

# Metro Atlanta's Homeless Population

Although metro Atlanta is a prosperous and growing area, there are pockets of extreme poverty, and literally thousands of men, women and children, who for whatever reason, find themselves homeless. The Metro Atlanta Task force for the Homeless estimates that as many as 20,000 people are homeless in metro Atlanta on any given day. Children under 18 account for almost 40% of the total.

*Women and children make up close to 70% of the total homeless population.*

A car, an abandoned building, woods, and back alleys are the unheated, un-air conditioned, unsafe home for many thousands of women and children each year. Although still homeless, the people we serve have taken the first step back to a normal existence. They have found temporary respite in a shelter or group home. In 2005, shelters and group homes served by CRN housed over 1,700 children each night and over 3,300 for the year.

## Homeless children are more likely to:

- Fall behind in school
- Suffer physical illness and malnutrition
- Suffer from physical or sexual abuse
- Develop low self esteem and attendant psychological problems
- Enter the Juvenile Justice system



*Children's Restoration Network is relentless in striving to alleviate the suffering and despair that homeless children and their mothers face every day.*