

F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center of Lawrenceville

A Non-Congregate housing center for homeless men



How was the FHC concept formed?

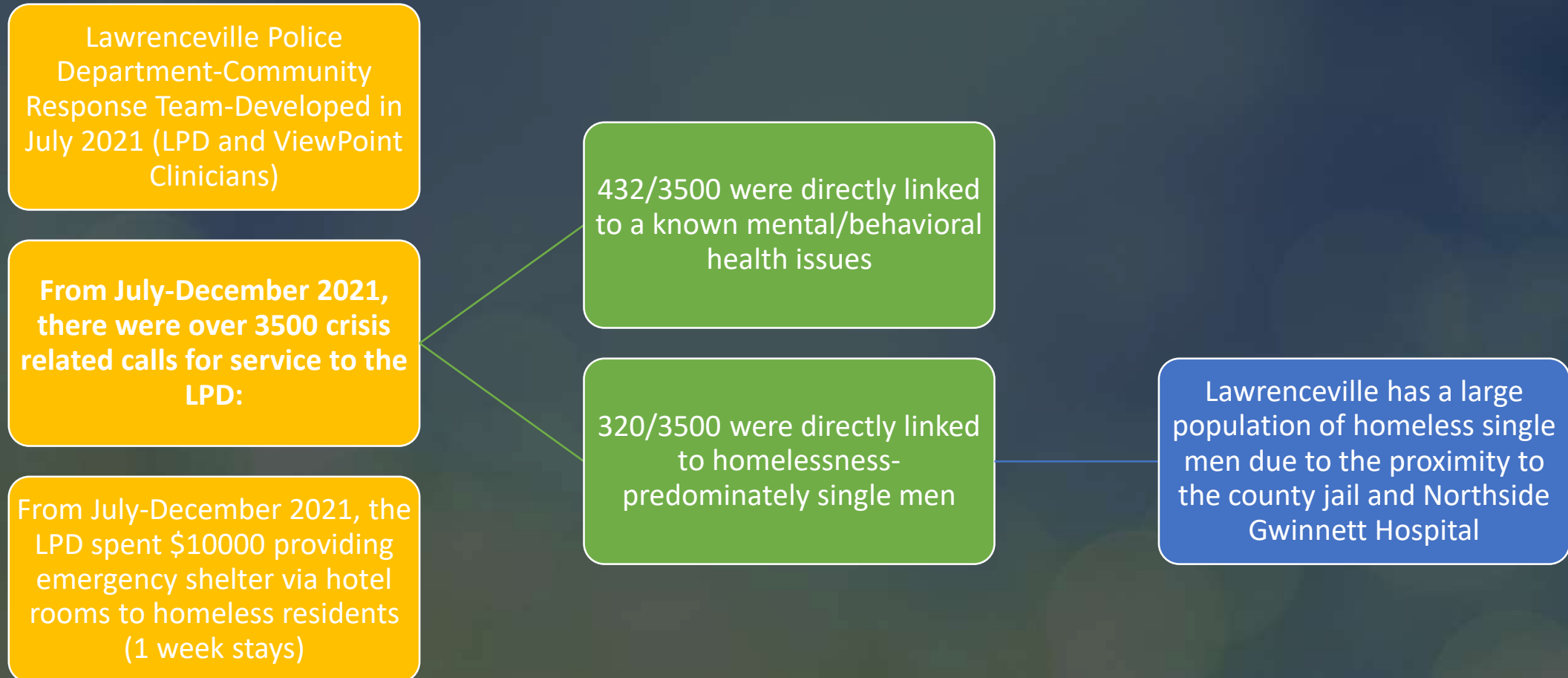
- An in-depth look at data from Relocation Projects (2020/2021)
 - Villa Lodge Extended Stay (Across from Central Gwinnett HS)
 - Metro Extended Stay (Buford Drive/316)
 - Northdale Drive
- 6 month data from the LPD Community Response Team (CRT) Co-Responder Program
- Growing Encampments
- Research and Evidence-Based Practices/Models



Homeless Intervention: Impact46 via LRC (formed in April 2020)

- **The Lawrenceville Response Center spent:**
 - \$378,567 on temporary housing vouchers (hotels) and hotel relocation stipends in 2020
 - \$95,844.60 on hotel rooms to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless Lawrenceville residents in 2021
 - \$381,365.56 on relocation stipends for those living in a local hotel (Metro Relocation- 2021)
 - **83% of households were single and 69% of the households were single men**
 - **53% had a criminal record preventing them from moving into permanent housing**
 - \$52,379.76 on hotel rooms to provide temporary housing vouchers and emergency relocation services in 2022
 - \$34k on hotel rooms to provide temporary housing vouchers in 2023
- **The Lawrenceville Response Center served: 2022**
 - We served 90 residents with 46 of those being children with emergency shelter and transitional housing services; **10/16 served in Q1 of 2022 were single or couples without children**
 - We moved 37/95 households living in a hotel into permanent housing
 - 12 HH were single men
 - The average length of stay in a hotel with LRC assistance was 8 weeks (male)

Homelessness Intervention: LPD Data



Growing Encampments in Lawrenceville (January 2023)

- Single men
- Undiagnosed mental/behavioral health and substance abuse diagnoses

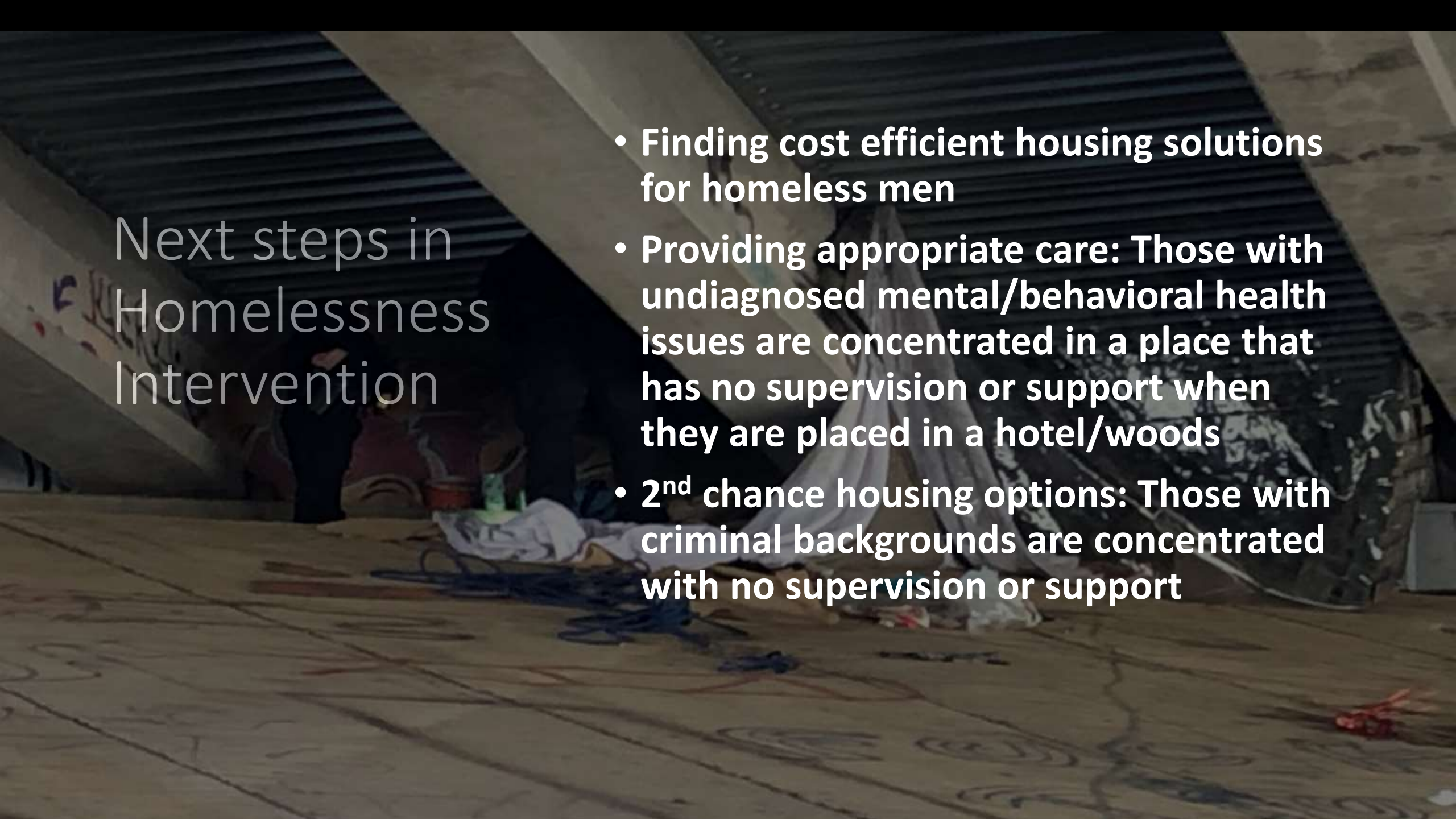




Homeless encampments in Lawrenceville (January 2023)

Homeless Intervention: Research and Development to prepare for housing center

- **Recommended Research and Site Visit: San Antonio, Tx.-Haven for Hope**
 - Visited in March 2022 (Impact46, Lawrenceville City Council/Mayor, LPD)
 - Viewed their housing continuum from homelessness to subsidized/transitional programming
 - Best practices and lessons learned
- **Southeastern Research: Greenville, SC.-United Housing Connections and Atlanta-City of Refuge**
 - Visited in February/April 2023 (Impact46/Lawrenceville Police Department)
 - Houses male clients with mental/behavioral health issues
 - Provides case-management and non-congregate rooms
 - Best practices and lessons learned
- **National Research: Santa Clara, Ca.-June 2023**
 - Visited the Santa Clara County's Continuum of Care facility
 - Met with the CEO and discussed best practices/models/services
 - Santa Clara is part of the Notre Dame LEO (Lab for Economic Opportunity) Cohort for homeless prevention strategies and best practices

A photograph of a homeless shelter. The ceiling is made of corrugated metal. Several people are sleeping on the floor, which is covered with blankets and some personal belongings. The lighting is dim, and the overall atmosphere is one of poverty and lack of shelter.

Next steps in Homelessness Intervention

- **Finding cost efficient housing solutions for homeless men**
- **Providing appropriate care: Those with undiagnosed mental/behavioral health issues are concentrated in a place that has no supervision or support when they are placed in a hotel/woods**
- **2nd chance housing options: Those with criminal backgrounds are concentrated with no supervision or support**



F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center
(For Intensive Response and Support Transitions)

FIRST Housing Center

Renovate the current 10 room building into an 8 room non-congregate shelter with 2 unit conversion office space and laundry room

- A place for the LPD Community Response Team to take homeless residents
 - **Office Space** for Operational Staff and on-site laundry room
 - **1 intake room** where ViewPoint clinician will provide a Psycho/Social assessment
 - Used for overnight and weekend use as needed for transports
 - **8 transitional units** for homeless residents who are in crisis to stay up to 90 days
 - Fulltime case management-VP/I46
 - Fulltime Program Director-I46
 - PT Clinical Director-VP
 - 24 hr. monitoring by the LPD

*Photo is from November 2023





F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Operations

- **Operations: To serve up to 150 homeless individuals a year with Wrap-around and Housing services**
 - After the Co-responder team meets with the individual and provides a referral to the FHC, each homeless resident is taken to the housing center and receives a psycho/social assessment by a mental health clinician to evaluate needs
 - A treatment and care plan is designed by the case manager/clinician to the resident
 - The care plan includes a 90 day stabilization and transition plan for physical/mental health, basic needs, employment, and housing
 - Each resident relocates into their own room and can stay up to 90 days if they meet all the treatment and care plan milestones and are program compliant
 - The LRC will be able to provide a temporary housing voucher (THV) to those that do not qualify or if the building is at capacity.
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Operations

Community Partners:

- Community Advisory Board: Will consist of industry experts in mental health, housing stabilization, 2nd chance employment, criminal justice and 2 community members
 - Wrap-around services:
 - Employment, Food, Transitional Housing Partnership Development, Mental/Behavioral/Physical Health, Substance Abuse, transportation, etc- Impact46 is currently working on partnership MOUs
 - All partners are within walking distance of the building or a short ride
 - Requesting the city to consider the use of 10 water works road (leased by Impact46) to used as a training facility during the day
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Security and Safety

- **Safety for FHC program participants and Lawrenceville residents**
 - 24 hour monitoring and security on the premises
 - 24 hour emergency dispatch viewing from the Lawrenceville Police Station
 - Police Patrolling the center
 - Key cards for each room with security cameras and 360 security view of the center
 - 3 FT staff on site to work with participants
 - Located less than a mile from the LPD police station and Fire Station
 - 3 man bike-patrol
 - Co-Responder Unit and LPD non-emergency line (option 3)
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center (FHC) Fundraising

- **Campaign Updates:**
 - **Home-ARP Grant:** Partnered with Gwinnett County to provide rehabilitation grant-\$503,000.00
 - **City of Lawrenceville:** to provide personnel staff for 2 years (2025-2026)- \$400,000.00
 - **City of Lawrenceville-** Committed \$440,000.00 to the building renovation
 - **Private donors/Foundations-** Anonymous Foundation- submitted \$300,000.00 for office renovations; actively meeting with private and corporate donors
 - **Primerica:** \$20k
 - **Community Partnerships for Programming Needs:**
 - Individual Room Food boxes, meals on the weekends
 - 2nd chance employment
 - Transitional housing partners
 - Substance abuse recovery partners
 - ViewPoint Health thru the LPD Co-Responder Unit
 - Amazon Wishlist for building supplies- **Impact46.org**

Where are we at.....

- Renovation on the building began in September 2024
- HUD representatives visited the site
- Actively fundraising
- Actively recruiting program partners
- Actively recruiting the Advisory Board
- Building out the program design for operations
- Actively collecting donations:
 - Visit our website, Impact46.org to donate towards our Amazon Wishlist





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- Renovation to be completed by March 10, 2025
- Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for April 14, 2025!

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THANK YOU!!!

For more information, visit Impact46.org or LawrencevilleResponseCenter.com to learn more about our efforts to end homelessness in Lawrenceville.

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