

## Appeal

The Place of Enlightenment and Frontline Community Services, Inc./VET 22 Program implore you to join us as we embark on a fundraising venture to build the Jojo Simmons Emergency Transition House in metro-Atlanta. Statistics prove that our community needs houses of this magnitude as a resource and a place of support in times of catastrophic disasters.

Georgia has had some pretty terrible disasters over the past century. While you don't necessarily associate Georgia with too many disasters, especially those of the natural variety, there have been quite a few momentous occasions that are recorded in history such as fires, tornadoes and catastrophic blizzards.

For example, let's take a look of how a fire can be a life-changing event. There are about a half million fires in structures each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In 2019, 77% were in residential properties causing \$7.2 billion in damage.

Great strides have been made in constructing fire resistant buildings and improving fire-suppression techniques, both of which have reduced the incidences of fire. However, in terms of property losses, these advances have been somewhat offset by increases in the number of and value of buildings. In 2019, on average, a fire department responded to a fire every 23 seconds in the US, according to the NFPA. A structure fire occurred every 63 seconds, a residential structure fire occurred every 86 seconds.

## How the Jojo Simmons Emergency Transition House Works



- A written referral from the local Red Cross is required for a candidate to receive possible assistance.
- Pre-approved residents will be provided an emergency housing voucher for a maximum of 30 days.
- Each unit will be fully furnished to help residents prepare to transition to a normal life as soon as possible.
- The Registration/Distribution Center will provide clothing, food and other items needed to assist residents.
- The Jojo Simmons Emergency Transition House will also assist residents in replacing vital documents such as Drivers License, Birth Certificate, Passport, etc.
- The Jojo Simmons Emergency Transition House will provide counseling services to address stress related issues.
- The Jojo Simmons Emergency Transition House will assist residents with Special needs.
- The Jojo Simmons Emergency Transition House will help locate temporary shelter for residents' pets.

## About Place of Enlightenment, Inc.

Place of Enlightenment, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization based in Snellville, Georgia. David Murray founded the organization in October of 2010. Our mission is to educate and provide assistance to the body, mind, and spirit of individuals and communities. The goal of our organization is to build and restore the self-image in a cultural and spiritual manner with a physical and mental perspective. This movement began when Murray and his wife allowed a family in need to stay with them. Currently, Place of Enlightenment is under the leadership of David Murray, his wife Andrea, and the Board of Directors.

## About Frontline Community Services, Inc.

Frontline Community Services, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization based in metro-Atlanta, Georgia. Its focus is to educate the uninformed, protect the endangered, and benefit the deprived. We are committed to serving humanity by providing fundraising for U.S. veterans programs, arts programs, and community-based programs. Our purpose is to restore the family unit and promote a healthy lifestyle. We aim to cultivate leadership while stimulating the potential of the young and upholding respect for all. These principles are our way of life, knowing that success is measure by actual outcomes and not necessarily the process by which it is acquired.