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Contributing Sweat Equity to the CREW Campaign Cause

Some CREW members just couldn't wait to get started with the CREW Campaign challenge this year! Members Lynn Moorman, Caroline Worth, Anna Choe, Jody Saka, Rhoda Washington, Jennifer Thompson and Jennifer Dean contributed one of the most valuable resources that one can give to the CREW Campaign cause: TIME!

For three Saturdays in January, these members and their spouses donated food, equipment and manual labor to help the GilGal House, a transitional living environment for homeless women in Atlanta who are recovering addicts. GilGal, founded in May 2005 by Val Cater, not only provides transitional shelter, but also supports a Life Exchange Center, where clients are educated about addiction, receive professional counseling and are taught important life skills to help end their cycle of homelessness.

CREW members James Buck, Tim Thomas and Stephanie Eckert weren't present but donated grills, workstations and installation labor to help GilGal House create new offices and to make room for more residents in the main living facility.

"These CREW women were on a mission!" stated Val Cater, "They not only contributed labor and goods that we could otherwise not afford, but they spent time interacting and listening to many of our residents. It was wonderful to see empowered women empowering other women to pull themselves up and out of homelessness."

Leslie Burke, the 2008 CREW Campaign Committee Chair was thrilled to hear about the group's efforts: "In addition to our fundraising goals this year, the CREW Campaign is encouraging members to volunteer for our cause to help women and children. We believe that if everyone gives a little of their own money and time, members of CREW will feel more ownership in the direction and influence that CREW can have in women's lives."

If you are a member of CREW and haven't yet made your donation to the CREW Campaign, please contact Karrie Westphal at execdirector@crewatlanta.org. Every dollar helps us reach our goal!

For more information about the CREW Campaign's charity of choice, The Atlanta Women's Foundation, go to www.atlantawomen.org.

For more information regarding the GilGal House, go to www.womenofgilgal.org.



Jenifer Thompson & Anna Choe get down to the business of helping others at the GilGal House

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Luncheon March 7, 2008

Register, starting Monday, February 11, and pre-pay by credit card on-line by [clicking here](#).

"No Water, No Problem? Commercial Real Estate Surviving the Drought"

11:30 a.m. Registration, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Program
103 West

103 W. Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta GA 30305

\$45.00 CREW Members, \$65.00 Guests

*Reservations not cancelled by NOON, Monday, March 4, 2008, will be charged.

CREW University Wednesday, March 19th

8:00 am - 12:30 am

Nadia Bilchik Seminar, Members Only

Location TBD

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were due by January 31, 2008. All directory photos are due by Friday, February 8, 2008, at the latest for submission in the 2008 CREW Atlanta directory. Please email to execdirector@crewatlanta.org in jpg format only.

2008 Capital Campaign Update

We are at an amazing \$115,000 level currently, in comparison to our \$150,000 fundraising goal for 2008. This is 110% of our Chapter goal, 55% of our Event Sponsor goal, and 66% of our Member Pledges goal (with each category having a target of \$50,000).

If you are interested in personal donations or corporate sponsorships, please contact Leslie Burke, Prudential Financial, (770) 395-8637.