



2009  
*Sugarloaf*  
at the *SafeHouse*  
this *Summer*

**Wednesday Evening July 29 through Sunday Afternoon August 2**

*FAQ's*

**Mission Statement** - SafeHouse Outreach is an urban outreach committed to affecting real change in the lives of those in the margins of society, by providing a hand up, not just a hand out. SafeHouse provides practical, emotional, and physical assistance to those living in the margins, and helps integrate them back into society – to lead healthy, functional lives.

**Brief History of SafeHouse** - In 1982, Philip Bray took to the streets to rescue child prostitutes and runaways in Atlanta, Ga. Inspired by his own experiences; he wanted to reach those who the church considered unreachable. A booth in a local hamburger restaurant became the headquarters for SafeHouse on Friday and Saturday nights. Within 6 months, over 200 volunteers came together with manpower and compassion and began reaching out to anyone in need. Soon SafeHouse outgrew the booth and moved to a storefront off Peachtree Street. They held church service at midnight on Friday nights and became known within the city as a place where the unreachable could come for assistance. This was the beginning of SafeHouse becoming a full service community development organization. Partnering with local city churches and corporations, SafeHouse expanded their outreach with feeding programs, rehab, and job placement; providing for these partners the expertise to impact their community. Over the past 25 years, SafeHouse has been instrumental in impacting lives and changing communities. Recognized by city mayors, governors, and the President, SafeHouse offers a hand up not just a hand out and is active in finding a solution to those in crisis.

**What does it cost and what does that cover?** - The cost for this trip is \$225, which includes food, accommodations and transportation from Wednesday night to Sunday afternoon. A deposit schedule will be provided at the informational meetings on January 18 and 28.

**Where will we stay?** - The SafeHouse is located at 89 Ellis Street in the heart of downtown Atlanta. The ground floor of the SafeHouse contains dormitory style accommodations with bunk beds. All participants on this trip will stay at the SafeHouse for the duration of the trip. No “day trippers” will be allowed to attend.

**Can children come?** – This is an adult trip. All attendees must be 18 years of age or older.

**How many people can attend?** – The trip is limited to the first 25 people who provide us with a deposit.

**How do I get more information?** – For more information on the SafeHouse go to <http://www.safehouseoutreach.org/>. For more information on the trip, we are having two informational meetings. Sunday, January 18 at 9:15 AM (immediately prior to the One Service), and Wednesday, January 28 at 6:45 PM. Grady York and Greg Martin will be leading this trip. Greg cell: 770-403-0895.

**What will we be doing?** The SafeHouse provides a “meal, music & message” to the homeless of Atlanta 365 days a year. SafeHouse partners with local churches to provide this outreach. At least one afternoon and evening we will be providing music, a message, and a meal for 200 – 300 homeless people. Another night we will be participating in “Midnight Meals” – wherein we locate homeless individuals, spend time with and distribute meals to them. We will be participating in SafeHouse’s “Unholy Land Tour”. In the context of the size of the homeless population in Atlanta, some have called Atlanta the New York City of the South. The Unholy Land Tour is nighttime, informational and inspirational tour where attendees will learn, first-hand, the scope of the problem of homelessness in their community (over 100,000 people have taken this tour). During the day we will be assisting SafeHouse personnel with in-takes, job counseling, work projects with SafeHouse and affiliated organizations, and spending time with those on the fringe of our society...the least, the last, and the lost.

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