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# The Center for Family Resources CEO Jeri Barr Appointed to Serve on Regional Commission on Homelessness

**Marietta, Ga., (July 28, 2008)**- Jeri Barr, CEO of The Center for Family Resources (CFR), has been appointed by the Cobb County Commission to serve on the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Commission on Homelessness.

Created in 2002, the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Commission on Homelessness is a collaborative effort which includes representation from businesses; city, county, and state governments; and the faith-based and non-profit communities. The representatives will 'assess the need and find and implement solutions, creating positive and measurable outcomes for our homeless citizens,' thereby ending chronic and long-term homelessness. Commission members provide experience and expertise to address strategic components of *The Blueprint to End Homeless in Ten Years*, a comprehensive ten-year strategic plan to address issues of homelessness. Areas represented by commission members include the City of Atlanta, Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett and Rockdale Counties.

Having served as the CEO for CFR (previously known as Cobb Family Resources) for 24 years, Barr brings a distinct and specific knowledge of working with both homeless populations and individuals and families in danger of becoming homeless. CFR works directly with its homeless clients to address both their immediate needs and strives to identify root causes of their housing status. In 2007, CFR housed 220 adults and children in Short-Term and Transitional Housing Programs.

"I look forward to being a member of the Regional Commission on Homelessness, said Barr. The commission is an invaluable collaborative effort which can only serve to strengthen the services CFR is able to provide to Cobb County individuals and families."

Other Cobb County representatives include Ray Buday, Executive Director of the Marietta Housing Authority and Emily Lembeck, Superintendent of Marietta City Schools.

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*Since 1960, CFR has helped thousands of low-income families with employment, education, and housing services; leadership development programs; mentoring opportunities; and temporary financial and food assistance. **Guided by organizational values of Family, Integrity, Results, Service and Teamwork**, the staff at CFR is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by helping families acquire the resources they need to become independent and self-sufficient.*

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