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To whom it may concern:

There are currently 2.2 million households in metro Atlanta. Forty-eight percent of those households spend at least 45 percent of their income on housing and transportation and are cost-burdened. This means families have extraordinary challenges paying for other necessities, like utilities and groceries, and that a financial emergency like unexpected medical expenses can have catastrophic affects.

Sandy Springs Together understands that creating and sustaining inclusive communities, where residents, regardless of income level, can live and thrive is a necessary part of what makes communities stronger. The organization is dedicated to:

- Educating the public about housing, land use and economic development issues in the City of Sandy Springs
- Uniting all residents toward a common purpose
- Creating a community that is affordable for all incomes

For this reason, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta supports the mission and vision of Sandy Springs Together. Housing is a basic need. People who can afford to stay are more personally connected to their communities. Investing in strategies that create and preserve housing affordability creates stability in communities and gives residents the opportunity to participate in their communities both civically and economically.

Stable, affordable housing is essential to strong, sustainable communities. By investing in solutions that create and preserve affordable housing options for residents, we stabilize communities, create access to wealth building opportunities and create a sense of place for all.

Sincerely,



Alicia Philipp
President