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# HANDS ON ATHENS

Helping Hands  
for  
Historic Neighborhood  
Revitalization



The mission of Hands On Athens is to create a coalition of organizations dedicated to assisting low-income Athens-Clarke County homeowners in historic neighborhoods to maintain, repair, and restore their properties as part of overall neighborhood revitalization.

A program of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, Inc.



## APPLYING to Hands on Athens

Each year, Hands On Athens (HOA) volunteers carry out repairs and maintenance for up to 16 homeowners in three target neighborhoods (Hancock Corridor, East Athens and New Town).

Homeowners residing in our target neighborhoods and needing basic (primarily exterior) repairs to their homes are encouraged to apply to HOA. There is no application fee, and selected homeowners will not have to pay for work completed to their homes. Applicants must:

- (1) own and plan to continue living in their homes;
- (2) have documented income below 80% of the median; and
- (3) reside in dwellings that are approximately 50 years old or older.

Preference is given to the elderly, disabled, and single-parent households.

Most of our work is completed during a three-day weekend in April while a second, less intensive work weekend is scheduled each October. Applications may be submitted at any time.

**If you would like to apply to Hands On Athens, or need additional information, please contact the HOA Administrator (John Kissane) at 706-353-1801.**



## DONATING to Hands On Athens

Hands On Athens (HOA) is a program of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation, Inc. (ACHF), a non-profit membership organization that advocates for historic preservation in the local community. The program has worked on more than 100 houses since its establishment in 1999, and over the years HOA volunteers have completed work valued at a total of more than \$1 million.

Each year, ACHF is fortunate to receive federal funding in the form of a Community Development Block Grant awarded through the Athens-Clarke County Department of Human and Economic Development. This funding comprises approximately two-thirds of what is needed to complete the annual HOA work program. So, additional funds must be raised annually, primarily from local businesses, foundations and individuals.

**If you would like to support Hands On Athens with a financial or in-kind contribution, please contact the HOA Administrator (John Kissane) at 706-353-1801.**

All donations are tax deductible, as ACHF is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. And, every single dollar is put directly into purchasing supplies and materials used during HOA projects as well as acquiring other essentials such as food and t-shirts for volunteers and program advertising & promotion.



## VOLUNTEERING with Hands On Athens

Established in 1999 with a small neighborhood clean-up, Hands On Athens (HOA) has grown significantly. HOA's first volunteer work weekend in April of 2000 saw several dozen volunteers carry out maintenance and repairs at residences of three low-income homeowners. Since that time HOA has expanded to assist 12 to 16 homeowners each year, and the program now undertakes a small work weekend in the fall in addition to the major effort each spring.

Besides the part-time HOA Administrator, virtually everything done by HOA is accomplished by volunteers. Our Steering Committee consists of design professionals and contractors, neighborhood development organizations, environmental and service organizations, housing advocacy and assistance agencies, and others who help plan work weekend. All of these people volunteer their time and expertise, attending meetings and helping out during work efforts.

HOA work weekends depend primarily on volunteers with no particular experience or skills in building maintenance and construction. And yet HOA could not accomplish much without a small group of highly-skilled contractors and other individuals who serve as "house captains," organizing and overseeing work completed at each house.

**If you would like to become involved with Hands On Athens in any capacity, please contact HOA Administrator John Kissane at 706-353-1801. And visit the HOA Facebook page!**