

## Community Partner Spotlight

United Way of Greater Atlanta



United Way of Greater Atlanta has partnered with StandUp Atlanta to support our South Fulton initiatives for the last four years. United Way is such an integral part of the nonprofit community. Strong leadership, advocacy, and commitment to community makes this organization great. Thank you UWGA!

Fulton County Government



StandUp Atlanta has been fortunate to partner with Fulton County Government. Their support of our Street Outreach and Mentor Programs in Fulton County has enabled StandUp to reach more homeless youth and have a greater impact in Atlanta. We look forward to our continued partnership and success. A quick shout out to their Youth & Community Services Division. Your team is amazing!

## Street Outreach

Homelessness on the streets often conjures up a picture of an older adult with layers of tattered clothes sleeping on a bench downtown. That's not what our kids look like. It is often difficult for us to identify our kids because they blend into the backdrop of Georgia State's campus. It is only through our consistent presence on the streets for the last 17 years that we have developed a network of supporters that help us identify new kids.



This issue of our newsletter is primarily dedicated to the Street Outreach Program. It is almost unheard of to stay the course for so many years without some type of break in service. That's what we do ... the unheard of things that make young people feel safe and give them options.

To all the volunteers that have served on the streets, a while ago or recently, we thank you for meeting kids where they are to help them with immediate resources. Thank you to United Way of Greater Atlanta and Fulton County Government for your support of our programs, and to all our donors and volunteers who allow us to show up for homeless and at risk kids on the streets of Atlanta.

- Kelly Fields, Executive Director

## In the News ...

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## Meet StandUp for Kids



Today we'd like to introduce you to StandUp for Kids.

Alright, so thank you so much for sharing your story and insight with our readers. To kick things off, can you tell us a bit about how you got started?

StandUp for Kids is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of youth homelessness in local communities. Since 1990, we have cared for homeless and at-risk youth by transitioning them from crisis to connection. We give our youth a sense of safety, hope, and belonging through housing support, mentoring, drop-in centers, and street outreach.

In Atlanta, we work to end the cycle of youth homelessness and its economic impact by providing support and resources to youth experiencing hardships beyond their control.

We serve as a mobile service center to homeless youth living on the streets and serve as

mentors to high school students experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness, with the goal of keeping them in school and off the streets.

Click here to read the full July 8th article: <https://tinyurl.com/3z66u7fx>

Looking to make a difference in a youth's life? Learn more about volunteering with StandUp Atlanta at the link below.

[standupforkids.org/atlanta](https://standupforkids.org/atlanta)



## IMPACT ... telling our story.

Statistics for homeless youth living on the streets are rarely hopeful. Here are a few stories of the impact StandUp for Kids has in Atlanta.

**Meet Tatiana**, a 17-year-old unaccompanied youth. She has been in contact with our street counselors for over a year and received several referrals and personal support through our team. We recently touched base with her and are delighted to see her thriving. She talked with us at length and thanked us for all the assistance and support we gave her through a very challenging time, learning how to be on her own. In her own words, StandUp has changed her life. Wanting to give back and hopefully change lives herself, Tatiana aspires to be a street outreach volunteer.

Meet **Jackson**, a 17-year-old street kid working towards an independent life. We have known Jackson for a while and have been amazed at his progress. Currently staying part-time with a sibling, he has a job with Amazon and is able to keep steady employment. He is working through his probation, and we are helping him navigate the critical documents needed to fulfill his legal commitment and move forward with his life. Providing trauma-informed care, teaching, and applying life skills, and partnering with community resources has made his story a success story.

**Meet Zoe**, another Street Outreach success story. Zoe came to us as a Street Outreach volunteer by way of the Atlanta Youth Count 3 years ago. Working and volunteering while a university student has often been taxing. Her dedication and commitment to her studies and homeless youth led her to employment with StandUp Atlanta. Congratulations to her on obtaining a bachelor's degree from GSU and acceptance into her master's program at UGA. As a valued member of the team, we are excited to see her grow in her education and dedication to the widespread issue of youth homelessness. **StandUp Atlanta changes and impacts lives – on both sides of the conversation!**

## Street needs ...

Our immediate need is for MARTA cards for our street youth. We often provide transportation assistance for work, medical, and emergency needs. The highest demand is for MARTA cards.

Click here to donate!

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(StandUp Street Volunteers)

## Events & Announcements

**Country Club of Roswell Charity 2021 Pro-AM and Gala August 6-8.**



Many, many thanks to the Country Club of Roswell for their continued support through the CCR Pro Am Tennis Tournament. We love that they include our kids in the event and give the opportunity to experience new things while raising funds to support our programs.

**StandUp & Move!** September 2-6, 2021. Please join us for our second annual StandUp and Move! fundraising event. This nationwide event benefits our local chapter when you donate to the [Atlanta Campaign](#) or participate in the event by clicking [here](#) and a percentage of your registration fee goes to the Atlanta Chapter.



Ending the cycle of youth homelessness, one youth at a time.

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