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## **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for "Ray of Hope" at the Fulton County Jail**

**ATLANTA, GA** – A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Fulton County Jail today unveiling "Ray of Hope." [Caring For Others, Inc.](#) (CFO), an Atlanta-based non-profit, has partnered with the Fulton County Jail to provide new clothing, shoes, and hygiene products to women and men in need of these items upon their release. The clothing that residents come into the jail with may not be suitable for them to wear at the time of their release for various reasons. Sometimes residents are also brought from Grady in only a hospital gown.

FCSO Director of Communications Natalie Ammons, who volunteers at CFO, saw the need at the jail and thought that CFO's ministry would be a good fit for this project: to provide for those in need and to clothe people with dignity. She approached Sheriff Labat and CFO President/Founder/CEO Eslene Richmond-Shockley with the idea, and they were all in. "Providing a resident with new clothes and shoes upon their release from the jail could potentially be the difference between them reoffending and cycling back into the jail, and never coming back," says Director Ammons. "It's all about second chances."

The room is called "Ray of Hope," in memory of Mrs. Richmond-Shockley's late husband, Ray Shockley. Ray was known to everyone that knew him to be a very sharp dresser. He steadfastly supported his wife of 40 years and Caring For Others up until his death just last month.

"We are honored to partner with Fulton County Jail to provide those released with clothing and goods they need to allow them to feel dignified," says Mrs. Richmond-Shockley. "The mission of 'Ray of Hope' is a testament to my late husband's light and love that we aim to shine on those who need it most."

"Mrs. Shockley and Caring For Others have been tremendous community partners throughout Fulton County for so many years and we are pleased that it has now extended to the sheriff's office and into the

Fulton County Jail,” says Sheriff Patrick “Pat” Labat. “We are thankful for her partnership and her dedication to the community.”

**ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:** The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff’s Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff’s Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff’s Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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