



FURNITURE BANK

of Metro Atlanta

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



ABOUT US:

The Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (EIN: 58-1815194) that provides donated furniture to families transitioning out of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, living with HIV/AIDS, or recovering from a crisis such as a house fire or flood.

OUR MISSION is to create stability for families and individuals in need by distributing donated furniture to turn their houses into homes.

OUR VISION is that every family has the furniture they need.

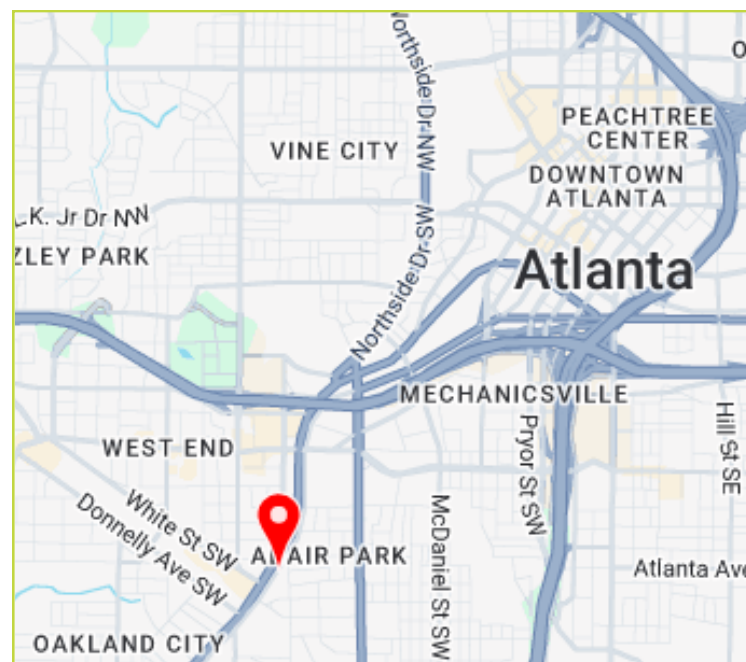
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NEW TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE FURNITURE BANK!

Learn all about who we are, what we do, and why our efforts are so important for individuals and families in need of a fresh start.



Watch on YouTube at bit.ly/VirtualTourFBMA.

Or contact us to schedule an in-person tour!
We'd love to have you.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and partners. Your generosity has allowed the Furniture Bank to continue offering comfort and stability to families and individuals in need by turning their empty spaces into well-furnished homes.

Last year, we were able to furnish 1,727 homes and provide 22 formerly incarcerated individuals with paid training and a path to stable employment. None of this would have been possible without supporters like you!

The demand for our services continues to grow each year. Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our operations, increasing efficiency, and finding innovative solutions to serve even more families in need.

Thank you for being part of our mission to furnish fresh starts and build a more compassionate community!

With gratitude,

Megan Anderson



MEGAN ANDERSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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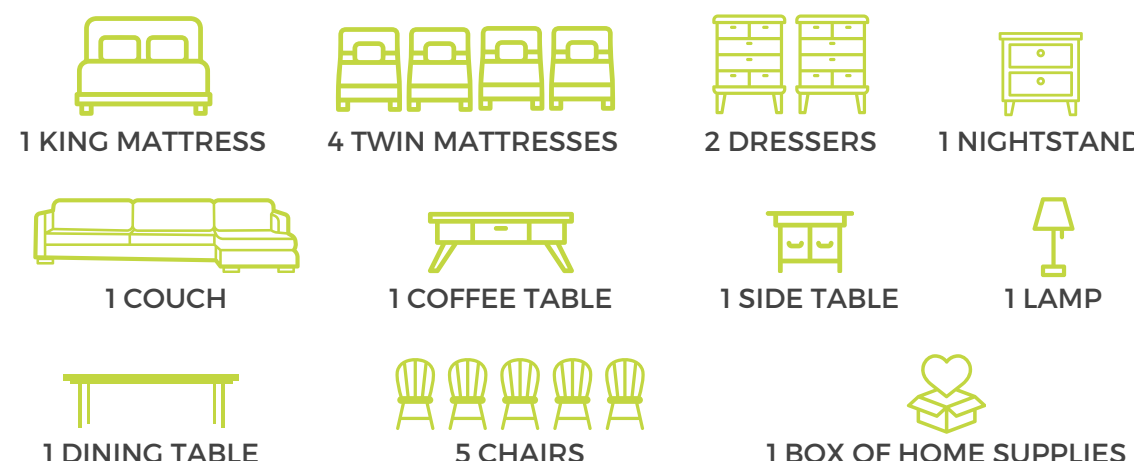
Matthew R. Tovrog

MAKING A HOUSE A HOME

The Furniture Bank's Making A House A Home program fills a simple, basic need – the need for essential household furniture. Before coming to the Furniture Bank, clients are living without furniture, sleeping and eating on the floor.

Each client receives 14+ pieces of furniture on average, depending on the number of people in their household. The gift of furniture improves the financial, physical, and emotional health of clients, increasing the chance of long-term stability for themselves and their families.

FAMILY OF 5 RECEIVES:



The Making A House A Home program is made possible by generous furniture donors, corporate partners, volunteers, and financial supporters. We look forward to helping even more clients in 2025 with your support!

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: ANESHA WESTERN

Anesha faced incredible challenges in 2024, from being diagnosed with cancer as a single mother of 5 to losing her apartment during an extended hospital stay. When she secured housing again, she turned to the Furniture Bank for help furnishing her new home.

Now, Anesha and her kids are able to share meals together at their new dining table and sleep comfortably on beds of their own!

"This furniture has truly been a blessing for my family in our new home. We're so grateful for the Furniture Bank!"
— Anesha W.



2024 PROGRAM STATISTICS

≥ 4,448 ≤

PEOPLE RECEIVED LIFE CHANGING FURNITURE

1,727

HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED

2,396

CHILDREN
SERVED

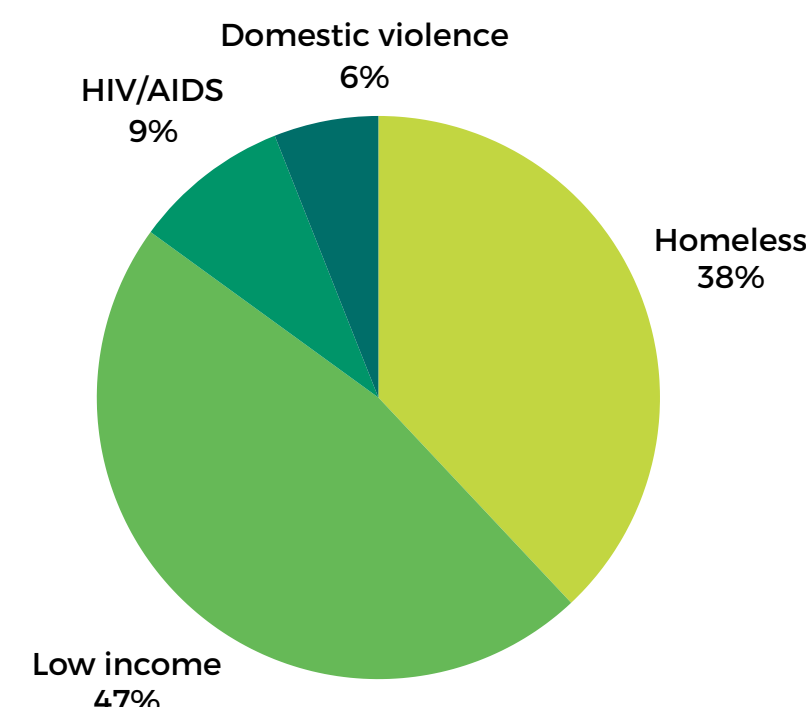
24%

OF HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED WERE
VETERAN-HEADED

13,330

MATTRESSES
DIVERTED FROM
LANDFILLS

CLIENT ELIGIBILITY



ROUTES TO RE-ENTRY

In 2024, the Furniture Bank re-launched its updated employment program with a new name: Routes to Re-Entry. Originally focused on serving homeless veterans, the program now serves returning citizens — people who are transitioning back to society after time in jail or prison.

During the ten-week program, participants receive paid on-the-job training working as interns in the Furniture Bank’s warehouse or on its delivery trucks. Interns also receive transportation assistance, resume-building help, financial literacy courses, and more.

At the end of the program, the Furniture Bank pays for trainees to earn their Forklift Operators Certification (4-week training and certification on 5 different lift types). The Furniture Bank also assists graduates with resume building and helps them find a job once they obtain their certification.

2024 PROGRAM STATISTICS

➤ **22 PEOPLE** ➤

JOINED THE PROGRAM AND GOT A JOB, ARE STILL IN TRAINING, OR ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS

6

REFERRAL
PARTNER
AGENCIES

175

TOTAL PROGRAM
GRADUATES
TO-DATE



INTERN SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL HILL

Michael Hill joined the Routes to Re-Entry program for a fresh start. He was incarcerated as a teenager, and his criminal record made finding a job difficult. The Furniture Bank helped him gain the skills and experience to start a stable career.

Since completing the program, Michael has secured a full-time job as a driver for Western Express. He enjoys traveling the country and looks forward to advancing his career!

“The Furniture Bank’s Routes to Re-Entry program helped me get a fresh start in a new career. I feel very accomplished.”

— Michael H.

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

Dozens of local businesses and organizations partnered with the Furniture Bank in 2024 through annual sponsorships, bulk furniture donations, and team-building volunteer experiences.



BULK FURNITURE DONORS

We partner with local businesses, universities, film studios, and more to source bulk furniture donations. In addition to furniture donations from individual households, the Furniture Bank received \$503,571 worth of new products from furniture and mattress retailers in 2024.

One company commented: “The Furniture Bank crew was very professional and easy to work with. Everything went smoother than I imagined it could.”



CORPORATE VOLUNTEER GROUPS

45 companies participated in team-building volunteer experiences in 2024, where staff members built new kitchen tables or dressers for Furniture Bank clients!

“Thank you for another incredible experience for our team! We're so grateful for the opportunity to support your organization and hope to see you again soon!”

(May 2024)






“Our team had a BLAST assembling the dressers. We are so appreciative of you and your team for enabling that time.”

(August 2024)




THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 SPONSORS!














Rental
Leasing
Logistics










Mercedes-Benz











VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

We are so grateful for the dedicated individuals who contributed their time volunteering at the Furniture Bank last year. As a local nonprofit with less than 15 full-time staff members, these volunteers’ efforts were critical to our work turning houses into homes!



Shopping with Clients - Volunteers guided clients through our warehouse and helped them shop for the items they need to make their house a home.



Kitting & Sorting - Volunteers helped sort incoming donations and assembled grab-and-go kitchen and bedding kits for clients.



Offsite Drives & Furniture Builds - Volunteers collected kitchen supplies & bed linens or built furniture pieces to donate to the Furniture Bank.

To all the 2024 volunteers who made an impact in the lives of the clients we serve, thank you! We hope you’ll join us again in the coming year.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BEVERLY WARNER

Home has always been important as a safe space to Beverly. She started volunteering at the Furniture Bank as a way to “help others experience the comfort and security of a furnished home.”

Beverly leverages her interest in interior design as she guides clients through our warehouse and helps them pick out the best pieces to fit their own personal style.



2024 VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

≥ 1,216 ≤

VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTED OUR MISSION

3,753

VOLUNTEER
HOURS LOGGED

797

FURNITURE PIECES
BUILT FOR CLIENTS

YOUNG SUPPORTERS BOARD

Thank you to the young professionals who volunteered their time to raise funds and build awareness of the Furniture Bank in 2024!

SAPHENIXX ADAMS
KIMBERLEE BALLARD
MARY ALICE BARRINGTON
SEAN CONWAY
KELSEY DANIELS
GABRIELLE DINGLE
NICHOLE FOGLE
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2024 ANNUAL EVENTS



CHAIRISH THE FUTURE

Chairish the Future is the Furniture Bank's annual fundraising gala featuring live and silent auction programs with exclusive packages from generous local artists, designers, and businesses.

The 30th annual Chairish the Future gala held on February 28, 2024, raised **\$193,515** — more than 12% of the Furniture Bank's annual budget!



RACE FOR REST 5K

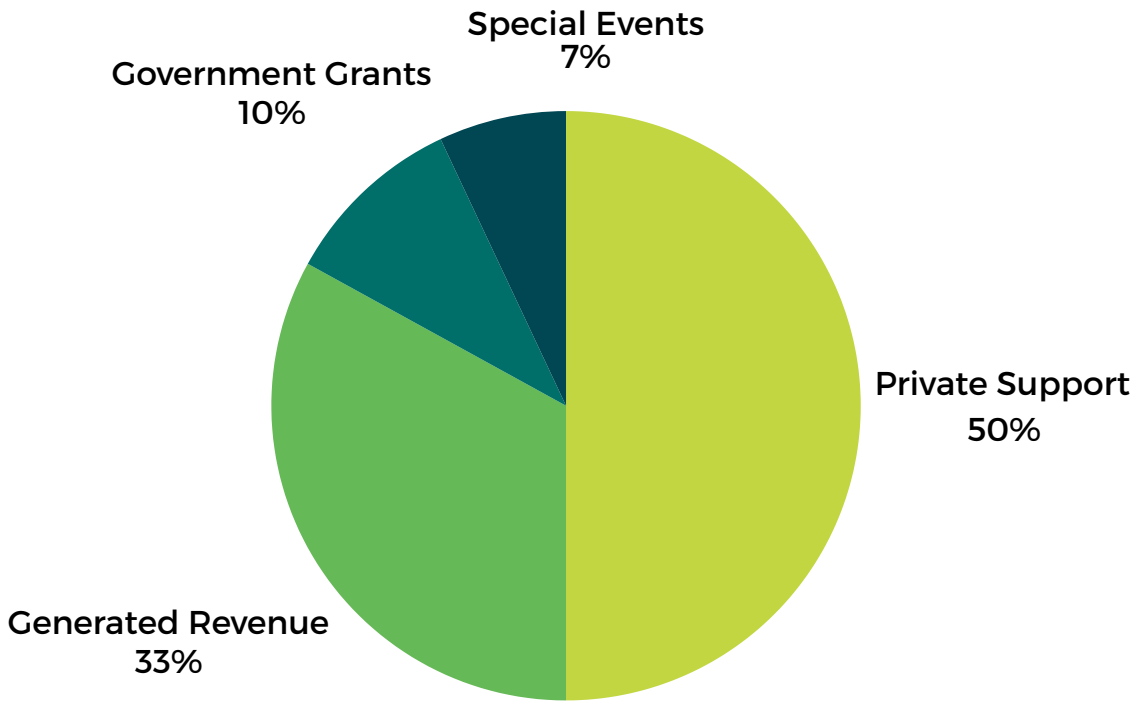
The Race for Rest is the Furniture Bank's annual 5K fundraiser presented by Monday Night Brewing. Participants can run the chipped 5K solo or as a team, win top-finisher prizes, and enjoy a free beer at the official race after-party at Monday Night Garage!

The Furniture Bank's 11th annual Race for Rest 5K held on October 19, 2024, raised **\$43,108!**



FINANCIALS

2024 REVENUE BY SOURCE:



2024 BY THE NUMBERS:

\$690
COST PER HOUSEHOLD SERVED

90%
PROGRAM EXPENSE
RATIO

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT:

City of Atlanta: Community Development Block Grant

City of Atlanta: Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

Dekalb County Community Development Block Grant

Fulton County Department of Community Development

HUD: Housing and Urban Development

FOUNDATION SUPPORT:

- AEC Trust
- Atlanta Braves Foundation, Inc.
- Atlanta Foundation
- Betty and Davis Fitzgerald Foundation
- Big Lots Foundation
- Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta
- Frances Hollis Brain Foundation, Inc.
- George A. Ramlose Foundation, Inc.
- Jack and Anne Glenn Charitable Foundation
- Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation Grant
- Pathward Charitable Investments
- Speedway Children's Charities
- The Choate Foundation, Inc.
- The Home Depot Foundation
- The Scott Hudgens Family Foundation
- Thomas H. Pitts Trust
- United Way of Greater Atlanta, Inc.

GRANT SPOTLIGHT:



Buckhead Church generously supports the Furniture Bank each year through its “Be Rich” generosity campaign. During the campaign, church members volunteer their time and donate funds to the Furniture Bank, with Buckhead Church providing matching donation funds.

Buckhead Church donated a total of \$141,916 to the Furniture Bank during Be Rich 2024, including \$31,400 in matched donations that helped us buy 400 beds for kids!





THANK YOU

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