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The ROOTED ROUNDUP

As the summer sun shines bright, so does the mission of Rooted Interiors! This season has been one of beautiful growth—both in the families we served and within our own team. We're thrilled to share that we've welcomed a new board member, two incredible interior designers, and four passionate Mission Ambassadors to our Rooted family! Each one brings fresh energy, heart, and hands to help us extend our reach and deepen our impact.

We're also gearing up for our Designing Hope: Lighting the Way Gala this September 25th—a powerful evening where we'll celebrate transformation, community, and the road ahead. More details below and we hope you'll join us!

Roots of Success

14

HOMES
DESIGNED

49

LIVES
TRANSFORMED

This summer, we had the honor of furnishing a home for a courageous mother and her four children who, after overcoming heartbreaking challenges, now have a safe and stable place to call home and be reunited with one of her children.

We're thrilled to share that we've expanded our community partnerships. And we continue to show our gratitude to Pops Storage as our 2025 Annual Sponsor! Their generosity in providing storage space ensures we can continue accepting and organizing the beautiful furnishings and donations that go directly into the homes of families in need.

The Root Keeper

ED & Founder message
Kristina McCalla



Welcome to the Summer Edition of Rooted Roundup! This season is bursting with growth, gratitude, and new beginnings at Rooted Interiors!

As we're in this new season, I'm also inviting you to join me in celebrating my birthday through a special Birthday Fundraiser benefitting Rooted Interiors. There's no better gift than helping me continue this mission of love and transformation for families in need.

Through this newsletter, I hope to foster deeper connection and keep you informed about our progress and upcoming opportunities. Together, we're creating a ripple effect of healing—one home at a time. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Let's keep growing and nurturing the roots we've planted together!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kristina McCalla".

Deep as Roots

Reunited And It Feels Good!

We recently had the honor of partnering with Fully Furnished Ministries, our newest collaborator in the mission of transforming empty spaces into homes filled with dignity, comfort, and hope. The family we served was referred to Fully Furnished, and through God's perfect timing, we joined together to provide both the basics and the beauty that would help this family begin again — rooted in love.

Fully Furnished Ministries provided core essentials — a sofa, dining table, bed-frame, futon, and dressers — laying the foundation for this family's new beginning. Rooted Interiors filled in the rest — with heart, warmth, and design that reflected each family member's spirit.

Click the photo below to see this project!



Our Rootwork

Dates to Remember

May 31st- Served 1 new family

May 14th- ED interview with Braselton News

July 15th- Board Meeting

August (TBD)- Serving 1 new family

August 14th- Our Founder's Birthday

August 19th- World Cafe hosted by Athens Area Community Foundation

September 25th- Designing Hope: Lighting the Way Gala @ The Venue

September 26th- Business Expo @ Braselton Civic Center

Expanding our Roots

New Board Member



We're thrilled to introduce Lauren Edenfield, our newest board member!

Lauren brings over 15 years of experience with the Division of Family and Children Services, where she currently serves as the Director for Jackson County DFCS.

Her career has been deeply rooted in service—holding roles such as Director of Social Services for a rehabilitation nursing home, Parent Aid, and Director's Assistant at The Sparrow's Nest, a nonprofit in Athens serving the homeless population. Lauren's heart for helping others shines through her commitment to advocating for services that improve the lives of children and families.

Outside of work, Lauren enjoys spending time with her husband and keeping up with their two energetic boys.

We are so excited to have Lauren's expertise and passion on our team as we continue creating lasting impacts for families and communities.



Tickets and sponsorships are available! Scan the QR code or contact Kristina at kmccalla@rootedinteriors.org.



Rooted In Community

A Special Thank You!



A special thank you to The Jefferson Women's Club and The Kirby Smart Foundation—a donor-advised fund of the Athens Area Community Foundation—for your generous financial contributions. Your belief in our mission is fueling real transformation for families in need.

We're thrilled to recognize New Covenant Athens for becoming our very first monthly donor—your consistent support is laying the foundation for sustainable impact.

Thank you to Braselton News for featuring us in the Summer Issue of Braselton Today Magazine. Your storytelling helps us continue to spread awareness and inspire others to get involved.

Thank you to our 2025 annual sponsor!



Root Caretakers

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet the newest hearts and hands helping transform houses into homes—our two incredible designers, Summer and Natasha!



Summer is currently finishing her interior design studies, and Natasha is a recent graduate—together, they'll be bringing beauty, purpose, and healing into the lives of the families we serve. We're so grateful to have their talent and passion joining our mission as we continue spreading hope, one beautifully rooted space at a time.

Get involved! Contact Mel'India at volunteer@rootedinteriors.org.

Rooted Interiors was recognized as a Top Rated NonProfit for 2024! We welcome anyone and everyone to come serve with us! Sign up [here](#)!

