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## **AHR Expo Donates \$20,500 to the Atlanta Police Athletic League through Innovation Awards Program**

**WESTPORT, Conn., December 14, 2018** – The [AHR Expo](#), the world’s largest HVACR event, to be held in Atlanta January 14-16, 2019, is giving back to the Atlanta community with a donation of \$20,500 from its Innovation Awards program to the Atlanta Police Athletic League.

Each year, the AHR Expo donates the entry fees from the Innovation Awards competition to a charitable organization within the region where the Show is being held.

For 2019, the AHR Expo has chosen to donate the funds to the Atlanta Police Athletic League (PAL), a non-profit public benefit corporation working under the mission of providing a safe environment for Atlanta area youth to reach their full potential through a partnership with local police and the surrounding community. PAL was founded in 1983 as a community partnership between the Atlanta Police Department (APD), NPU’s, Community Investors and local Business Associations. The partnership has pioneered programs serving at-risk youths aged 8-18 years by implementing constructive, planned athletic and academic activities aimed at teaching moral, civic and social principles in a safe and nurturing environment.

“We are thrilled to have been named the recipient of the AHR Expo’s generous donation for 2019,” said Sergeant Vincent Sims, Atlanta Police Athletic League. “We are deeply appreciative of the support given to our program and what we are doing here in Atlanta. We look forward to using the funds to support our HVAC projects that will improve our youth facilities in the coming year. This will help us as we grow our program and provide service to more youth in the area.”

PAL currently serves more than 2,800 children annually through programs such as its Youth Summer Camp, Youth Athletic Leagues and After School Tutoring Programs. The strength of the program’s leadership in conjunction with the dedication of the Atlanta Police Department provides a strong youth crime prevention initiative by building positive relationships through educational activities.

“Each year the AHR Expo travels to a different city and we are always so humbled by the warm welcome from the surrounding community. It means so much that we are able to work closely with these cities to give something back while we are in town,” said Clay Stevens, manager of the AHR Expo. “We are thrilled to lend our support through the donation of our Innovation Awards entry fees to strong programs such as PAL that are

serving their communities for a vibrant future. We look forward to seeing PAL improve their HVAC systems as they continue to provide invaluable services to so many at-risk youths in the Atlanta community.”

For additional information on the 2019 AHR Expo, to be held January 14-16 in Atlanta at the Georgia World Congress Center, visit [www.ahrexpo.com](http://www.ahrexpo.com).

### **About AHR Expo**

The AHR Expo is the world’s largest HVACR event, attracting the most comprehensive gathering of industry professionals from around the globe each year. The Show provides a unique forum where manufacturers of all sizes and specialties, whether a major industry brand or innovative start-up, can come together to share ideas and showcase the future of HVACR technology under one roof. Since 1930, the AHR Expo has remained the industry’s best place for OEMs, engineers, contractors, facility operators, architects, educators and other industry professionals to explore the latest trends and applications and to cultivate mutually beneficial business relationships. The Show, co-sponsored by ASHRAE and AHRI, will be held Jan. 14-16, 2019 at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, and is held concurrently with ASHRAE’s Winter Conference.

For more information, visit [ahrexpo.com](http://ahrexpo.com) and follow [@ahrexpo](https://twitter.com/ahrexpo) on Twitter.

### **About the Atlanta Police League**

The Atlanta Police Athletic League (PAL) is a non-profit public benefit corporation. Our mission is to provide a safe environment for youth to reach their full potential through partnership with police and the community. PAL utilizes athletics, activities, and other programming geared to improve quality-of-life for our youth participants, by promoting confidence, self-esteem, civic engagement, academic achievement, and social principles with the goal of aiding them in becoming nurturing, productive members of society.

For more information, visit [www.atlantapal.com](http://www.atlantapal.com).

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