helped 5,870 individuals to achieve stability including, 1,599 stranded travelers, 1,166 chronically homeless, 1,152 veterans, 635 persons living with HIV/AIDS and 146 domestic violence victims.

For more about the Heroes for HOPE Awards Dinner, click [here](#).

About the Heroes for HOPE Awards Dinner

Each year HOPE Atlanta honors individuals who have made significant contributions to improving the lives of metro Atlanta's most vulnerable citizens. The honorees share HOPE Atlanta's vision of ending homelessness and shows their dedication to the community by helping our most disadvantaged citizens regain hope, dignity, independence and self-respect.

About HOPE Atlanta

117-year old HOPE Atlanta, formerly known as Travelers Aid of metro Atlanta, offers an array of services including emergency services, permanent supportive housing, case management, street outreach, homeless prevention, domestic violence services, Veterans services, HIV/AIDS services, reunification, and rapid re-housing in metro Atlanta. The majority of the people helped are homeless or about to become homeless and have very low income. Many are chronically homeless, veterans, victims of domestic violence, suffering from mental or physical illness, or chemically addicted, and in need of immediate crisis intervention services. The crises may be due to homelessness, the threat of homelessness, unemployment, abandonment, poverty, illness, hunger, domestic violence, poor planning, financial emergencies, and/or unforeseen circumstances.

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