

Elks Aidmore, Inc.

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Conyers, GA --- (Jan. 16, 2012) ---In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day of Service, Boy and Girl Scouts, local volunteers and Elks Aidmore staff and residents will complete several volunteer projects on Elks Aidmore's campus.

Volunteers will convene on Elks Aidmore's campus and give of their day off to be of service to their community. Over the course of four hours, volunteers will create a new trail along Honey Creek, paint and cork windows, paint foundations and cabins, stuff baskets and place wood chips on various trails. Local Girl Scouts have solicited donations for Elks Aidmore residents and Girl Scout Daisies will sort and package the donations. "It feels good to give back, our Scouts understand the power of volunteerisms and enjoy coming together to strengthen our community. Because of our shared dedication to community empowerment, lives are being changed every day," said Lisa Wust, membership specialist for Newton and Rockdale Counties.

"We welcome volunteer groups to our campus and have worked with the Scouts for several years. Most of the docks and bridges on campus are the result of Eagle Scout projects," said Abe Wilkinson, CEO. "We have a job at Elks Aidmore that should not exist. No child should be a victim of domestic abuse and subsequently removed from their home. As sad as it is, it is very much part of our world and we are honored to be in a position to help as many of these youth as we can and more importantly, to be part of a community that fully supports our mission. Our goal is for all of them to become healthy contributing members of society."

"We look forward to this becoming an annual event," said Dawn Robinson Butler, Director of Development and Communications. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'" Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

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For more information about Girl Scouts visit www.gsgatl.org or contact Lisa Wust at 770-702-9126 or lwust@gsgatl.org.

ABOUT ELKS AIDMORE, INC.

Elks Aidmore has provided services to Georgia's at-risk youth, like foster children, for over 75 years through a wide range of programs. Starting in the 1930's, we provided services through our clinics to youth who suffered from physical disabilities, this work lead to the creation of the Elks Aidmore Hospital in Atlanta, which served the same population until 1976. In 1977, we changed our mission to focus on foster care.

Elks Aidmore delivers its mission through a wide range of programs that focus on creating success for at-risk teenagers and young adults who are in foster care.

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