

## VISION

What better way to impact the health and well being of our communities than to mentor youth in becoming advocates for health promotion and disease prevention? With this vision the DESKAN INSTITUTE was born.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Provide youth and young adult with experiences that:

- Encourage personal healthy lifestyles.
- Encourage prevention efforts, that will aid in the reduction of mother-to-child-transmission of the HIV virus and prevent new infections.
- Engage community and international health interventions.
- Interact with mentoring health professional

### Helping the Homeless and Orphans in our community.

- Converted garage space at residence for food and pantry and clothing rack.
- Provide counseling and support services to women and families.
- Provide referrals for clinical services.
- Provide food and clothes to homeless families, single mothers and battered women.

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The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans estimates that on any given night, 200,000 veterans are homeless, and 400,000 veterans will Experience homelessness during the course of a year (National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 2006).

97% of those homeless veterans will be male (Department of Veterans Affairs, 2008).

National Coalition for the Homeless, September 2012.



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# Homeless Veterans in GEORGIA

## OUR Promise to YOU!

*Now, more than ever, it is important for us to come together as communities to celebrate humanity, compassion and understanding, and to excise the power we all have to make a difference.*

*We know you can reach out to many others, but we are asking you to help us help others.*

*Your Tax deductible donation is greatly appreciated .*

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## Our Homeless Veterans

*Addressing and Serving the Health, Social and Mental Health needs.  
Restoring Hope Through Compassion.*

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Three times that many veterans are struggling with excessive rent burdens and thus at increased risk of homelessness.

Further, there is concern about the future. Women veterans and those with disabilities including post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury are more likely to become homeless, and a higher percentage of veterans returning from the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have these characteristics.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 131,000 veterans are homeless on any given night.

And approximately twice that many experience homelessness over the course of a year.

Conservatively, one out of every three homeless men who is sleeping in a doorway, alley or box in our cities and rural communities has put on a uniform and served this country.

Approximately 40% of homeless men are veterans, although veterans comprise only 34% of the general adult male population.

*Our Responsibility:  
Serving people the way you  
want to be served, with  
respect and dignity.*

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more than  
300,000  
Vets are homeless  
on any given night



## What We do To Serve.

- **The Food Pantry**  
Providing grocery boxes of food to over 2,500 families.
- **Annual Community Holiday Giving**  
Distributes to over 2,000 families, personal hygiene products, clothes, food, household goods.
- **Clothing Closet**  
Providing clothing to local organizations that share in the cause of "Second Chance for Individuals"
- **Helping the Homeless**  
Homelessness is not a choice.... Help IS!  
The fastest growing group of homeless people is children under 9 years of age
- **Annual Hungry Walk**  
Uniting our communities in the fight against hunger. United Way data shows that approximately 2/3 of homeless calls originated in counties that surround the Atlanta area.
- **Building Strategic Partnerships**  
Atlanta is the poorest city in the U.S. for children. Almost 40% of homeless in the US are under 18 years of age. Additionally 40% of homeless men are veterans.