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TWO MEN AND A TRUCK GOES THE EXTRA MILE FOR SIMPLE NEEDS GA
--Move crews from Marietta location make it possible for families to have furniture, beds and other items needed to turn empty houses and apartments into homes.

MARIETTA, Ga. (03/21/2018) — The TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® location at 1257 Kennestone Circle has played an integral role over the past year in helping [Simple Needs GA](#) (SNGA) bring furniture and household items to individuals and families in need across Cobb County.

“Since 2017, Two Men And A Truck has donated time worth more than \$8,100 to SNGA—a number that continues to climb by the month,” said SNGA Founder Brenda Rhodes. “For our clients, who typically have just transitioned out of homelessness or escaped a domestic abuse situation, this has been incredibly meaningful.”

Often, these families are living in completely empty apartments and sleeping on the floor. “When Two Men And A Truck pulls up with things like donated furniture, beds, lamps, tables and appliances,” Rhodes said, “these families are overjoyed.”

During 2017, move crews from Two Men And A Truck made numerous deliveries and pickups on behalf of SNGA clients, said Lydia Whatley, Marketing Manager for nine Two Men And A Truck locations across Georgia. These moves are no easy task: In addition to muscle power, they require dealing with traffic and coordinating pickups and deliveries among multiple parties with hectic schedules.

Driver James Mials has delivered furniture and household items to seven or eight families over the past few months. “It is a heartwarming experience,” said Mials, who has been with the company for three years. “We’ve had people cry or hug us. When you see people who have nothing, it just makes you realize how easy it is to forget sometimes how blessed you are.”

For Simple Needs GA, finding enough volunteers to pick up donations and deliver them to people in need can be challenging due to the logistics involved, Rhodes said. The moves from donors’ homes to those of clients, or to SNGA’s storage space, are part of the Marietta-based nonprofit’s Simple Household Needs program, which collects new or gently used items, including furniture, TVs, dishes, bedding, DVD players and much more. The goal is to help people in need turn a house or apartment into a home.

In addition to Mials, Whatley thanked crewmembers Deonte Glover, Andreas McConnel, Jemonta Stills and Anthony Watson for their hard work in helping SNGA deliver these items to clients.

Two Men And A Truck franchisees all over the country frequently dedicate both time and money to area charities, though it's not a requirement, Whatley said. The founder of the company, Mary Ellen Sheets, has spent her entire life volunteering and is a longtime supporter of many organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, United Way of America, and the YMCA.

"At Two Men And A Truck Marietta, we just have a heart for the community," Whatley said. "We thrive by giving back. That is one of our core values. Since we have both the trucks and muscle to do so, and why wouldn't we pick great charities that need our help?"

About Simple Needs GA (SNGA)

SNGA's mission is to meet the simple needs of children, people experiencing homelessness, and others in need, while inspiring our community to do the same. The Marietta, Ga.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit offers several community-based programs. Donors and volunteers provide full-sized toiletries and other useful items to people living in homeless shelters. They furnish tents, sleeping bags, tarps and other essentials to those living in the woods or on the street, and supply families with furniture, appliances, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other household necessities. Other initiatives include providing schoolchildren with required school uniforms; helping social workers buy kids new shoes via gift cards; bringing new presents and other items to homeless children celebrating their birthdays; and providing Christmas presents for children in need. For more info, visit SimpleNeedsGA.org.

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