

## HOMELESSNESS

## In Atlanta

*A blockbuster panel consisting of the most passionate and well informed people in Atlanta who deal with this critical issue on a day to day basis in a realistic and compassionate manner. They are always striving, to reduce and, ultimately, to eliminate homelessness in this great city. **Get to know our Panelists . . .***

### Vince Smith

Executive Director, Gateway Center

Vince Smith is the founding director of the Gateway Center. He led the collaboration, assisted with design and planning, and gave leadership to the opening of the Center on July 27, 2005. Vince continues to serve as Executive Director of the Gateway Center, a keystone project of the United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness and one of the largest homeless services centers in Georgia, serving thousands of homeless men, women and children each year.

### Stacy Horn Koch

Executive Director, Atlanta Homeless Continuum of Care

In 2011, Stacy Horn Koch was hired by the City of New Orleans to be the city's point person for homelessness as the Director of Neighborhood Services and Facilities in an effort to better coordinate citywide efforts to combat one of New Orleans' toughest problems. For nine years Ms. Koch served as Director of Covenant House there serving at-risk and homeless youth. Horn-Koch and her staff also established "social-enterprise projects" such as White Dove Landscaping Services, the Covenant Café near City Hall and an urban-farming program.

### Jack Hardin

Chairman, United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness

Jack Hardin has dedicated years of service to the Atlanta community and has an unwavering commitment to education, ending homelessness, and promoting tolerance. As a member and co-chair of the United Way Regional Commission on Homelessness, Mr. Hardin was instrumental to the development of the Gateway Center, and serves as Chairman of the Board. He is also on the board of the United Way of Greater Atlanta, formerly serving as Chair.

### Ed Powers

Executive Director, Hope Atlanta: Programs of Travelers Aid

Edward Powers has been the Executive Director of HOPE Atlanta since January, 1994. Founded in Atlanta in 1900, the vision of Hope Atlanta is to end homelessness in metro Atlanta. The mission of Hope Atlanta is to provide a safety net of emergency, transitional and permanent housing assistance to individuals, children, and families at risk of - or already experiencing - homelessness.

### Bill McGahan

Founder and Chairman, Georgia Works!

Bill founded Georgia Works! because he believes every life has value, and virtually every person can be given the tools and habits to make their lives better. Many men simply have horrible habits, role models and environments. Bill has been involved in many community organizations and non-profit boards including the State of Georgia Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless Commission.